



Summer 2017

Dear friend of those in need:

As pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption and Our Lady of Victory Parishes, one of the traditions I have inherited is "Taste and See", now in its sixteenth year.

As you know, Taste and See is a fundraising event to be held at Oyster Harbors Club in Osterville, this year on Thursday, September 28. The event benefits local homeless shelters and sustains community service programs at Our Lady of Victory Parish Center.

We hope you can join us for this celebratory evening of good food donated by area restaurants, and parish and neighborhood fellowship.

Taste and See 2016 was a great success and raised a total of \$118,000. Because of your generosity, much needed funds were distributed to CHAMP Homes, St. Joseph House (formerly NOAH) Fund, designed to facilitate NOAH guests' move into transitional or permanent housing, Homeless not Hopeless, and St. Clare's House, which provides housing and support services to women coming out of prison. Funds remaining after expenses were allocated to Our Lady of Victory to help with unreimbursed costs of running the event and overhead costs of the Monsignor John A. Perry Community Center which provides a home for more than ninety local civic, fraternal, and service organizations.

A featured aspect of Taste and See is the "Give a Bed, Create a Dream" auction. Shelter providers have calculated the care and comfort of one person is approximately \$50 for a one night stay. We ask that people in attendance bid on the number of nights they can afford.

Each winter is extremely difficult for your Cape Cod neighbors, who live in their automobiles, "sofa surf" from relative to friend, stay out in the woods as long as possible, and use one of the shelters that we support. We are doubling our efforts to make sure that everyone who needs one, has a hot meal, shower, and a warm, safe place to stay this winter.

You will receive a formal invitation later this summer. We hope you can attend, but you can still be part of Taste and See, even without being present at the auction. Can you be a Sustaining Member of our effort by providing a month's shelter care for one person? Or donate an item?

Please visit olvparish.org to download Auction Item Donation forms, Give a Bed-Create a Dream forms, and Ticket Order forms.

Thank you for your continued support of Taste and See. I wish you and yours God's blessings for a refreshing and restorative summer here on Cape Cod.

Sincerely,

(Rev.) John J. Perry