

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Minutes, April 17, 2024 – Parish Rectory

I. ROLL CALL

Monsignor Gentili, Matt Gavinelli, Kimberly Hirsch, Tony Martin, Paul Crovo, Lisa Martinez, David Serrano, Ed Zupanc, Don Kraft, Deacon Brady, Ray Lokay, Carol Kalouche, Dominique Galloway

Excused: Lisa Kopertowski, Karen Brody, Juan Navia, Leo Craig
Recording Secretary: Teresa Fischer

II. OPENING PRAYER

Monsignor shared today's Gospel from John 6, 35-40.

Jesus said to the crowds, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Members discussed the Gospel. God wants to help us and encourages us not to be discouraged but he also asks us to follow him. We should all be rehearsing for the that day when we hope to meet Jesus in heaven. Everyone prayed an Our Father.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Matt Gavinelli asked for a motion to approve the February 21, 2024, minutes. Ed motioned and Tony seconded the motion. The members of the committee unanimously approved the minutes. Teresa will post on the website.

IV. CELEBRATING GROWTH MINISTRY WEEKENDS – Matt

At the March 2024 Ministry Fair there were 68 signs ups over 25 ministries. The next Ministry Fair is scheduled for September 21/22, 2024. The 2025 Ministry Fair dates are March 15/16 and September 14/15. The fairs will continue to be held in the social hall in the Parish Life Center (PLC).

V. WE ARE ONE FAMILY CARNIVAL– Matt

The carnival will not be held this year, but Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) member Dominique has agreed to oversee the carnival in 2025.

VI. EVANGELIZATION INITIATIVES – Don Kraft/Deacon

If you read the bulletin, you are aware of the many great things happening at our parish. At the Easter Vigil we welcomed new Catholics to our parish and we continue to be a very welcoming parish. Monsignor thanked both Deacon and Don

for their leadership and support.

A major initiative is the ChristLife program. Most of us were born into Catholicism and it was just a normal part of our lives. Today, we need to be more active in sharing our Catholic faith and inviting others to Church. The ChristLife program is a seven-week program where attendees meet for dinner and fellowship, watch the ChristLife videos and participate in small group discussion. Our first group had 26 participants, and we will be starting a new group in the fall.

- VII. AOP Strategic Plan – Monsignor/Matt/Don/Juan
Representatives from OLG attended an Archdiocese of Philadelphia (AOP) meeting entitled “The Next Chapter for the Church of Philadelphia”. One goal of the meeting was to discuss the future of the Church of Philadelphia in relation to the shortage of priests. There is a serious shortage and the AOP is looking at strategies to continue parish vitality and the life of the Church in the future.

All parishes in the AOP have been asked to look at ways to share resources. Here at OLG, we have already begun this process by collaborating with local parishes in a variety of ways. This includes combining some CYO teams, working alongside local parish PREP programs and promoting attendance at Mass and confessions at local parishes if not available at OLG as well as welcoming all to OLG.

David commented that OLG is ahead of the curve with creating programs and collaborating with the AOP to serve the Hispanic community. OLG will continue to promote alternate times for Mass, confessions and other liturgical events at local parishes with a positive message.

- VIII. PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS – Matt
Pastoral Council Elections will be held this summer. OLG will be electing four new members to the PPC. Carol Kalouche, Dominique Galloway, Leo Craig and Ray Lokay are completing their term as members of the PPC. Monsignor thanked these members for their service and encouraged them to continue to serve OLG in various capacities or to run again to be on the council.

- IX. FINANCE COUNCIL UPDATE – Paul/Don
All four boilers are being replaced. Two of boilers had cracked and it was decided to replace all four to increase efficiency. We are also moving ahead with the new lighting/chandelier project at the Church. The money to pay for these projects will be coming out of parish operating expenses. The parish plans to have a hold on other new projects until these are completed.

Monsignor commented that he appreciates the way the PPC and Parish Finance Council (PFC) support each other. The two councils do have different functions and it is not necessary to discuss both agenda’s at each meeting. Twice a year, a combined meeting of the parish councils is held to share major initiatives.

X. OTHER COMMITTEE UPDATES AND NEW BUSINESS

Kim shared information about the pilgrimage to support the Eucharistic Revival that will be in Bucks County in late May.

XI. NEXT MEETINGS

June 12, 2024 -Combined Meeting of the Parish Councils

PPC Meeting - September 25

PPC Meeting - November 6

December 4, 2024 -Combined Meeting of the Parish Councils

XII. CLOSING PRAYER

Monsignor asked everyone to gather their intentions and to pray for the Church's future. Everyone prayed a Hail Mary.