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# GA PPC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 3/11/25

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## Attendees

Matthew Amos, James Cady, Fr Joe Connelly (Pastor), Lourdes Rivera, Pat Ryan (Parish Administrator), Debbie Stadt, Jonathan Amos, Cara Barone, Pat Dolan, Marymartha Heasley, Mike Braun (Deacon), Sonya Coelho,

## Absentee

Steve Sims (Trustee)

## Agenda

### 1. JOC Update:

- a. **Refugee...**we are tutoring 9 people to learn English with our group from GA in February & March; we have a parishioner who is tutoring with them and we will see where everything goes. We will add another tutor on March 20th. We continue to do Tossed & Sorted and Dave G helps get it to the refugees at this time. Angela will also help with the clothes & furniture review. We help sponsor a monthly meal at the refugees apartments in St Paul
  - b. **Giving Center...**we have 6 people who get gas cards on average each month at Holiday in Woodbury. No cost to the parish. In the giving center, we collect for Brittany's Place, the card ministry, Refugee, Santa shop, and Bags/Food for Open Cupboard.
  - c. **Loaves & Fishes...**we continue to volunteer each month. 8-10 people usually help with serving and helping cook for over 270-300 people every 2nd Sunday of the month.
  - d. **Respect Life/Life & Human Dignity...** We meet each month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. We are meeting to try to get a full view of life issues each month. March subject is on the Lift garage. Cathy Heying will be talking.
  - e. **Prison Ministry:** We have 30 Penpal people who write their incarcerated people and we meet each month on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11am. Speakers are planned each month. We usually get 20 people at our **monthly**
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meetings. We have Fr Bruno speaking to the group. He has been involved in prison ministry for 6 years.

- f. **Creation Care/Food Garden.**..We have a proposal from Washington County that Terry Quinn & John Capecchi were happy with having individual plots for the Garden in the spring. We are waiting on Pat Ryan to call Catholic Mutual to see if we can make this a go. Alyssa Wolf will talk to the group in February about this. We still have no decision on this.
  - g. **Food with Friends Meals** – Our last meal was February 26th at the Refugee apartments in St Paul.. We had 45 people who attended. We are looking for suggestions for ideas for the future. Food to People helps with providing the food.
  - h. **Befrienders**—Pastoral Talk 101 each month. We are getting 10 people at each meeting per month. Eight of us meet with befrienders each month in their homes(a total of 20 people are visited by our team. Lisa Sweeney will be giving us a talk from Our Lady of Peace. Our grief group has 14 people coming every Monday(for another six weeks) and our monthly Caring group lead by Ceil Crowley. There are six people in this group.
- 2. Engagement Commission:**
- a. New parishioner brunch will be Bingo on March 30th, location TBD, but will be after 1100 am mass.
- 3. Faith Formation:**
- a. Totus Tuus Registration opened. Totus Tuus will be June 22-28th this summer.
  - b. Summer Stretch middle school program dates and locations were finalized. Registration is open.
  - c. Exodus Bible Study begins tonight and runs the Tuesdays of Lent. 17 participants have signed up
  - d. Soup supper RSVPs are coming in nicely for the March 21st soup supper. 39 currently have RSVP'd (we have 75 for reference last year). Parish Council is encouraged to attend and sign up, if you haven't already!
  - e. The Lent retreat on 3/22 has 12 sign-ups so far. This is a little slower than I hoped.
  - f. Small groups leader training ended two weeks ago. We had 6 people complete the training, including 4 young adults.
  - g. The 1st confirmation class run by Andy was 2/23rd - there were ~24 youth w/ their parent or sponsor in attendance.
- 4. Lent Schedule:**
- a. Shroud of Turin presentation will be on the 16th.
  - b. Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 3pm.
  - c. Fish Fry will be on the 14th.
- 5. Scarfone update:**
- a. Steering committee is taking a wider scope on the project, no official work but process has been started, sketches are being made.



## 6. Communication:

- a. The Ministry team met and talked about doing a “survey” or “quiz” to gauge Parish communication after a mass sometime. Nothing official but PPC tried a sample and got good feedback.
  - i. More to come on this in the future.
  
- **Next meeting April 8th, 2025, at 5:15pm.**