
GA PPC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 3/10/26

Attendees

Matthew Amos, Fr Joe Connelly (Pastor), Lourdes Rivera, Pat Ryan (Parish Administrator), Steve Sims (Trustee), Cara Barone, Pat Dolan, Sonya Coelho,

Absentee

Mike Braun (Deacon), Jonathan Amos, Debbie Stadt, Marymartha Heasley,

Agenda

1. PPC Minutes for January and February

- a. The January meeting was held in conjunction with the finance council.
 - i. NO minutes were created.
- b. NO February PPC meeting was held.

2. Input from parishioners:

- a. Adoration cards may be coming back.

3. JOC update:

Refugee/Immigration...We are helping refugees and are helping others immigrants in getting food from Open Cupboard & Toiletries from Neighborhood House

Giving Center...we had 8 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. We collected over \$14000 in cash & gift cards for our new Mission Parish Our Lady of Guadalupe, We also collected \$1500 worth of critical care packets for them too.

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.

Respect Life/Life Human Dignity...we are participating in the April 23rd Gala to be upcoming for Options East.

Prison Ministry: We have 20 Penpal people who write their incarcerated people and we meet each month on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11am. We have a speaker each month. We write 30 cards to local prisoners for their birthdays. We usually get 12-15 people at our monthly meetings. March meeting is March 11th

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. John needs to find a few helpers for him this year,

Befrienders/Pastoral each month: We are getting 8-10 people at each meeting per month. Our meeting each week with the griefshare video. Twelve of us meet with befrienders each month in their homes (a total of 30 people are visited by our team. Also, our Caring group.. is the 3rd Thursday by zoom lead by Liz. There are four people in this group. We have a cancer group now that 8-10 people meet. We have ongoing groups at Boulder Ponds & Oak Meadows Senior Living. Also, Boulder Ponds men's bible study is happening every other week and 8-10 people are in attendance. It will be on the Old Testament prophets and Social Justice. We have 3 GA befrienders at Boulder who want this study. We see over 6 people each week there for communion. New program at Oak Meadows called Hope Meadows & Friendship continues on Wednesday, March 18th.

4. Chesterton Academy Update:

- a. Followup meetings have been held to go through more details.
 - i. GA sees great opportunity with Chesterton but will make sure things are right before anything happens.
 - 1. Talks about reimagining youth and teen room were held.
 - a. Nothing official.

5. Engagement Commission:

- a. April 19th next new parishioner breakfast.
 - i. 17 families revisited and 12 new families attended.
 - 1. Post cards might be reintroduced with various info on them and sent out.
 - a. The engagement committee would take the lead on this if reintroduced.

6. Sanctuary remodeling update:

- a. Surpassed goal for campaign!
 - i. Now going to get more sketches and designs made and submitted to the Archdiocese.
 - 1. If approved and during construction, mass might be held downstairs during weekends.

7. Other additions:

- a. The giving center might be relocated during holy week.

1. Next meeting April 14th, 2026, at 5:15pm.