

*OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS*  
*PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL*  
*QUARTERLY UPDATE - 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER,*  
*2016*



The OLS Parish Pastoral Council consists of 12 members whose mission is to represent the parishioners and assist the pastor in matters related to the parish. \*

The following is a summary of the most recent business conducted by the OLS Parish Pastoral Council for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter September 30th, 2016:

- ❖ Post Baptismal-Holy Family Outreach – PPC members were provided with an update on this important ministry. The purpose of this outreach effort is to encourage families whose children have recently been baptized at Our Lady of the Snows to continue participation in the spiritual life of the parish. A database has been created with the Baptismal date of each individual baptized in the Parish. All Welcome Letters, Anniversary Letters and letters to families with Pre-K children have been sent.
- ❖ PPC members were updated on various activities related to the Youth Outreach goal. The Youth Group seeks to create an environment of continuing faith formation, instilling a service ethic and also having fun. Ms. Karen De Rose spoke at the Masses at American Martyrs the weekend of October 1/2. The Youth Group shared the joy of the Christmas Season with the residents of the Parker Jewish Institute by singing Christmas Carols on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The Residents of Parker enjoyed the carolers and expressed their gratitude. The Youth Group will participate in other activities in the future at Parker. Meeting dates and the calendar of events can be accessed at [www.OLSAMCYG.Weebly.com](http://www.OLSAMCYG.Weebly.com).
- ❖ The Leadership Committee is working with the ministries, clubs, societies, and organizations in the parish. The Leadership Committee helps the various organizations in the parish to identify future leaders and increase participation. The Leadership Committee continues to work with Ministries, Societies, Organizations and Committees develop mission statements, succession plans, goals and objectives.
- ❖ The Parish Pastoral Council will organize a “Diaper Derby” charity event to assist clients of Hour Children Agency with diapers and wipes for the children of the clients in their residences. Hour Children is a Not for Profit Agency that assists incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women and their children rejoin the community and reunify with their families. Kathleen McAllister will speak at all the Masses on March 5, to provide details about the event.
- ❖ Several Parish Council members attended the Deanery Q5 meeting and dinner at St Robert Bellarmine Church In Bayside. Strategies for collaboration among the parishes in the Deanery were discussed. The Parish Council participated in the Ministry Fair on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Parish Pastoral Council members participated in a day of reflection with Sister Karen Cavanaugh, CSJ on October 29, 2016.
- ❖ The Parish Council is reviewing and updating goals and objectives. Input from parishioners regarding issues and ideas are always welcome.

\*For more information about OLS Parish Pastoral Council, please visit the OLS Parish Web Site:  
[www.olsnows.org](http://www.olsnows.org)