

# OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes, November 13, 2019

### I. ROLL CALL

Monsignor Gentili, Deacon Brady, Mike Broglie, Matt Gavinelli, Dominique Galloway, Lisa Martinez, Carol Kalouche, Father Ianelli, Emily Clementi, Chip Puchino, Steve Workman, Juan Navia, Leo Craig, Ray Lokay

Excused: Paul Crovo, Lisa Kopertowski, Dan Drain, Paola Cubides Herrera

Recording Secretary: Teresa Fischer

### II. OPENING PRAYER

Monsignor read today's Gospel according to Luke. Gospel is about gratitude and Monsignor commented that having a sense of gratitude is important. Today is also the feast of St. Francis Cabrini, who was the first American citizen to be canonized. As leaders of the parish be mindful of this quote by St. Frances Cabrini, "*Please lord help us to see and know the work myself before I am tempted to call upon the sisters to take it.*"

Members of the council called to mind people that have passed during the month of November and All Souls Day. The group prayed a Hail Mary.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Matt Gavinelli asked for a motion to approve the September 18, 2019 minutes. Juan Navia motioned and Ray Lokay seconded the motion. The members of the committee unanimously approved the minutes. Teresa will post on the website.

### IV. EVANGELIZATION OUTREACH – MONSIGNOR

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia Evangelization Office reviewed the Disciple Maker Index (DMI). The report clearly demonstrated that many Catholics do not understand the Real Presence of the Eucharist. This included people who attend church on a regular basis. This Advent, OLG is taking the initiative to focus on the Real Presence for its Advent Preaching Series.

Advent evangelization will include videotaping the Advent homilies, promoting the Real Presence Series on formed.org, encouraging parishioners to Bring a Friend and marketing the Advent/Christmas events on social and local media.

The Evangelization Committee is considering a Holy Hour for Life in January 2020 and a Parish Mission. The parish will have a Lenten Preaching Series.

- V. **HISPANIC OUTREACH – Paola Herrera (presented by Juan Navia)**  
OLG has received a grant from ARCH-ED to fund a three-year, full-time director of Hispanic Ministry. OLG is the first parish to receive this grant and will be the model for future parishes.

Catholic Christian Outreach was updated in Spanish for Hispanic ministry members. This ministry is also now holding a weekly rosary at OLG. The ministry is preparing for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and reception on December 12. Monsignor commented that this is an opportunity to integrate and merge all cultures.

- VI. **SECURITY COMMITTEE – RAY LOKAY**

The recent attack on the Respect Life crosses and signs is the third attack on the parish property. The Buckingham Police are continuing to investigate. There was significant media coverage of the damaged display and this past week Channel 6 News included a segment on the destruction.

The police were impressed with the parish's commitment to safety and security. The OLG security camera count has increased from 64 to 68. The Safety and Security Committee is actively looking at ways to make the parish safer and the committee will continue to be an active and adjust to the parish needs.

- VII. **CELEBRATING GROWTH" MINISTRY WEEKEND UPDATE**

The Celebrating Growth/Ministry was held on October 26/27. Sixty-four parishioners signed up to participate in a parish ministry. A discussion ensued about moving future ministry fairs to the Parish Life Center (PLC), but it was decided that ministry fairs will remain in the Narthex at this time.

- VIII. **SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE UPDATE – CHIP PUCHINO**

Approximately 114 people attended the recent magic/comedy night. It was a wonderful night but attendance was a little light. The next event for this committee is the Cookies and Milk with Santa on Sunday, December 15.

The key focus of this committee is bring parishioners together through social activities and they have planned many successful events. Monsignor appreciates the efforts of this committee and suggested that if in the future, they can also raise money for the parish that would be most welcome. One suggestion is to plan an event and promote that the proceeds will go towards a specific expenditure.

IX. STRATEGIC PLAN TRACKER

Matt Gavinelli provided an update on how the parish is progressing towards the goals on the Parish Strategic Plan Tracker. Following are highlights:

**Outreach – Deacon Brady**

A Pre-Cana Program is being investigated but OLG is not ready to offer at this time. The parish continues to expand outreach to Spanish-speaking families. Adult Faith Formation is ongoing. OLG has resource stand in Narthex and a group of dedicated parish volunteers. Daniel Drain has been more focused on a major overhaul of the PREP Program which includes getting parents onboard

**Organization – Bob Weikel**

Once a year, ministry budgets are set using resources from the Stewardship Campaign Appeal. This category also includes developing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and overseeing the Security and Safety Committee.

**Fiscal/Stewardship – Dick Clark**

The parish is working towards the weekly collection goal of \$32K. The Parish Finance Council (PFC) is promoting Parish Giving (egiving) through various opportunities. The biggest challenge is the loans we owe to the AOP and the balloon payment at Penn Community Bank. The silent phase of the Legacy Campaign has begun. This campaign is in its very early stages but is promising. The goal is to raise \$5 million over three to five years so the parish will have money for evangelization and to complete parish projects. A possible future project would include technology to streamline Mass.

X. FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The PFC is working with Monsignor to hire a new Parish Business Manager. Ed Zapisek, our current manager, is retiring in January 2020 but will continue to work as a consultant to the parish.

XI. OTHER COMMITTEE UPDATES OR “NEW BUSINESS”

A new parish ministry (Serving Parishioners with Disabilities) has been created. They are planning a special Mass for all parishioners including those with special needs for Pentecost Sunday. This will be followed by a large parish event after Mass.

OLG Moms is another new ministry that will focus on the spiritual and social needs of moms with young children.

Our parish continues to be active with the Catholic Young Adults of Bucks County. The turnout for these meetings has been down but the goal is to continue to network and reach out to young adults. Father Ianelli has taken this effort even further.

**XII. NEXT MEETING**

The Joint Meeting of the Parish Councils is on December 13, 2019 at the PLC.

**XIII. CLOSING PRAYER**

In closing, members prayed for the souls of all of the faithful departed and called to mind those who had an impact on their life. Attendees prayed the Hail Mary