
GA PPC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 10/14/2025

Attendees

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

Absentee

Jonathan Amos

Agenda

1. Safety & Security Committee Discussion

- a. Recommendations were made from the Safety and Security committee.
 - i. PPC discussed and the following were specifically talked about:
 - 1. One front door will be kept open during mass for people who arrive late.
 - 2. A pre-mass presentation made annually to go over exits and safety items was discussed.
 - 3. How to improve the parking lot/exit next to the food shelf was discussed as well.

2. PARISH INPUT:

- a. Update on Parish survey.
 - i. There will be mass counts throughout the month of October.
- b. Fireworks at the Fall Festival.
 - i. There has been discussion on the litter that comes from the fireworks and Fall Festival leadership is looking into it.

3. JOC UPDATES:

- a. **October...Update on JOC/Befrienders by Terry Quinn**
 - b. Refugee...We continue to do Tossed & Sorted and Dave Graebner & other refugees help get it to the refugees at this time. We also collect for St Vincent de Paul every 2-3 weeks they come and pickup at GA
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- c. Giving Center...we had 6 people this month with gas cards 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.
- d. We are planning a coat drive starting in October and making care package assembly packets for the homeless before Thanksgiving; our specific date was November 20th. We provided 250 packets in August.
- e. Loaves & Fishes...we continue to volunteer each month. 8-10 people usually help with serving and helping cooking for over 270-300 people every 2nd Sunday of the month.
- f. Respect Life/Life Human Dignity...we are involved with the Brews for Babies event at Presentation and will meet again for the years view on October 9th. Steve Sims will bring a perspective to our group too.
- g. Prison Ministry: We have 25 Penpal people who write their incarcerated people and we meet each month on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11am. We have added Birthday cards each meeting too along with a speaker. We usually get 15 people at our monthly meetings.
- h. Creation Care/Food Garden..John Capecchi mentioned to me that he is working with Pat Ryan and Fr Joe on the garden for next year. All went well this year with John's leadership this summer.
- i. Food with Friends Meals –we will have an event on January 6th for refugees and other people. We are looking for suggestions for ideas for the future. Food to People helps with providing a meal. We will have an event for Refugees with Bingo in January. We may be working with Our Lady of Guadalupe in St Paul in the future.
- j. Befrienders/Pastoral each month. We are getting 8-10 people at each meeting per month. Our next meeting in October with the griefshare video and Steve Sims will share also. Twelve of us meet with befrienders each month in their homes(a total of 30 people are visited by our team. Our grief group will be on Monday's at 1230pm on the next 12 weeks. Also, our Caring group.. is the 3rd Thursday by zoom lead by Ceil Crowley & Liz. There are six people in this group. We may have an Alzheimer's caregivers groups in the future. Father Joe will ask the parish council. Father is in active discussions on how set it up.
- k. Also, Boulder Ponds men's bible study is happening every other week and 10 people are in attendance. It will be on the Old Testament prophets and Social Justice. We have 3-4 GA befrienders at Boulder who want this study. We see over 13 people each week there for communion.

4. ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION:

- a. Working on new parishioners breakfast, November 9th.
 - i. 26 new parishioners from October's.

5. FAITH FORMATION:

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- a. Update from Luaks:
 - i. Here's some updated faith formation numbers
 - 1. 25/26 Families - 41
 - 2. 25/26 Students - 60
 - 3. Elementary/Pre-K - 42
 - 4. Middle School - 18
 - 5. 1st Sacraments - 15
 - ii. Our first Family Faith Formation was 10/5 - we had 23/29 families in attendance. The focus this year during the parent session is for the parents to build relationship and community with one another
 - iii. Middle School faith formation is called JOLT. We adjusted the acronym to "Jesus Our Life & Truth". This year we going through the Gospels from the perspective of the 1st followers of Jesus (especially St. Peter).
 - 6. Other Additions:**
 - a. Time and talent are still going on.
 - b. No all saints day mass this year. All weekend masses will be all souls.
 - c. Update on capital campaign.
 - i. Over 20 volunteers meet every Wednesday to help.
 - 1. Things are going great with the campaign and we want to shout out all the volunteers and everyone a part of it. Thank you!
- NEXT MEETING: November 11th, 2025 at 5:15 P.M**