

**St. Cornelius Church
Parish Pastoral Council**

Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2020 (9:00 AM)

Remote Via Zoom

Topic	Discussion/Summary	Action/Follow-Up
Opening Prayer	Msgr. Diamond	
Prior Council Meetings And Minutes	Minutes of September 26, 2020 meeting approved.	➤ Next Meeting: Saturday, November 28, 2020 (9:00 AM) Remotely Via Zoom Videoconference.
Pastor's Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Early Childhood Education</u> – Pre-K/K classes are going well. Supplemental Education program attendance has varied but is supplying value. Keeping for now. Receiving inquiries/interest in the Center being extended to 1st Grade. • <u>Catholic Social Teaching (CST 101)</u>- After weekend Masses on October 25th, our parish CRS chapter is inviting parishioners to learn more about a 7-part series of virtual, once-monthly meetings, starting November 22nd, and continuing in 2021. 	➤ <u>Early Childhood Education</u> - Pastor reviewing feasibility of a 1 st Grade program. Interest may be heavily pandemic driven; thus, sustainability is a factor to be carefully considered.
Review of Reopening To Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor reported the weekend Mass attendance has been increasing over the past month. We now have approx. 45% of the prior 1,100-1,300 attending Mass on Saturday-Sunday. Other area Archdiocesan parishes are averaging 30-45% of prior attendance, with the Dispensation still in place. 	➤ Regular weekend Mass schedule is continuing, subject to ongoing review for needed adjustments.
Finances and Annual Fall Appeal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Weekly Offering Collections</u>- Continuing to publish weekly; they average 5-10% below prior levels. • <u>Annual Fall Appeal</u>- Results represent a continuing success, with approx. \$45,000 received to date. Some response cards contain comments/feedback; follow-up occurs if necessary/appropriate. • <u>2021 Financial Projections</u> – Preliminary analysis indicates our parish financial position is stable for the upcoming year. 	
Holy Family Portico-Bricks/Sales (Discussion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Phase I work is fully funded and has moved rapidly with dramatic changes after only one week. ➤ We plan to install the new patio and walkway either late this year or early next spring. 	➤ Brick paver samples will be displayed in the Narthex very soon, to support parishioner consideration.
Meal Packing Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rise Against Hunger Event to be held November 7th (9-1:30). Thanks to continuing parish communication & CRS chapter collaboration, we have lots of volunteers and are considering a 3rd shift in other rooms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Goal: Package 25,000 meals to send to vulnerable people in Burkina Faso, West Africa. ➤ A portion of the funds raised through our event will go toward projects that promote lasting change for the poor overseas.
Mass on the Grass (Held October 17th)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Positive feedback received. Attendance was 265 amid perfect weather and proper social distancing. 	

**St. Cornelius Church
Parish Pastoral Council**

Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2020 (9:00 AM)

Remote Via Zoom

<p>Thanksgiving Discussion - Mass on the Grass</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Probably will not offer outdoor Masses this late in November. Council members noted safety and weather concerns. ➤ Based on parish staff recommendations, parish will <i>not</i> offer loaves of bread in 2020 amid the pandemic. 	
<p>Christmas Schedule & Penance Service (Archdiocesan Webinar 10/22/20) Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reviewed highlights of Archdiocesan Directives for Advent and Christmas For Celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. ➤ Pastor and staff will continue to monitor Mass attendance and social distancing prior to Christmas. Up to 75% of the church may be occupied, generally every other pew. ➤ Keeping Schedule of Planned Masses: Christmas Eve- 4:00/6:00/8:00/10:00 PM; Christmas Day- 8:30/10:30 AM. ➤ Planned Penance Services: December 15th – 11 AM; 7 PM. ➤ PPC Consensus: As the holidays approach, it is time to reiterate what the parish needs to see as the pandemic continues and the church nave occupancy increases. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pastor and staff have prepared a parish Christmas mailer, which will follow. ➤ Liturgical Directives For Advent And Christmas 2020 of the Philadelphia Archdiocese (dated October 22) will continue to guide parish Christmas Mass scheduling, Mass Celebration, and related Sacraments. ➤ Announcements Before Christmas Mass guidance from the Archdiocese will assist our preparation of parish-appropriate messaging prior to Masses.
<p>January 2021 Scheduled Elections</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Prior plans to hold a paper ballot election in January 2021 are canceled. There are too few parishioners attending Mass for an election to be properly representative. ➤ Early 2020 nominees for the postponed election may run for election in 2021, to be seated by June 2021. ➤ PPC will open a new nomination period in 2021. Those who were nominated in 2020 will have the option to continue to be considered in the election. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Current PPC members whose terms expired in June 2020 and whose terms were previously extended by the Pastor are now extended until June 2021. ➤ The parish will work towards developing a reliable electronic ballot for use in Spring 2021, ➤ Next PPC Meeting: Discuss 2021 Election process and timeline, parish communications, and plan for Election Coordinators' follow-up with 2020 nominees.
<p>Breakfast for The Day Room (Update)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Moving forward to plan for a volunteer parishioner group to use our school's kitchen to prepare meal platters. ➤ Meals would in turn be delivered to the Dorothy Day Room at St. Agnes, which has already supported feeding 175-250 people in need. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PPC sub-committee will be formed to assist planning and implementation. Contact the Pastor if interested. ➤ Meeting to be held with the Director of the Dorothy Day Room to discuss next steps. ➤ Peter Kosciwicz is contacting Family Promise parish leaders Joan Holiday & Kathy Silvan to determine interest in assisting with the Day Room.
<p>A Garden Grows in Chadds Ford for the Poor (Update)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Moving forward to provide parishioner opportunity to grow foods on approximately 0.75 to 1 acre of vacant parish ground, which would need set-up plowing and fencing. ➤ There are still details to work out, including local government consent, Archdiocesan support, and how/when the food would get to those in need. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pastor will contact the Archdiocese to verify if this is a permissible land use. ➤ Sub-committee will be formed to assist planning and implementation. PPC members will contact the Pastor if interested in volunteering <i>and/or</i> to provide the name of a recommended person.

**St. Cornelius Church
Parish Pastoral Council**

Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2020 (9:00 AM)

Remote Via Zoom

Sacred Liturgy and Use of Masks During Holy Communion (Discussion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Council members continued to discuss concerns expressed by some parishioners about consistent use of face coverings/masks by all (Priests, Deacons, & Eucharistic Ministers) distributing Holy Communion during the Coronavirus pandemic. ➤ Archdiocesan ODW directives of August 1 provide direction Concerning the Sacred Liturgy and the Use of Masks and had not expressly provided for their use during distribution of Holy Communion within the Communion Rite. ➤ During the October 22 Archdiocesan Webinar, the Office of Divine Worship (ODW) orally advised it is acceptable for Priests/Deacons/Eucharistic Ministers to wear masks during the process of distributing Holy Communion. ODW later confirmed same in writing to our PPC Vice-Chair. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Council recognizes that intended social distancing during the pandemic cannot be maintained during the act of distributing Holy Communion. ➤ After further discussion/input from Council Members and Deacons, the parish direction moving forward is for those in the act of distributing Holy Communion to normally wear masks.
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Parish Volunteer Needs</u> – The parish is still having some difficulty <i>advance-scheduling</i> volunteers for parish activities/events. We are having some success with “11th hour” requests for parishioner help. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Resolved to continue asking parish group coordinators to make needs known to members and stay vigilant in making needs known in through established parish oral and written communications,
Closing Prayer	Msgr. Diamond	

SAINT CORNELIUS CHURCH

Jon Lippard

Jon Lippard
Secretary - Parish Pastoral Council

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