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O.L.A. Parish Council

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Adult Faith Formation

The 2 session **Bible Study on Jonah** was held Wednesday March 13th and Thursday March 14th in the O.L.A. Library. And participants attended the 75 minute sessions each day at 2pm or 7pm, with around 5 to 6 attending each of the 2 time periods on each day. I'm grateful for Father Marlon's suggestion to do it. He had a wonderful lesson plan that he has used in the past. I look forward to working with him on some future offerings.

We are discussing, and will develop a **program on the Mass** to be offered in the near future, to be determined shortly.

Bereavement Group

Bridget, Alice and I had a teleconference over this past weekend. We will be communicating with O.L.A. parishioners via the bulletin, announcements and via personal reach-out to determine if it is feasible to begin another 6-week Bereavement Group now or in the near future. Will have more information on those results next month..

Ecumenical/Interfaith Outreach

The Greater Middletown Interfaith Council's Warming Station for the homeless is now closed for the season, and will reopen once again in November for those in need of a warm place to stay during the cold winter evenings. Many thanks to all who stayed one or more overnights, or who helped with food or donations.

The Greater Middletown Interfaith Council's Good Friday Service, "The Seven Last Words of Christ", went off without a hitch in this first time since COVID that we were able to do it. It was a good afternoon from noon until 3pm, with some coming for an hour and some coming for all three hours, as their schedules permitted. People from the different Christian churches presented each of the seven last words; the 3 from the Catholic Church were Father Paul, Carol Bezak, and myself. Many thanks to all who presented or attended.

God bless you all, Gary