

**St. Cornelius Church  
Parish Pastoral Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Saturday, September 26, 2020 (9:30 AM)**

**Remote Via Zoom**

Topic	Discussion/Summary	Action/Follow-Up
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Msgr. Diamond	
<b>Prior Council Meetings And Minutes</b>	Minutes of July 18, 2020 meeting approved. For continued parish transparency, Meeting Minutes have been and continue to be posted to the parish website.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Next Meeting: Saturday, October 24, 2020 (Time TBA)</b> Remotely Via Zoom Videoconference</li> <li>➤ <b>Secretary</b> to supply Office Manager with prior 2020 Meeting Minutes for posting to Parish web site.</li> </ul>
<b>Pastor's Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Independent Parish Audit</u> – Preliminary findings received and under review. Preliminary responses provided and awaiting final Audit report.</li> <li>• <u>Annual State of Parish Meeting</u> – In lieu of the past, in-person meeting, a comprehensive report will be recorded and placed on the parish website for parishioner review.</li> <li>• <u>Outdoor Mass</u> – Received favorable feedback from parishioners on the outdoor Labor Day Mass. Pastor asked for Council feedback on idea for a 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 outdoor Mass.</li> <li>• <u>Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)</u> – Concerned that 27 families have not re-registered their children, the reason(s) for which are unclear.</li> <li>• <u>Vacant Parish Land</u>– Parish has <i>discontinued</i> considering the sale of certain vacant land, a decision which received Archdiocesan support.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Independent Parish Audit</u>- Pastor will review results at future Council meeting and will ensure transparency by posting results to the parish website.</li> <li>➤ <u>Annual State of Parish Meeting</u>- Pastor and Business Manager to soon prepare/record the report and communicate availability to parishioners.</li> <li>➤ <u>Outdoor Mass</u>– Council supported preliminary plan for next outdoor Mass on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Mass to start at 4 PM (in lieu of 5 PM), weather permitting.</li> </ul>
<b>Review of Reopening To Date</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pastor reported the weekend Mass attendance is averaging 455 people, continuing to be about 30% of the prior 1,100-1,300 attending Mass on Saturday-Sunday.</li> <li>• A newer trend is some people standing in the back, especially at some of the better-attended Masses.</li> <li>• Oblate Priests have resumed their support of weekend Mass celebrations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Regular weekend Mass schedule is continuing, subject to ongoing review for needed adjustments.</li> </ul>
<b>Finances and Annual Fall Appeal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Annual Fall Appeal</u>- Parishioners will shortly receive letters, asking for contributions to support parish organizations, building maintenance, and our regular financial obligations. Funds remain solely within our parish.</li> <li>• <u>Fiscal Year Financial Results</u> – At close of our fiscal year, our income exceeded budgeted expenses. WeShare e-giving and Envelope Offerings remain favorable and continue to be reported weekly to the parish.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Annual Fall Appeal</u>- Pastor to speak about the Appeal during weekend Masses (9/26-/9/27) and share results to date during the 10/24 Council meeting.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Pre-School and Supplemental Education Opportunity Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Pre-K/Kindergarten classes have 53 total students.</li> <li>➤ Supplemental Education (K-5) program has 2 dozen students; schedules vary by each student/school.</li> <li>➤ Before/After CARE program is also offered.</li> <li>➤ Financial results to date are favorable for the parish.</li> <li>➤ Early Learning Center Website- PPC Secretary noticed the ELC Admissions tab reads "Now Enrolling Pk3-8th Grade!"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Early Learning Center Website- PPC Secretary will notify the ELC Director so the site tab can be updated.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Holy Family Portico-Bricks/Sales (Discussion)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Pastor has signed contract. Phase I work is paid for and will start next week. About seventy (70) bricks have been sold to date, and brick sales will continue until Spring 2021, when paver work would begin.</li> <li>➤ Council members volunteered various ideas for continuing to sell brick pavers for project completion.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Meal Packing Event</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Planning to continue annual fall event, with modifications for pandemic-related requirements, by inviting parishioners to support &amp;/or participate in this act of Social Justice.</li> <li>➤ Two groups of 40 people each are planned. Sign-ups have begun and participation looks good thus far.</li> <li>➤ Date: November 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a collaboration with CRS and Rise Against Hunger. \$12,500 will cover costs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Pastor has launched and will continue communications to parishioners about participation opportunities.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Christmas Schedule &amp; Penance Service</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Planned Masses: Christmas Eve- 4:00/6:00/8:00/10:00 PM; Christmas Day- 2 AM Masses.</li> <li>➤ Planned Penance Services: December 15<sup>th</sup> – 11 AM; 7 PM.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A parish mailer has been prepared and will follow.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Breakfast for The Day Room (Idea/Discussion)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To help fulfill the mandate of discipleship, a parishioner group could use our school's industrial-size kitchen to prepare breakfast platters.</li> <li>➤ Meals would in turn be delivered to the Dorothy Day Room at St. Agnes for distribution to those in need.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Council members provided positive feedback. Idea will receive continuing dialogue/discussion.</li> </ul>
<p><b>A Garden Grows in Chadds Ford For the Poor (Idea/Discussion)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Idea is to dedicate 2-3 (of 60) acres of vacant parish land to grow simple, fresh food. Food would be distributed to feed the poor, consistent with Gospel (Matthew 25) mandate.</li> <li>➤ There would be opportunity for numerous interested parishioners &amp; their children to participate.</li> <li>➤ Deacon Todor shared that there was St. Cornelius parishioner interest about 5-6 years ago, and a clear field with no woods is available to us.</li> <li>➤ There are details to work out, including local government consent, Archdiocesan support, and how the food would get to those in need.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Council members provided positive feedback. Idea will receive continuing dialogue/discussion.</li> <li>➤ Pastor will be contacting the Archdiocese to determine if this is a permissible land use.</li> </ul>

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<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Council 2020 Elections</u>- Prior plan to move the 2020 election to January 2021 remains in place. The continuing pandemic may not support a January 2021 voting process.</li> <li>➤ <u>Celebration of Holy Communion</u>- Council members shared concerns expressed by some parishioners attending Masses and viewing them via Live Stream. Face coverings/masks are not worn consistently by all Celebrants, Deacons, &amp; Eucharistic Ministers during Holy Communion, where – without masks – social distancing cannot be maintained.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Council 2020 Elections</u>- Scheduling further discussion of the January 2021 plan for our November 2020 Agenda.</li> <li>➤ <u>Celebration of Holy Communion</u> – Archdiocese of Philadelphia directives (Rev. 8/1/20) govern the use of face coverings/masks for celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. The Pastor/Deacons will discuss the concerns and appreciate being alerted to the feedback.</li> </ul> <p>Reference: Archdiocese of Philadelphia (ODW) - Policy Guidance - Use of Face Coverings/Masks (Rev. 8/1/20) <a href="http://archphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Mask-FAQ-8-1-20-Revised-1.pdf">http://archphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Mask-FAQ-8-1-20-Revised-1.pdf</a></p>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Msgr. Diamond	

**SAINT CORNELIUS CHURCH**

*Jon Lippard*

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Secretary - Parish Pastoral Council

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