

**St. Cornelius Church
Parish Pastoral Council**

Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, February 20, 2021 (9:00 AM)

Remote Via Zoom


Topic	Discussion/Summary	Action/Follow-Up
Opening Prayer	Msgr. Diamond	
Prior Minutes	Meeting minutes of January 16, 2021 approved.	➤ Next Meeting: Saturday, March 20, 2021 (9:00 AM) Remotely Via Zoom.
Pastor's Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Ash Wednesday Masses</u> – Overall attendance was encouraging. About 190 attended 7 PM Mass. ➤ The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is celebrating the First Anniversary of the installation of Archbishop Nelson Pérez. 	
Communication-Flocknote, Text Messages, PDS (Discussion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pastor is considering using Flocknote (by Software Pundit) for parish communications. ➤ <u>Background:</u> Flocknote is an effective Email and Text Messaging platform for churches. Church leaders use it to streamline communications & increase engagement. It is also an evangelizing tool, following the Bishop Barron model. ➤ The Parish Database System (PDS) would be used to extend the reach of our communications to mobile phone equipped parishioners. Messages are prepared ahead. ➤ The Parish has a pre-existing Facebook media website, which will need further evaluation and alignment to current parish information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Council members provided feedback & supported proposed use as worthy to pursue. Pastor to follow-up and advise next steps. ➤ Pastor will check with parish staff to evaluate Parish Facebook site. <p><u>Flocknote Web Site Reference:</u> Flocknote Review, Pricing & Features SoftwarePundit</p>
Finances	<p><u>Finance Council</u> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget approved for next Fiscal year. It will be published once approved. <p><u>Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish is applying for 2nd PPP loan via Applied Bank. <p><u>Cash & Investment Balances</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Operating Cash</u>- \$460,000 • <u>Capital Projects (e.g., Portico)</u>- \$12,000 • <u>ID Ameritrade Investments</u> - \$23,000 • <u>Catholic Foundation (CFGF)</u> - \$79,000 	<p><u>Financial Summary-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Parish overall financial condition is robust. Regular collections are steady and continue to reflect our parishioners' generosity.

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Holy Family Portico-Bricks/Sales (Update)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Brick paver order forms to-date will be processed for the initial phase's Spring installation. Blank bricks will also be supplied for later phases. ➤ The parish anticipates special paver sales drives two times/year, with emphasis on memorial bricks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Building & Grounds Committee will be consulted on later-phase, future additions to the Portico.
Year of Saint Joseph (Agnes Arkus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Parish is holding a Consecration to St. Joseph. Our intention is to raise consciousness by growing closer to St. Joseph, honoring him, imitating his virtues, and asking for his intercession. • All parishioners are invited by the St. Cornelius <i>Walking with Purpose</i> Bible Study Ministry and the Pastor to join in a Consecration to Saint Joseph. • The Consecration will follow the book <i>Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father</i>. (Parishioners will purchase/read book on their own.) • Weekly discussion sessions will be held Tuesday mornings via Zoom, starting March 30 & continuing weekly through May 1. Evening sessions may be added if there is sufficient interest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Parish Year of Saint Joseph Observance Follows -</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archdiocesan Observance of the Year of St Joseph (Web Site: http://archphila.org/joseph/) • Archdiocesan "Three Pillars" To Observance (1//10/21) ➤ Parish flyer and bulletin updates are under development. ➤ Mass to be observed March 19th (7:30 AM) with music and Gloria. ➤ Parish bulletin will contain this link to a prayer seeking St. Joseph's intercession on behalf of those on the pathway towards adoption: https://www.usccb.org/resources/novena-st-josephthose-path-adoption
Lenten/Easter Schedule & Penance Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Lenten/Easter Schedule</u> developed in consultation with parish Liturgy Committee. ➤ Added several virtual Lenten opportunities, noted in parish bulletins and on the parish website. ➤ <u>Penance Services</u>: Two scheduled for March 30th offering both daylight & evening services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Council received and reviewed Liturgy Committee Meeting minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Liturgy Committee Minutes 02-14-21.dc (Double -click Icon to view)
The Early Learning Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Center's program enrollments are "booming". ➤ There is a significant new registration increase as 2021-2022 Kindergarten, Pre-K 3 & Pre-K 4 registration is now open. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Center operations are moving toward financial break-even, though the parish continues to subsidize the original school building loan payments through 2028, as scheduled.
Camp Cornelius	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ More than 50 are registered to attend, and an additional week was added. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Weeks: June 28-July 2; July 12-16; July 19-23; and July 26-30 ➤ Offering early registration discount through February 28th.
PREP Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ P.R.E.P. is planned for two (2) weeks in the Summer. ➤ This camp applies for Grades 3-7, inclusive. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Summer Session A (June 21-25, 2021 (8:30--2:30) + 4 Sunday sessions. ➤ Summer Session B (August 2-6, 2021 (8:30-2:30) + 4 Sunday sessions.
The Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Parish on-site ground selection took place 2/28/21. Plowing/leveling (rototill) is the first step. ➤ Post & rail fencing will be installed for animal control; contractor recommendations needed. ➤ Means of water supply/connections needs study. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Parishioner individual/family involvement is needed and encouraged. ➤ Recommended expertise for fencing and watering – in near-term - will help us move this work of social justice forward. Contact the Pastor with names.

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CRS and Other Social Justice Outreach	➤ Catholic Social Teaching (CST 101) is growing. The 4 th of 7 sessions is on February 28 th via Zoom. First 3 sessions can be viewed via the parish web site.	➤ Our CRS chapter results and response to hunger & other needs through parish ministries are helping fulfill the Gospel mandate. (Ref. Matthew 25:40).
Spring Parish Pastoral Council Elections (Discuss)	➤ Reviewed status of planned elections, previously postponed from May 2020 to December 2020, and then to May 2021.	➤ Resolved that Council members will continue to serve at this time (status quo), subject to 6-month review by August 2021. ➤ Any member who may wish to discontinue before August can contact and privately meet with the Pastor.
New Business	<u>Agnes Arkus:</u> ➤ Parish Organizations/Ministries- To help parishioners stay connected to and informed about various parish organizations/ministries (including leaders), suggest we consider building a process for highlighting all of them in parish communications.	➤ Resolved we will highlight one ministry/organization per month in our parish bulletins. Agnes will compile a complete list of organizations and ministries and meet with Pastor to determine next steps.
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	Len Leschinsky
Lisa Daughen	Chris Fahey	Deacon Morris
Franca Fletcher	Peter Kosciwicz	Joanne Morris
Agnes Arkus	-	-
Sr. Deacon Wirth	-	-
Kevin Hicks	-	-