

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH
PARISH PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS – Joint Meeting

Report – June 17, 2020 – Meeting via Zoom

I. ROLL CALL

Attendees: Monsignor Gentili, Dick Clark, Tom Rakszawski, Ed Zapisek, Father Ianelli, Emily Clementi, Matt Gavinelli, Ellen Roehm, Peter Hawley, Tim Conniff, Barbara Kieffer, Ray Lokay, Leo Craig, Lisa Martinez, Dominique Galloway, Greg McGovern, Chip Puchino, Juan Navia, Joel Zazyczny, Paola Cubides Herrera, Laura Campbell, Deacon Brady, Carol Kalouche, Michele Savage, Lisa Kopertowski, Philip Junker, William Conway, Raymond Kalouche, Brendan Zehner, Greg McGovern, Bob Weikel

Recording Secretary: Teresa Fischer

Excused: Paul Crovo, Mike Broglie, Judy Wicklum, Dan Drain

II. OPENING PRAYER

Monsignor shared a reflection based on the “Sermon on the Mount”. Monsignor felt that during the pandemic our parish demonstrated the “OLG Difference” through the many events and communication we offered in order to keep our parishioners connected to their faith. Council members gathered their intentions and prayed the Our Father.

III. REOPENING OF THE CHURCH – Father Ianelli

In the reopening of the church there were three main areas of focus – liturgy, sanitation and communication. Father Ianelli created a task force to formulate and implement a plan for opening weekend and beyond. The reopening of the church went very well and was received with mostly positive comments. Attendance was about 400 for the first few weekends which is about 30 percent of our typical weekend attendance.

The parish is doing well financially and Monsignor commented on the generosity and support of our parishioners. In addition, there will be an Archdiocese of Philadelphia (AOP) wide offertory campaign. Many parishes are in serious financial trouble. According to the Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia, approximately 10% of parishes are experiencing weekly collections that have stayed the same or increased since the pandemic. OLG is one of the parishes included in that 10%.

IV. HISPANIC OUTREACH - Paola Cubides Herrera
The main focus of the Hispanic Ministry during the pandemic is communicating to the ministry members. A SUMMARY IS ATTACHED.

V. EVANGELIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE – Deacon Brady
The subcommittee had a productive meeting last night. They discussed options for this fall and the first half of 2021. The team will focus on two initiatives. The first initiative is a general preaching series on “everyday spirituality” and an effort to reconnect to people that have joined us online. The second focus will be a series on “living as a missionary disciple from the USCCB” which will be targeted to those who are interested in being evangelizers.

VI. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ADULT FAITH FORMATION UPDATE – Daniel Drain was not present at the meeting. AN UPDATE IS ATTACHED TO MINUTES

VII. FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE – Dick Clark and Tom Rakszawski
The parish has completed negotiations with Penn Community Bank (PCB) for a rate reset on both loans. PCB is a strategic parish partner. The collaboration between PCB, AOP and OLG was a tremendous group effort. We appreciate having all members of the Parish Finance Council (PFC) approving the rate reduction and full support of the members of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). The rates for the two loans will be published in the future.

The Payment Protection Plan (PPP) program has been very helpful to the parish and Tom is prepared to begin the forgiveness application when it is available on the website. OLG received a PPP loan for \$98K.

The weekly offertory success has been an incredible achievement for OLG. Parish communication including Monsignor’s video message, the livestreaming of weekend Masses and Daily Mass via Facebook Live, the Holy Week liturgies, the events such as the outdoor Holy Hours and more have helped our parishioners stay connected to our parish. Collections are up 5% over last year and the weekly average is just over \$30K. The parish has seen a significant increase in giving.

The Legacy Campaign is on hold for now. We need to think about creative ways to raise additional money for this campaign so we can pay off our AOP and PCB loans. We are negotiating with the AOP regarding the assessment of the Legacy Campaign and the Stewardship Campaign Appeal. We anticipate that they will not be assessed.

The parish audit is scheduled for the beginning of August.

The parish has received a proposal to install livestreaming equipment in the church for

\$30K. This is a scaled-down version of the initial livestreaming proposal from several years ago. Council members approved this initiative.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Bob Weikel discussed the distribution of money from the Stewardship Campaign Appeal to support our parish ministries. The committee made some adjustments and combined some ministries to be more efficient. Marketing and Communication was added as a new ministry this year which attributed to the \$12K overall increase in money distributed to parish ministries. The amount allocated this year is \$81K.

Monsignor introduced Brendan Zehner, a seminarian from the AOP who will be at OLG throughout the summer and Thursdays during the academic year.

IX. NEXT JOINT MEETING

December 9, 2020

X. CLOSING PRAYER

Monsignor asked all attendees to participate in a moment of silence for their personal prayer intentions and for the those affected by the coronavirus. The group prayed a Hail Mary.