

**FROM THE PASTOR**  
**JUNE 18, 2023**  
**THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Dear Parishioners:

May I first offer sincere best wishes, congratulations, and promise of prayers to all the fathers of our parish on this Fathers' Day. May the good St. Joseph be our inspiration and strength in these trying times for our nation and the Church. It is to the father of the family that God has granted the mission of protection and governance. May God bless all as you protect the holy purity of your daughters and the strength of your sons.

It seems that June is the month when we first feel the presence of summer. The long days and warm weather uplift us. No wonder then that the month of June is the month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our Lord's most loving Heart warms the cold of our hardened hearts, so steeped in pride, the gravest sin and that of the devil. This month of June presents to us the virtue of the Humility of God, in contrast to human pride. God Our Lord humbles Himself to become a man in Our Lord Jesus Christ. God emptied Himself and took human nature and even further humbled Himself to die for us on the Cross. No wonder then that the month of June, the month of the Sacred Heart, has been corrupted and co-opted by social activists and anti-religious ideologies. It is the work of the evil one.

Let us make that effort then to live this month of June in intimate union with Our Lord. Appearing to St. Margaret Mary at Paray-le-Monial in 1673, Our Lord told her, "My Divine Heart is so passionately in love with humanity that it can no longer contain within itself the flames of its ardent love. It must pour them out to them with precious treasures, which contain all the graces which they need to be saved."

Let us all pray that during this month of June we may take the Sacred Heart of Jesus to be our true object of love, the guardian of our lives, the assurance of salvation, the remedy of our weaknesses, the atonement for the faults of our lives and our sure refuge until the end of time.

What grace and happiness did we not all feel last Sunday in our annual parish Procession in Honor of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Corpus Christi. After the 10.30 Mass our parishioners joined in the procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The first group in the procession were our First Holy Communion Children. How pleased must Our Lord have been to see these pure souls walking in His honor and carrying white flowers. They were dressed in their First Holy Communion dresses, veils, suits, and armbands. Then there was Benediction outdoors at our newly refurbished Shrine of the Holy Cross. We are most grateful to our dear parishioner Mr. Joseph Stasi who made the walkway as a gift to our Church. May God bless and reward him. The walkway will be here at St. Paul's until after most of us have walked into Eternity. The Holy Cross itself was restored by

our parishioner Mr. Michael Lynch. His son Thomas Lynch (Chaminade HS class of 2023 and Chief Squire) assisted him in this arduous task, especially during the recent dangerous air quality days. Finally, the flowers, landscaping and stone around the Cross were done by our very faithful and dedicated landscaping service, Old Country Landscaping (and snow removal). And may God reward our Faith Formation Administrator Mrs. Louise Shannon (a.k.a Miss Louise) for organizing the children in the procession. We are grateful to Mrs. Ursula Coughlin and all the members of the Altar Guild for making the flowers so beautiful. And we are most grateful to our Knights and Squires for carrying the canopy over Our Eucharistic Lord. The canopy, rarely seen in most parishes, was a gift to our parish. Although it is “as old as the hills,” it is my fond hope that we will get a few more years out of it. As always, we are most grateful to Gary, Eva, and our schola for such uplifting music.

In this month when there are many parades that offend Our Divine and Loving Savior, is it not wonderful that there is a parade in His Divine Honor?

***Praised, Blessed, Worshipped, and adored be Our Lord on His Throne in Heaven, and in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!***

Lastly, may I express sincere gratitude to all of you, our dear parishioners, for your most generous response to my request that we all participate in our annual parish Golf Outing and Awards Dinner. This event, which is the principal Fundraiser for St. Paul the Apostle, is held at the Engineers’ Club in Roslyn. This year it was held on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

As is well known, the Church is not a for-profit company. We are not on the stock exchange. We have no shareholders. Our mission is simply to continue the work of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We trust completely in His providence, and we have never been disappointed.

Our parish has three sources of income: 1. Our weekly Mass collection. For this we are most grateful. 2. Our Fundraiser, the annual Golf Outing. In addition to this major fundraiser, there are raffles and other fundraisers organized by the Knights of Columbus and Marian Guild, and 3. Donations to the Church throughout the course of the year for the reception of the sacraments and other generous benefactors (many of whom are not even Catholics and not parishioners).

This year’s Golf Outing was the most successful. Over \$204,000 has been raised and we are still counting. We are most grateful to our honorees this year, **Mr. Chris Hein, and his dear spouse Joie Marie and their two sons and two daughters**. The Hein family have been devoted parishioners and benefactors for many charitable works for many years. It is through their tireless work and dedication that this success has been realized. I am most grateful to our Golf Outing Committee, Mr. Don Cavanaugh, PGK, Mrs. Paula Maturo, Mr. Thomas Principe, Esq., and Mrs. Anne Maione.

It is said that nothing happens by accident. And that is true. Everything happens as God wills. Chris and Joie Marie Hein have been parishioners of St. Paul for many years, and most generous

parishioners. They are part of a large extended family. Their origins go back to the Church of St. Boniface in Elmont. That parish, at the beginning of the historic Hempstead Plains, was settled by German immigrants. Hence the name of St. Boniface, the Patron Saint of Germany. Our Golf Outing occurred on June 5, 2023, the Feast of St. Boniface. God looks over and protects St. Paul.

Thank you, dear Chris and Joie Marie and family and may God bless you, and may God bless us all.

*In Jesus and Mary,  
Monsignor Pereda*