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O.L.A. Parish Council

Subject: Pastoral Assistant's Report – October 10, 2022

Bereavement Support Group

After Bridget and I conferred with the participants, the reunion for last spring's Bereavement Support Group will be this Wednesday, October 12th from 1:30pm through 3:00pm. All participants will have an opportunity to share their journey since we last met. Additionally, Vincent DaSilva from the Archdiocese Family Life Office will join us by Zoom for around 10 minutes to invite our participants to join in on a special one-time Zoom session next month "Finding Hope for the Holidays" designed for those who are grieving.

There is only 1 commitment so far from new people to join a Bereavement group. Bridget is double checking with some that might benefit. At this point, we are taking a leap of faith to see if at least 1 other person commits, and have announced a new group launching on October 19th, as any later would have the group meeting too deep into the winter months. If no one other than the one woman who contacted me would like to start, we will confer about a good way to help her.

Operation Archangel/Safety Committee

The Sullivan County Sheriff's Dept has been given dates to pick from for the meeting to complete a couple of details with them. Father Paul, Sam, and Beth are aware. To clarify for those new to the parish council this year, I have made it a practice to not put details of anything regarding the security of our church or campus in writing that could possibly appear on the internet.

Ecumenical/Interfaith Outreach

The Greater Middletown Interfaith Council's Warming Station for the Homeless will be once again opening its doors beginning Sunday Evening, November 20, 2022. As has been in the O.L.A. bulletin, training sessions for overnight volunteers are in progress. We are fortunate in having some parishioners sign up and others looking to volunteer additionally to bring meals. If you or someone would like to learn more I would be happy to speak with you.

God Bless you all

Gary