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Subject: Pastoral Assistant's Report

Below is Pastoral Assistant's report September 10, 2018

Adult Faith Formation

Our Lady of the Assumption will have **A morning Prayer, Reflection, and Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** on Saturday, November 3rd. The Service will be about an hour in the church, followed by a light meal of Soup and Sandwiches in the Parish Center. Some of you will remember the services we had here in the past. The service includes pertinent scripture as well as a Gospel and Homily by Father and a moving reflection by Sister Margaret Ellen Burk, as well as an explanation of the Sacrament, and an opportunity to receive the Sacrament.. All this is wrapped in beautiful music, some song, and some instrumental meditative music provided by our own Bette Bonitz and choir. I have spoken with some of our parishioners already and there seems to be much enthusiasm for it.

I'll share about other items on the horizon in future reports.

Operation Archangel

Great progress has been made toward making our church and campus a safer place. The Safety Team met on August 14th to review progress to date and to welcome a couple of additional members who we are fortunate to have with us. Many from the team will be present at an Ushers Meeting scheduled for Saturday September 29th at 10am. At this meeting the ushers will be made aware of the very latest steps taken as well as we can have a few minutes for questions or comments on procedures already in place. Additionally, Fr. Paul will address other items regarding the role of an usher in our Liturgical Celebrations.

Ecumenical Outreach

The Greater Middletown Interfaith Council will host a Variety Show on Sunday October 14th to raise funds for the Warming Station in Middletown which will open its doors at St Paul's United Methodist Church again this November. Our good friend Gail Johnson from OLMC does great work putting this together, and all are welcome.

The Helping the Homeless to Thrive, Not Just Survive Action Committee, composed of Clergy and Lay from throughout Orange County including representatives from the various Warming Stations (the majority of which are run by the faith community) will resume meetings on September 12th in preparation of the winter season. These meetings take place at HONOR (Orange County's year round Homeless Shelter) and are hosted by Deacon Trapani and myself.

God bless you all,

Gary