

Fr. Paul

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O.L.A. Parish Council

Subject: Pastoral Assistant's Report – May 9, 2022

Bereavement Support Group

On Wednesday May 4th we had the first of seven weekly scheduled gatherings of our Bereavement group here at O.L.A. Including Bridget and myself there were 16 people at the gathering. The group consisted of 13 O.L.A. parishioners, 1 parishioner from St Paul's, and 1 individual who Maryann Paradise was kind enough to bring, introduce to us, and sit with for support. Many thanks to Maryann for shepherding this lady to our group.

Some participating in the group have had a fairly recent loss, while others are grieving losses from some time ago. There was good and active participation from the group. Several have commented since Wednesday that they are grateful to be in the group and looking forward to the upcoming sessions. I look forward to continuing with Bridget in this ministry to serve those in need.

Operation Archangel/Safety Committee

In light of the pending Supreme Court decision, it was reassuring to see the Sheriff Deputy's car patrolling our campus when I arrived for Mass Sunday, and then staying at a distance throughout the Mass. One would think that the large iconic churches are more apt to be targeted, but it's reassuring to know law enforcement didn't forget us. I will confer with Fr. Paul and then invite our law enforcement contacts back for an update in both directions with our safety committee.

God Bless you all

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