

To: Father Paul
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Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Council

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From: Gary Texter

Subject: Pastoral Assistant's Report

Below is Pastoral Assistant's report June 11, 2018

Operation Archangel

Work will continue into July to make our church a more secure place to worship, while never losing sight of the fact that we wish to continue to be a welcoming church. Fr. Paul and I discussed bringing the Safety Team together as a group in August and review what has been achieved as well as welcome additional members to the Safety Team. We are blessed that several more would like to join, who have experience as a First Responder or with the Military. Since some current members as well as prospective new members are not available for a daytime meeting we will select an evening to meet.

Ecumenical Outreach

The Orange Regional Medical Center's Pastoral Care Advisory Board, under the direction of Deacon Trapani conducted its Annual Nurses' Appreciation and Blessing of the Hands Service on May 8th. As has been custom in the past, all hospital personnel were invited to the service. Nurses, Doctors, and support personnel attended a service of Scripture, Prayer and Song as well as a Special Blessing. And those who could not leave their stations were ministered to individually at their stations before or after the 10am service. It's heartening to see how faith-filled the local medical community is!

Lastly, I would ask for some special prayers for the sick. Of course we pray for them at Masses, but please pray in Daily Prayer – for those who deal with pain, (physical, emotional or spiritual) and for those in nursing homes who sometimes feel abandoned, and for those who are near death, that through their faith they may unite their suffering to Jesus on the cross and that God's love will help them through it all.

God bless you all

Gary