Our Parish... By the Numbers

PANDEMIC IMPACT

962 Average Weekly Mass Attendance Pre-COVID **305** Average Weekly Mass Attendance Currently

454 Average Weekly Envelopes Pre-COVID **259** Average Weekly Envelopes Currently

\$16,196 <u>Current</u> Average Weekly <u>Parish Expense</u> **\$12,235** <u>Current</u> Average Weekly <u>Offertory Gifts</u>

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

2,543 Registered Families
260 Students in Religious Education
131 Volunteer Liturgical Ministers
22 Volunteer Catechists

FORWARD IN FAITH

(Since January 2020)

44 Baptisms

45 First Communions

58 Confirmations

65 Funerals

Ways to Help...

Please use the enclosed *Commitment Card* and consider the following options:



electronic **GIVING**

Electronic giving is the preferred, easy, safe and secure way to give to your parish. To schedule a recurring electronic gift directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit our website at OLSParish.net and follow the instructions. We appreciate all parishioners using this means to support our parish.

offertory **ENVELOPES**

Offertory envelopes are still provided as a traditional way to support the parish. They can be placed in the offertory box when you come to our churches, dropped off at the Parish Center, or mailed to 301 S. State Street, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

memorial **GIFTS**

Another easy way to help support your parish during these times of need is by way of either planned or memorial gifts. They offer a tax advantage. For more info, contact the Parish Center.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I don't have to tell you that this past year has been immensely challenging! The coronavirus pandemic has changed everything, including the way we worship and gather as a community. But during times of trial such as these, our Eucharistic love for Jesus Christ stands firm, and our Church's mission to love God and our neighbor has become even more essential. Now more than ever, our parish is needed to help our community move forward in *Faith, Hope & Healing* — but we can't do this important work without *your* support.

Faith Scripture tells us "God is our refuge, our strength, an ever-present help in distress." (Ps 46:2). As we face the aftermath of the coronavirus pandemic, we stand strong in faith knowing that Christ is with us. And yet there are so many who do not know the Good News of Jesus Christ! There is no better time to share the Gospel message with the world.

Hope The prophet Isaiah counsels, "They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength" (40:31). Our community has been through hardship, but we are a people of hope! By assisting those in need through our outreach ministries, we extend that hope to others. But our parish can't do it alone.

Healing Jesus is the Prince of Peace — the one who can calm the stormy seas! As his hands and feet, we are called to actively be Christ for one another as we embark upon a new ministry of healing within our communities.

With all of this in mind, I invite you to join our parish community by responding to our *Faith, Hope & Healing* program. I ask that you please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help *Our Lady of the Snows Parish* by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission and reinforcing our future.

Thank you for your generosity, prayers and commitment to Our Lady of the Snows Parish!

Msgr. Joseph G. Quinn

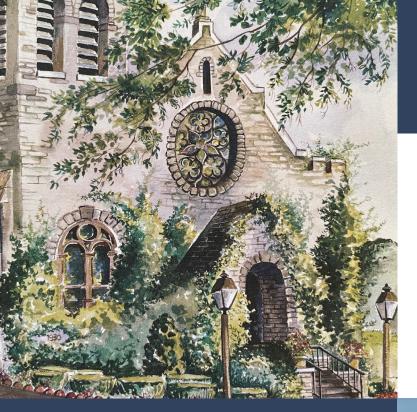
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Psalm 46:2



Faith, Hope & Healing

Lent 2021



Going Forward...

Now more than ever, our parish needs people who know we need each other, people who truly do have a sense of responsibility towards others and to the whole world.

We need to proclaim anew - as a parish - that being kind, having faith, and working for the common good are goals shared by all of us!

Above all, we need to go forward <u>together</u> with a new sense of courage and compassion.

To do so, we need your help!

OUTREACH

Our parish continues to reach out to serve and minister to those in need.

CARING FOR THE HOMEBOUND

We also are caring for those who are unable to leave their homes at this time.

PASTORAL CARE

The care of a priest can be invaluable during times of hardship. We are here.

If you or someone you know is in need of our help, contact the Parish Center.

WAYS TO REACH US

Phone: (570) 586-1741 Email: info@OLSParish.net Website: OLSParish.net



We Invite You To...

have FAITH

In today's world, we should remember all the moreso that God is our strength. We can turn to him through prayer and in thanksgiving. As you pray, please remember in a special way:

- Our neighbors and community
- Church leadership
- Public servant leaders
- Healthcare workers
- The sick and suffering
- Those who sadly have died

stay **HOPEFUL**

Remember that our hope is rooted in the Lord! As hopeful people, we want to inspire the hope of Christ in others by:

- Sending a cheerful email
- Calling a lonely elder
- Writing a letter to a friend
- Making a meal for a neighborSpending quality time in prayer

embrace HEALING

The mission and ministries of our parish continue and the needs are now greater than ever! We rely on your support. Please continue to give generously through your Offertory Gifts, to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of our friends, neighbors and parish community.



