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Subject: Pastoral Assistant's Report

Below is Pastoral Assistant's report February 11, 2019

Adult Faith Formation

As I reported last month, Fr. Anthony and I will be leading a discussion/study group on the book authored by Matthew Kelly entitled "PERFECTLY YOURSELF, Discovering God's Dream For You". This past weekend was the first formal notification to our parishioners with a blurb in the bulletin and it was in the announcements at the end of Mass. Next week we will begin sign-up for the group which will begin on Thursday March 7 and run 5 Thursday evenings in Lent. This is a great book for those who would like to do some God-centered introspection this Lent. Several people informally expressed interest in participating before we made the final decision to go forward, and we are excited about the fruits it can yield.

O.L.A. Eucharistic Ministers to participate at ORMC Ash Wednesday

Continuing with a 15-plus year tradition of OLA Eucharistic Ministers serving at the hospital, Deacon Trapani has asked me to once again put together a team to be stationed both in the Cancer Center and Outpatient Pavilion between 7am and 2pm for patients and families, as well as hospital staff to receive Ashes.

Ecumenical Outreach

Many thanks to parishioners of Our Lady of the Assumption for their continued support of the Greater Middletown Interfaith Council Warming Station, which has been operating at or near its nightly capacity of 30 adult men and women during the coldest months of the year. Also many thanks to OLA parishioners for ongoing support to HONOR, providing 24/7 shelter and meals to about 125 people, half of which are children, at Orange County's year round homeless shelter and 'A Friend's House' for homeless and runaway youth. Supporting these efforts is one of the many ways O.L.A. continues to live out its mission statement.

God bless you all,

Gary