

**St. Cornelius Church
Parish Pastoral Council**

Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, December 19, 2020 (9:00 AM)

Remote Via Zoom

Topic	Discussion/Summary	Action/Follow-Up
Opening Prayer	Msgr. Diamond	
Prior Council Meetings And Minutes	Meeting scheduled November 28 rescheduled to December 19. Minutes of October 24, 2020 meeting approved.	➤ Next Meeting: Saturday, January 16, 2020 (9:00 AM) Remotely Via Zoom Videoconference.
Pastor's Updates	<p>➤ <u>Facts/Timeline of Pastor's Covid-19 Illness</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11/17/20- Appointment with Physician resulted in diagnosis of acute bronchitis. Symptoms: Cough but no fever. Covid-19 test recommended by physician. • 11/18/20- Received Covid-19 nasal swab test. • 11/20/20- Received positive Covid-19 test results. • 11/21/20- Email sent 12:00 PM to parish advising Pastor's test results, Parish/Staff status, quarantines in effect, and both daily & weekend Mass suspension, effective Saturday 11/21/20. • 12/1/20- Pastor's physician determined he was no longer contagious. Having completed a CDC-compliant, 14-day quarantine, sent parishioner Email at 12 PM advising resumption of Daily Mass on 12/2/20 and near-term reinstatement of parish Weekend Masses. • Non-contagious, residual symptoms (e.g., taste, smell) are improving this month. <p>➤ <u>Mass Attendance</u>- Combined Live-Stream and in-person Mass attendance is about 62% of pre-pandemic levels.</p>	➤ Information can become misinformation if heard incorrectly &/or when repeatedly communicated from person-to-person. If misinformation is heard – or if Parishioners ask – Parish Council Members will share true facts, as needed.
Finances and Annual Fall Appeal (Update)	<p><u>Parish Financial Condition</u> Overall, our stable financial condition is evidence of our Parish's good work over the past year.</p> <p><u>Financial Income Comparative (11/30/20 vs. 11/30/19):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Annual Fall Stewardship</u> - \$95,000 (To Date 11/30/20) • <u>Collections/Offerings</u>- \$353,721 (vs. \$367,000), only -3.8%. Some parishes' collections are -40%. <p><u>Financial Data Comparative (12/9/20 vs.12/9/19):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Operating Cash</u>- \$482,813 (vs. \$320,000), >+\$162,000 • <u>Account Balances</u>- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ TD Ameritrade- \$23,535 (vs. \$6,551) ✓ Catholic Foundation GP- \$79,334 (vs. \$189,063) * (*) \$100,000 withdrawn 03/2020 for Summer operations. • <u>Archdiocesan Invoices</u>- All prior amounts due have been met except the most recent Assessment. 	

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Holy Family Portico-Bricks/Sales (Update)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sales have slowed; \$75,000 has been raised to date. ➤ Planned usage still includes prayer/reflection, & socialization. ➤ Phase I is complete; bushes are to be cut in Spring 2021. ➤ The Portico plan and paver samples remain on display outside the church nave. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Council recommended weekly parish Emails continue to emphasize paver sales/availability with continued updates/refreshed information.
Christmas Schedule & Penance Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Christmas Masses:</u> Christmas Eve- 4:00/6:00/8:00/10:00 PM; Christmas Day- 8:30/10:30 AM. Visiting Priests will celebrate 6: 00 PM & 8:30 AM Masses. ➤ <u>Penance Services:</u> December 15th. Larger crowd at 11:00 AM (9 confessors) & lighter crowd (8 confessors) at 7:00 PM. For future daylight service, a weekend date may normally be better for Parishioner attendance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pastor/Deacons & Council will share their Christmas Eve/Day observations at our next meeting. ➤ 2021 Penance Services- Parish anticipates continuing to offer both daylight & evening Penance Services, dependent upon priest confessor availability.
Pre-School Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Students (PreK 3/4 & Kindergarten)- 53 now, with 4 or 5 being added in January 2021. ➤ Supplemental Education (K-5) Program- Five (5) students now participating. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Depending on future continuing PreK/K enrollments, the parish may need to hire more Teacher Aids or another (1) teacher.
Breakfast for The Day Room (Update)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Six (6) families have stepped up to provide regular meals to help meet increased Day Room food needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Food needs and volunteer participation will continue to be assessed for needed adjustments.
A Garden Grows in Chadds Ford For the Poor (Update)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No work on preparing parish ground can proceed at this time of the Winter. Further discussion tabled for now. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sub-committee will be formed to assist planning and implementation once ready to begin.
Construction Site News? Intersection of Ridge Rd & US 202 (Discuss)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Council discussed any known updates on status of shopping center construction. Work on site came to a virtual standstill several months ago. Council members had no recent and confirmed knowledge of plan status/timeline. 	
Safety In Returning (Discussion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lisa Daughen led Council discussion of highlights from the Archdiocesan Arise Webinar (12/16) about Christmas and in-person Mass attendance during the Pandemic. ➤ A few parishioners have contacted Lisa and some other members with concerns about returning to in-person Mass for various reasons. ➤ There are known risks associated with indoor congregate exposures to others which are difficult to fully mitigate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The often-asymptomatic, but highly contagious early stage of Covid-19 illnesses complicates decisions to attend in-person Mass, especially for people age 65+ or those (or family) with underlying health conditions. • Archdiocesan pandemic mitigation directives for church nave entry are clear, yet no one will be turned away from Masses or the Sacraments. • Parishioner movements at various Mass points, with higher occupancies, also hamper social distancing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Council re-affirmed <u>continuing</u> parish practices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Transparency in Communications-</u> Sharing timely and accurate information about important developments affecting the parish and its operation, including but not limited to pandemic-related safety measures (e.g., distancing, masks, cleaning, etc.) and emerging developments. • <u>Helping Parishioners Stay Connected-</u> The parish is providing Live-Streaming of Mass and other means of helping parishioners “where they are”, including Weekly Emails, learning & giving opportunities, and parish online resources, e.g., Pastor’s Daily Devotion videos, electronic Parish Bulletins, and current Parish website links to other Archdiocesan resources.

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New Business	➤ Parish Weekend 7:30 AM Mass- Effective in Advent, 7:30 AM Sunday Mass is this month, this Mass is offered <i>without</i> music (<i>Missa Brevis</i>). Lectors have additional duties, which have been reviewed with the Lector ministers.	
Closing Prayer	Msgr. Diamond	

SAINT CORNELIUS CHURCH

Jon Lippard

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Secretary - Parish Pastoral Council

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