

To: Father Sean  
Stefan Chevalier  
Joe Hershel  
Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Council

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From: Gary Texter

Subject: Pastoral Assistant's Report

I would like to thank you for your prayers for my recovery from the 5 weeks I was unable to work as well as participate in my usual activities at OLA. I am back to work now and also easing back into my usual OLA activities. God is good!

### **Adult Faith Formation**

I have spoken with Fr Sean regarding pushing back by a few weeks the evening '*Pope Francis and the People*' in order to give ample time to get the word out. After revisiting our church calendar and discussing with team members, Sunday evening May 1 is a date that works well. I will confer with Fr Sean and then we will begin getting the word out –everyone is welcome.

### **'Making All Things New'**

The OLA Making All Things New Committee has been meeting and there is a very workable plan which I support which can provide OLA the opportunity to be stable and to flourish as our beloved Community of Faith in the months and years to come. You will hear details tonight and I urge each of you to support it.

### **Ecumenical Outreach**

The Greater Middletown Interfaith Council Warming Station for the homeless will host its Annual Pot Luck Dinner and Closing Reception on Thursday May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6pm at St. Paul's United Methodist Church – the host of the Warming Station. Warming Station Guests who have stayed during the season, as well as volunteers, Staff, members of the Greater Middletown Interfaith Council will be there. Anyone who has volunteered, made a donation of any kind, prayed for the Warming Station, or has any connection with it is invited. All are welcome. I would like to thank all OLA parishioners who participated in any way, and also Fr Anthony for serving as an overnight volunteer.

There will be a free will concert on Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at United Presbyterian Church in Middletown to raise funds for next season which begins in November. As in the past, Gail Johnson is putting it together, and there will be participation from OLMC and other area churches. Some parishioners from OLA will participate as well. All are welcome!

God bless you all,  
Gary