

FROM THE PASTOR
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 7, 2023

The month of May is upon us, the month of Our Blessed Mother and the month of Hope and Promise. A beautiful Spring has renewed our parish both physically and spiritually. We congratulate all our First Holy Communion Children who received Communion yesterday. And we congratulate all those who received the sacrament of Confirmation on May 22nd.

We extend sincere congratulations to our long-time dear parishioner and long-time parish trustee, Mr. Michael Maturo. Mr. Maturo is the honoree at this year's Tomorrow's Hope Gala. He has served so faithfully on the board of Tomorrow's Hope. Tomorrow's Hope is a Diocesan Entity that promotes Catholic Education. Sincere congratulations to Mr. Maturo and sincere gratitude for all you have done for St. Paul's, Catholic Education, and Catholic Church. May God grant you many more years in health and happiness.

As everyone knows very well, we are in difficult financial times. Many are in need. To that end we have here at St. Paul's both the St. Vincent de Paul Society and our Parish Food Pantry and Outreach. May I thank all our generous parishioners who contribute to these social programs. Many have seen individuals on the sides of our local roads asking for assistance. Some have come to our Church Parking Lot and even into the Church itself soliciting assistance. While our hearts are ever united with those in need, we must remember that soliciting on Church property without permission is illegal. No one has permission to solicit on our parish property or in the Church. We provide how these people may be helped through St. Vincent de Paul and the Food Pantry. Please do not give to those who illegally soliciting on Church property. In the long run they can be better helped by St. Vincent de Paul which assesses the situation and makes a long-term plan.

SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday June 4th St. Paul the Apostle Parish will celebrate the 15th Anniversary of Deacon Raymond P. D'Alessio' ordination to the Holy Diaconate. The actual date of Deacon Ray' ordination was May 18, 2008, We will observe it at the 10.30 Mass on Sunday June 4th followed by a reception in the Lower Hall. Deacon Ray has been such a humble servant of the Lord in our midst and has done so much for all of us to help us come closer to God and His Blessed Mother. We will give thanks for his ministry at St. Paul. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the Mass and reception.

Please remember that our Annual Golf Outing will be Monday June 5th. I am most grateful for the Committee of Don Cavanaugh, Tom Principe, Paula Maturo, and Anne Maione for all of their dedicated service. Please make every effort to attend and support this endeavor. It is the principal fund raiser for the parish. Our honorees this year are Mr. and Mrs. Christopher and Joie Hein and their family. They have been long time and very dedicated parishioners of St. Paul.

We remind you that our little ones will be receiving First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 6th. They will participate in the May Crowning on Sunday May 14th after the 10.30AM Mass. On that day they will be enrolled in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Please see elsewhere in the Bulletin information about our Annual Communion Breakfast sponsored by the Marian Guild and the Knights of Columbus. The Guild members and the Knights and squires will attend the 10.30 Mass on Sunday May 21st and the Breakfast will immediately follow the Mass. Our guest celebrant for the Mass and speaker at the Communion Breakfast is Father Christopher Heller who was ordained a priest in June of 2022. Father Heller's family have been long time parishioners here at St. Paul and he is presently serving as parochial vicar at St. Dominic's, Oyster Bay.

In Jesus and Mary,
Monsignor James F. Pereda