

Fr. Paul

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O.L.A. Parish Council

Subject: Pastoral Assistant's Report – June 12, 2023

Bereavement Group Reunion – June 14th 2:30 pm

This Wednesday is the date of our Bereavement Group reunion for our groups conducted last spring and fall. Bridget, Alice and I have listened to and are looking forward to sharing a podcast with participants from the bereavement series *All There Is*.

Liturgical Ministry Fair

The Liturgical Ministry Fair after the Masses on June 3rd and June 4th provided an opportunity for parishioners to discuss ministry with coordinators and others in ministry. The displays provided a nice focal point for each ministry. Although Mass attendance was not high (just over 100 combined), there were 11 inquiries completed with interest across all Liturgical Ministries.

Many thanks to all coordinators and their designates for their talks leading up to the Fair as well as participation during it. Special thanks to Anne Marie and her team who additionally provided some wonderful refreshments for all.

We are continuing the process of actively starting conversations with parishioners about their call to ministry. We have the Liturgical Ministry brochures (Thank you Beth) displayed in the gathering area along with the questionnaire (response form). This past weekend several conversations took place. An additional person signed up for usher. Several others are considering other ministries. The special training will be scheduled for Eucharistic Minister/Lectors and we are hopeful that there may be some additional people stepping up for each ministry.

Thank you to all and thank you Father Paul for supporting this effort. I believe the next several months our Liturgical Ministries will be strengthened with more people committed to them and, ultimately, supporting continued meaningful liturgies for parishioners, working together in union with, and supporting our Priests.

God bless you all,

Gary

P.S. I'm very grateful to report that we will have a newly active Lector starting soon, who completed his training in September 2021 with us. I'll leave that up to him to tell you.