

St. Cornelius Church

Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023 (7:00 PM)

Location: Parish House

Topic	Discussion/Summary	Action/Follow-Up
Opening Prayer	Msgr. Diamond	
Around The Table- Welcome and Roles of Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Welcomed and informally introduced new Council Members. ➤ Pastor overviewed roles and expectations of Parish Pastoral Council. 	
Lectio Divina Prayer (MG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pastor introduced Archdiocesan implementation of Lectio Divina prayer. ➤ Michael Gidlewski introduced the four (4) steps of Lectio Divina prayer – <i>Lectio; Meditatio; Oratio; and Contemplatio</i>. ➤ Council prayed Lectio Divina (Ordinary Time, Psalm 85 verses). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Council to continue <i>Lectio Divina</i> prayer to start each meeting.
Prior Minutes and Next Meeting (JL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Meeting minutes of November 17, 2022, approved. ➤ Discussed and planned next meeting date. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Next Meeting: Thursday, February 23, 2023 Location: Parish House (7 PM)
Pastor's Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>2022 Christmas Masses</u> - well attended; plan to follow same schedule in 2023. ➤ <u>Building & Grounds</u>- New thermostat system has been installed in the church building and heating is now fixed. ➤ <u>Parishioner Giving Tree</u> response was very generous. Gratefully received two hundred gifts for named schools and \$15,000 of gift cards for seven charities. ➤ <u>Parish Campus Traffic</u> - Pattern adjustments were implemented in December. ➤ <u>Sunday of the Word of God</u> is January 23, 2023 (Pope Francis, <i>Aperuit illis</i>, 9/30/19), to provide more serious and vital liturgical formation. ➤ <u>Archdiocesan Go Forth Initiative</u> – To help create a culture of Missionary Discipleship, the weekly text messaging begins February 22nd (Ash Weds.) ➤ <u>Parish St. Patrick's Day Party</u> – Planned for March 2, 2023. Details to be published in parish bulletin. ➤ <u>Pro-Life Committee</u> – The March for Life bus trip to Washington DC with St. Thomas is January 20th. The Rosary for the unborn will be prayed after Mass. The 9 Days for Life Novena starts January 19th. ➤ <u>Liturgical Updates</u> – 2023 Lector Preparation books have been ordered to help fulfill reading preparation for all serving as parish Lectors. ➤ <u>Early Learning Center</u> – 57 students are registered for the 2023-24 school year. An Open House will be held on January 29th. Five weeks are scheduled and now open for Camp Cornelius. Registrations are beginning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Go Forth Initiative</u>- Council members are encouraged to enroll, participate, and invite others as the initiative begins. ➤ Review: GO FORTH Commission (phillydisciples.org)
Return of Parish "Meet & Greet" (DD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Parish will resume meetings of parishioners in 2023 at Parish House. ➤ Focus to be upon both new and longer-term parishioners. ➤ Meetings will be scheduled for 1 to 1.5 hours per meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Parish Pastoral Council to resume its "ministry of presence" at these meetings wherever possible.

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Parish Finances & Project Review (DD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Fall Annual Stewardship Appeal (Final Results) - \$106,898➤ Parish Christmas Offerings – Over \$52,000 as of today.➤ Early Learning Center (ELC)- "Chillers" funded by Parish Buildings Oblate Loan are scheduled to arrive in March.➤ Parish infrastructure expenses are continuing and will be high this year.	
Parish Vestments (DD/Discussion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Current Condition – Vestments are in poor shape and do not wear well.➤ Pastor is considering vestments with sustainable quality and life, not prone to rapid wear and deterioration.➤ Parish "Campaign for Vestments" would allow parishioners to voluntarily contribute a memorial gift ("in memory of") for raising needed funds.➤ Council members offered insight that funerals at the parish may attract support for memorial contributions in lieu of flowers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Council members to consider how to approach communications & be ready to discuss ideas at next meeting.➤ Council to Review: The Holy Rood Guild > Categories➤ Parish plan and strategies to be developed and executed.
Parish Liaison Appointments & Election of Secretary (JL/Discussion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Discussed roles of Council recording Secretary in Coordinating Committee.➤ Reviewed role of Council Liaisons in supporting parish ministries & committees.➤ Appointed Liaisons as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finance Council – Michael Brisgone• Liturgy Committee – Jennifer Swetland• Building & Grounds – David Ripsom• CRS Parish Chapter – Michael Gidlewski• Knights Council – Agnes Arkus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Council Members to consider role of Secretary and contact Vice-Chair with any questions.➤ Election of Secretary deferred for discussion/action at next meeting.
Called For More Update (DD/JL/Discussion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Archdiocesan Priority - Building a "culture" of Missionary Discipleship, to move from maintenance to mission.➤ Discussed the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey follow-up process and priorities/action plans under development by Parish Planning team.➤ Pastor's plan submission due to Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) by February 26, 2023. Next steps pending further CLI &/or PHL ARCH direction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Pastor & Vice-Chair to provide relevant updates during February 23rd meeting.➤ Parish priorities and action plans to be presented to and reviewed with Council members.
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Lenten Soup Supper (AA) – To be held March 15th; all women of the parish will be invited.➤ St. Patrick's Day Party (AA) – Voluntary donations are being externally solicited and welcomed within the parish.➤ Annual Lenten Fish Fry (AA) - Scheduled for Friday, March 31st.	
Closing Prayer	Msgr. Diamond	

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Jon Lippard

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Present

Msgr. Diamond
Michelle Nardozi
John Guest
Agnes Arkus
Chris Fahey
Michael Brisgone
Michael Gidlewski
Anselm Cooray
Jennifer Swetland
David Ripsom
Jon Lippard

Absent

Sr. Deacon Wirth
Deacon Todor
Deacon Morris
Joanne Morris