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O.L.A. Parish Council

Subject: Pastoral Assistant's Report – April 10, 2023

### **Triduum and Easter at O.L.A.**

Happy Easter! It is heartening to have seen a better attendance during the Triduum this season. Holy Thursday Mass seemed to have more attending than usual, more people stayed a while for adoration in the Garden and 4 of us were still there when we closed at 10pm. Friday Stations also were well attended and a couple of people came that had never been in our church before. The evening service on Good Friday, also seemed better attended as well. And Easter Masses, both the Vigil and Easter Sunday I believe were better attended than last year.

### **Bereavement**

Bridget, Alice and I, will meet soon to put together another bereavement reunion of our participants from our two groups which met last spring and fall. It will be centered around one of the podcasts that I mentioned previously. We will take this opportunity to invite those that may have more recent losses to join us if they wish. Of course, as we discover the need to begin another group, we will be ready.

### **A need for more Lay Liturgical Ministers**

As I communicated the last two months, some of our coordinators have expressed a need for more lay liturgical ministers. We are planning a lay liturgical ministry fair after the weekend Masses on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup>. This Wednesday at 2pm we will gather all coordinators of lay liturgical ministries, past coordinators, those who serve as the functional lead at one of our Masses, or who train others. We will discuss 2 minute talks by coordinators or their designate to help foster the call to ministry among parishioners at Masses beginning next weekend and continue until the ministry fair. And we will discuss the weekend of the fair itself.

### **Ecumenical/Interfaith Outreach**

The Greater Middletown Interfaith Council's Warming Station for the Homeless is hosting a dinner on Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm in Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 58 Main Street, Middletown. It is for all who volunteered or helped in any way. If you helped prepare food, stayed overnight to supervise our guests, you delivered the bakery items, volunteered for the laundry, donated in any way, or gave any help at all, or prayed for those who did and those we serve, you are invited. If you wish to come, you can call or text Marilyn at 845-346- 6110. The Warming Station is about to close until its expected reopening in November. God Bless you all,

Gary

