

FROM THE PASTOR
JUNE 26, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

SPRING AT ST. PAUL'S

This springtime at St. Paul's has been a wonderful time of grace as we have moved through celebrating Our Lord's fast during Lent through His passion, death, and resurrection in Holy Week. Easter Sunday was a beautiful one at St. Paul's as the joyful alleluias rang out through our Church. The we moved through the Easter Season and celebrated Our Lord's wondrous Ascension and the glorious Solemnity of Pentecost. I am most grateful to all our parishioners who contributed to our Easter collection which amounted to \$40,000. Last Sunday on Corpus Christi we responded affirmatively to Our Lord's invitation, *Come follow me*, as followed Our Eucharistic Lord through the Church and outdoors for Benediction.

In May Bishop Murphy came to St. Paul's to confirm seventeen of our young people who had completed their two-year preparation for the sacrament. And twenty-four of our little ones made their First Holy Communion. On June 11th (just a few days before Flag Day) we had our annual Field of Honor Dedication. On June 2nd we had our fifth annual Golf Outing which raise more than \$150,000 for St. Paul's. We thank the Knights and the Committee and our honoree, Mr. Michael D. Sapracione.

On Saturday June 18th three young men from Long Island were ordained priests. One of them, Father Christopher Heller, has many connections to St. Paul. His grandparents, Frank and Arlene, were parishioners when Bishop Kellenberg founded the parish in 1962. Father Heller celebrated his First Solemn Mass on Sunday, June 19th at St. Patrick's Church in Bayshore. And he celebrated his fourth Mass on Tuesday, June 21st here at St. Paul. It has been a great source of grace for us all. Father will celebrate the 8.30 Mass on Sunday the 26th and he will begin his first assignment as a priest on Wednesday, June 29th, at St. Dominic Oyster Bay. Deacon Ray served as Deacon at Father Heller's First Mass.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Today we joyfully welcome the members of the St. Pius X Preparatory Seminary Class of 1972 and their spouses to the 10.30 Mass. My classmates and I can hardly believe that fifty years have passed since our High School graduation. It is a personal joy for me to see these dear friends here at St. Paul. A celebratory Dinner was held at the Davenport Press in Mineola on Saturday, June 25th. And today we rejoice in our gathering once again as we begin our next 50 years. Remember, we must never limit the providence of God.

May God continue to bless each one of you and may Our Blessed Mother Mary keep you.

In Jesus and Mary,

Monsignor James F. Pereda