

**Date:** 10/10/23

**Time:** 7:15 PM

## IN ATTENDANCE

Mathew Amos, Jonathan Amos, Cara Barone, James Cady, Sonya Coelho, Fr Joe Connelly, Pastor, Pat Dolan, Denny Farrell, Parish Administrator, Dan Furey, Mary Martha Heasley, Lourdes Rivera, Pat Ryan (Incoming Parish Administrator).

## ABSENTEES

Greg Larson, Trustee, Debbie Stadt

## MISC ITEMS

- The **New Parishioner Bruch** is scheduled for November 12 after the 11.00 am Mass. Carla is putting together a list, this will be shared with PPC members for follow-up with invitees.
- **St Michael Rising Star Award** is scheduled for First Sunday in November.
- **Church Doors:** Repairs to the lower entrance (Door 6), including new doors, have been completed. Insurance covered all but our \$1,000 deductible. The door replacement project (Doors 1, 10, and 11) has been delayed to October because the company switched manufacturers. As shared earlier, these new doors will be locked during business hours during the week and visitors will be "buzzed" in for safety and security purposes.
- **Fall Festival:** Numbers yet to be finalized. Estimated takings at \$90K but final figure available later. Numbers came up better than expected. The Youth Council stepped in to help with the games and that went well.
- **Fried Chick Dinner:** Held October 1, to celebrate the feast of Guardian Angels from 12-4 pm. Lukewarm response – catered for 600 dinners but actually sold 213 dinners.
- **GA Staff:** New Accountant appointed, going through training process.
- **JOC:** Terry Quinn has initiated a host of activities Fall. He has a Fall Speaker Series on various issues related to Catholic social teaching. Fr Joe has asked that PPC members support by attending. There is also a Social Justice Book Club scheduled for November 1, 8, 15 and 22 –  
*Handbook of Catholic Teaching* by Fr Martin Schlag  
*Catholic Social Teaching* by Bishop Robert Barron  
*Concise Guide to Catholic Social Teaching* by Kevin McKenna  
*The Two Cities* by Andrew Willard Jones



- **Health & Wellness:** Commission worked with Walgreen to offer flu shots to worshippers on 9/30 and 10/1 after Mass. 35 parishioners attended – some disappointment that COVID shots were unavailable at the same time.
- **RCIA:** Next session starts October 2023.
- **Synod:** Small Group Training has started training, 7 Sundays after the 11 am Mass. Fr Joe has invited all PPC members to attend the video series on leading small groups. Practice sessions slated for January 2024 and small groups to become active Lent 2024. Topics yet to be determined.

## LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLAN

Fr Joe asked all PPC members whether they would be interested in working on this initiative. Cara Barone and Pat Dolan have stepped up – they will work closely with Lukas, Zach, and Terry in taking this initiative forward. The idea is to establish measurable goals, so this will help track how GA is doing.

## PARISHIONER INPUTS

Sonya Coelho said that it has been brought to her attention that the PPC minutes are unavailable to parishioners since June 2023. There has also been the question as to why GA does not offer morning Mass on Mondays. This used to be available during the time of previous pastors – including Fr Rodger Baumann. Despite being the sole pastor and there being a deacon, Fr Rodger made it possible for Monday morning Mass by accepting the help of outside/retired priests. Fr Joe said that both he and Deacon Mike take Mondays off and hence no Mass/Communion service is available on Mondays.

## ADULT EDUCATION - LUKAS

- Attended Diocesan Youth Ministry Summit @ St. John the Baptist
- Fall Fest Youth Games
- First session w/ Damascus Mission Corp (a young adult mission group. Damascus also runs a Catholic summer camp. I'm exploring whether we could partner together)
- Damascus Middle School "Jesus Night" – games, a talk, praise & worship w/ adoration. Was powerful to 50+ middle schoolers legitimately praying before the Blessed Sacrament, could potentially host @ GA
- Signed up for JOLT for the *Life Teen* program
- Working w/ Bri @ St. Ambrose to explore partnership, potentially last Friday of the month middle school nights
- Ordered material for GIFT Faith Formation & Prep Catechist Training night
- Prepped GIFT program, created registration list, contacted parents & recruited volunteers
- Prepped Family Ministry schedule for the Fall/Winter
- Family Ministry Kick-Off on September 24 – 6 families present, including 2 new families
- Synod Small Group training day began on September 24 – 30ish people in attendance
- Book club on *Bearing False Witness* began on September 26 – 11 present
- Wednesday Night Catechist Training on September 27 – 10 elementary volunteers & 9 middle school volunteers





- Long Range Strategic Plan on September 29
- Tuesday Holy Hours
- Coffee/drinks with multiple young adults

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

**Next meeting at 11/14/23 at 7.15 pm**

