

**St. Cornelius Church  
Parish Pastoral Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 (9:00 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 December 19, 2020 meeting approved. Secretary to arrange publication of all approved Minutes on Parish Website.	➤ <b>Next Meeting: Saturday, February 20, 2021 (9:00 AM)</b> Remotely Via Zoom Videoconference.
<b>Pastor's Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Year of Saint Joseph</u> – Our Archdiocesan Observance will be December 8, 2020-21. Pastor &amp; Council received written guidance for developing local observances. Papal Proclamation (via Vatican News) published in Parish Bulletins on January 3 &amp; 10, 2021.</li> <li>• Ongoing Parish events are continuing via virtual (Zoom) meeting format, including: <i>Women's Walking With a Purpose</i>; <i>Men's That Man is You</i>; St. Cornelius Literary Society, and Catholic Social Teaching (CST) 101</li> <li>• Parish office will be closed January 19, 2021 in observance of M.L.K. Jr. Day.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Year of Saint Joseph</u> - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Council</u> is asked to review the Archdiocesan guidance and website (<a href="http://archphila.org/joseph/">http://archphila.org/joseph/</a>) and give our Parish observance thoughtful reflection.</li> <li>• <u>Pastor</u> to also meet with the Liturgy Committee for input.</li> <li>• <u>Archdiocesan "Three Pillars"</u> to observing the Year of Saint Joseph will be considered for our local plans/observances.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Follow up conversation on the Year of Saint Joseph and parish events at the February Council meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Finances, Christmas Collections, and Annual Fall Appeal (Update)</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Financial Summary (As of Current Date):</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Annual Fall Stewardship</u> - \$100,295</li> <li>• <u>Christmas Collections/Offerings</u>- \$43,692</li> <li>• <u>Operating Cash</u>- \$486,437</li> <li>• <u>Holy Family Portico Account</u>- \$6,216</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Financial Summary-</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Financial results continue to reflect our Parishioners' generosity and financial fidelity.</li> <li>➤ Christmas collections were \$17,000 lower in 2020, impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic.</li> </ul>
<b>Holy Family Portico-Bricks/Sales (Update)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Planned usage still includes prayer/reflection, &amp; socialization. It is an ongoing capital project.</li> <li>➤ The project will also allow the Parish to reclaim the Stations of the Cross path.</li> <li>➤ Holy Family Portico capital project cost is \$10,800 higher than planned.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Weekly Parish Emails are continuing, to emphasize brick paver purchase availability and provide project updates.</li> <li>➤ While the project is currently underfunded by \$3,000, brick paver sales and other fund-raising events are continuing.</li> </ul>
<b>Lenten/Easter Schedule &amp; Penance Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Lenten Schedule</u> will be quite different, e.g., virtual Stations of the Cross; and Rosary/Scripture Study recorded on Parish website.</li> <li>➤ <u>Easter Schedule</u>: Holy Triduum pretty set.</li> <li>➤ <u>Penance Services</u>: Parish anticipates offering both daylight &amp; evening services, dependent upon priest confessor availability.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Deacons &amp; Pastor to meet in follow-up to discuss Lenten schedule.</li> <li>➤ Penance Service(s) scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, 2021.</li> </ul>
<b>The Early Learning Center</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Center's K-5 Programs are operating very well &amp; effectively administered.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Enrollment for 2021-22 starts shortly. We anticipate the Center will continue to thrive.</li> </ul>

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<b>Camp Cornelius</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Camp is again planned for this summer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dates to be advised once confirmed.</li> </ul>
<b>PREP Summer Camp</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ P.R.E.P. is planned for two (2) weeks in the Summer; no Camp Cornelius date conflict.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dates to be advised once confirmed.</li> </ul>
<b>First Holy Communion &amp; Confirmation (2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ First Holy Communion: Celebrating Sacrament on the Sundays after Easter.</li> <li>➤ Confirmation: Celebrating May 1, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Social distancing to be observed for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion.</li> <li>➤ Bishop Senior is scheduled Confirmation Mass Celebrant.</li> </ul>
<b>The Garden Grows (Update)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A small plot of Parish ground will be devoted to growing food.</li> <li>➤ A late-February 2021 start is planned.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Pastor consulting with Deacon Todor on ground selection and with Building &amp; Grounds Committee on soil/fencing preparations.</li> <li>➤ Specific parishioner expertise is needed. To continue empowering the laity, Email any recommendations to the Pastor.</li> </ul>
<b>New Business</b>	<p><u>Sr. Deacon Wirth:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The nation's current civil unrest, violence and destruction on January 6<sup>th</sup>, and the upcoming national government transition (January 20<sup>th</sup>) create a need to unite our prayers for a peaceful transition.</li> <li>➤ Council concurred and recommended using appropriate Parish communications to encourage such prayers, advising the church will remain open daily, including January 20<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>➤ Whether present or absent from Mass, many parishioners stay updated by reviewing a variety of Parish communications, including our website, weekly Emails, church bulletins, and post-Mass announcements.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Pastor will evaluate options and consider effective means to encourage parishioners' continuing devotions and private prayer for both our nation and the Common Good.</li> <li>➤ Brief Post-Mass comments and <a href="#">St Cornelius Website Home</a> updates are planned, to encourage private prayer/devotions:</li> </ul> <p><b>Visit to the Blessed Sacrament</b> Our parish church has been and will continue to be open on a daily basis for private prayer and devotions. In this time of transition in our national government, I encourage you to be vigilant and prayerful for our nation and for the Common Good. If you are able to stop in and make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament pray in thanksgiving for the gifts we have received and ask for continued Divine Assistance.</p>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Msgr. Diamond	

**SAINT CORNELIUS CHURCH**

*Jon Lippard*

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Jon Lippard  
Secretary - Parish Pastoral Council

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