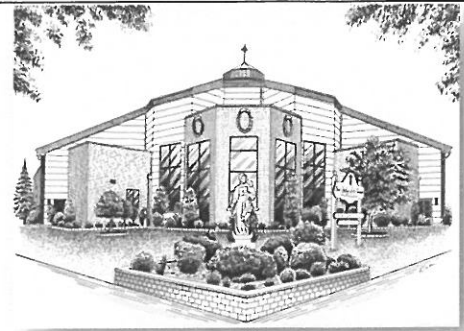


*OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS*  
*PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL*  
*PPC REPORT, SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2023*



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 from September – December 2023:

- ❖ 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. The Post Baptismal-Holy Family Outreach Ministry began in July of 2015. The Post Baptismal Outreach continues to send “Welcome” letters, “First Anniversary” letters, “Second Anniversary” letters and “Third Anniversary” letters. During this quarter, there were 4 welcome letters sent out, 2 second year anniversaries were sent out, and 1 third year anniversary. Baptismal classes are held on the second Wednesday of each month, and baptisms are celebrated on the third and fourth Sundays of the month.
- ❖ The Youth Ministry led by Ninane Boscia, OLS Youth Director, continues to meet with the youth every other Wednesday evening. The Youth Ministry currently has 16 members and are engaged during their meetings. Support is needed for more adult supervision to assist Ninane. Please contact Father McBrien or one of the PPC members if you or anyone you know can help.
- ❖ PPC members have extended their support for the robocalls by Father McBrien to more than 1400 homes to help with evangelization. There is continued plans for other parishioners to assist Father McBrien in making the robocalls. The plans for the clergy to go back to blessing homes before the pandemic is still being planned.
- ❖ The scripture study that many parishioners asked for was a success. The number of people attending each week increased from the first session. The bible study was well received and those who attended was receptive to the scripture study. There are already plans for the next scripture study in the Spring and the dates will be after the Lenten and Easter Season.
- ❖ Respect for Life is the new goal for the PPC. New information regarding this goal will be more available in the Spring. This goal is important to the Parish and ministry. Projects such as “Canisters for Life” are being looked into and will help support this new goal.
- ❖ The goal for Advent this year was to provide coats to those in need. The Giving Tree was well received and new tags had to be added. Father Mason with the help of The Knights of Columbus of New Hyde Park distributed the groups that needed it most.
- ❖ Ministry Brochures - A rack containing ministry brochures is located in the gathering space. These informative brochures contain information about the ministries, societies, organizations, and clubs operating in the parish. Contact information is provided in each of the brochures if you need more information or are interested in participating in any of the ministries, societies, organizations, and clubs.
- ❖ 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 Website: [www.olsnows.org](http://www.olsnows.org)