

**St. Cornelius Church
Parish Pastoral Council**

Meeting Minutes
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020
Remote Via Zoom

Topic	Discussion/Summary	Action/Follow-Up
Opening Prayer	Msgr. Diamond	
Prior Council Meetings And Minutes	Minutes of February 13, April 4, and April 30, 2020 to be reviewed at next regular meeting.	➤ Next Meeting: Saturday, May 16, 2020 (10:00 AM) Remotely Via Zoom Videoconference
Pastor's Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish School- Pastor shared feedback received since the April 20, 2020 announcement of the decision to discontinue operating Elementary school 1st through 8th grade (1-8) effective at the end of the current academic year. The school's Kindergarten/Pre-K (Ages 3/4) and PREP continue. • Arise- The Archdiocesan website will announce "Arise: Restoring Catholic Life After the Pandemic", an initiative to invigorate parish life after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted (archphila.org/arise). • Finances- Pastor reviewed weekly offertory totals/trends for the period 3/1 through 4/26/20. Though some in-church offerings are no longer received, giving is projected to meet parish operating needs. The February Increased Offertory initiative has supported faithful parishioner weekly envelope drop-offs and We Share online giving. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Parish School:</u> Council members were asked to speak with kind assertiveness when answering parishioners' questions (if any) about the change. ➤ <u>Arise:</u> Pastor asked Council members to begin considering what our Parish plan will be, including what changes "in church" may be appropriate. <p>The initiative provides parishes and Archdiocesan institutions with guidance and resources for worship, catechesis, evangelization, and communications to help clergy and faithful reintegrate into active, in-person participation in Mass and parish activities.</p>
Communications During Pandemic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed possible strategies for reaching those that do not have computer Internet &/or Email access. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Parish-wide letter will be developed/sent via USPS. Secretary (JL) will assist the Pastor's development. ➤ Letter Content: Share what is taking place at the parish and what we know about plans for resumption of parish Masses and other parish activities. ➤ Emphasis will be placed upon what could change, noting the fluid nature of pandemic-driven decisions. ➤ Pastor will contact Lynn Cummings Associates for assistance with the mailing.
Reschedule Synod Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Planning for the scheduled April 25, 2020 Parish Synod was suspended in March. The Pastor asked for Council member input on scheduling a new Synod date. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Considering the current uncertainties associated with the pandemic, Council recommended rescheduling for a date to be determined in 2021.
Reschedule Parish Council Election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2020 Annual Parish Council election process was suspended in March. Nominations were received but elections could not be held in April/May and still cannot be held at this time. ➤ Terms of some current members were expiring in June. The Pastor asked for Council recommendations on next steps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Consensus Council Recommendations: Reevaluate election feasibility by October 2020. Temporarily extend members' expiring terms for six (6) months, allowing those members to continue serving if able.

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Grade School/Pre-School Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Following a Zoom meeting with teachers, a required, formal letter was sent to teachers, confirming the Grades 1-8 end of operations as of June 30, 2020. ➤ Kindergarten & Pre-K (Ages 3 &4)- A staff of two (2)-Director & Instructor- will serve. ➤ K/Pre-K parent needs will be accommodated wherever possible and will not be constrained by the "school year", possibly extending into or through the summer months. 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pastor- Tentatively Rescheduled Parish Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation- September 12, 2020 • 1st Holy Communion- 2 Sundays in July 2020 ➤ Rosary (LD)- Suggested offering parishioner opportunity to remotely pray the Rosary together beginning in May, perhaps via Zoom technology. ➤ PB & J Sandwich Lunch Drive (Deacon Todor) – Shared results to date of parishioner generosity in lunch drive for the homeless. Updates will continue in the parish weekly Email. ➤ Parish Council members unanimously expressed appreciation for the Pastor's online initiatives (e.g., Masses, Daily Devotions) during the pandemic crisis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Rosary</u>: Pastor and Council Members (LD) will coordinate establishing regular meetings and reach out to parish groups to enlist attendance and volunteers to lead prayer meetings.
Closing Prayer	Msgr. Diamond	

SAINT CORNELIUS CHURCH

Jon Lippard

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Secretary - Parish Pastoral Council

Present	Present	Absent
Msgr. Diamond	Sr. Deacon Wirth	Craig Sanders
Kevin Hicks	Jon Lippard	Kathy Carney
Lisa Daughen	Deacon Morris	Chris Fahey
Franca Fletcher	Joanne Morris	-
Agnes Arkus	-	-
Sr. Deacon Wirth	-	-
Peter Kosciwicz	-	-