

"Spiritual " Focus Area

Question # 2 - What Do You Like About the Parish (Strengths)

| Liturgy + Masses | Responses |
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| * Liturgy + Masses (quality / number + availability) | 191 |
| * Liveliness...Beauty | |
| * Masses in Hall are great for families w small children | 2 |
| * Holy Day Liturgy Services | |
| * Seniors Masses w Music | |
| * Lenten Liturgy and Advent preparation | |
| * Noon Mass - Quiet Mass | |
| * Lenten + Easter Services | 3 |
| * 9:30 Mass.....love the choir (and incense) | 9 |
| * 7AM Mass (quiet Mass) | 2 |
| * 12PM Mass | |
| * Mercy Sunday Service with Benediction | |
| * Traditional Masses including Masses at the Cemetery and the Park | |
| * Two Saturday evening Masses | |
| * Masses especially Thanksgiving and Memorial Day | |
| * Children's Liturgy | |
| * Masses @ Gazebo | |
| * Daily Masses | 4 |
| * Christmas + Easter Masses | 2 |
| * Wish we had a 9AM Mass...I miss it even though there are many others | |
| * Masses are fulfilling | |

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| Adoration Chapel (privileged to have and often taken for granted...Thank You) | 83 |
| * Rosary + Chaplet of Mercy in Chapel | 7 |

| Priests | Responses |
|---|------------------|
| * Priests are (very nice...dedicated... Wonderful...devoted) | 23 |
| * Masses celebrated by certain priests | |
| * Clergy leadership (priests who take active involvement) | 5 |
| * Clergy who are prepared / make the congregation think | |
| * High degree of dedication among priests + sisters (especially Sr. Joan) | 3 |
| * Pastoral direction | |
| * Love our priests | |
| * Monsignor Bronkiewicz (leadership...devotion...dedication etc....) | 7 |
| * Priests who are + have been the "heart of the parish" | |
| * Priests who are friendly and approachable | 3 |
| * Quality of priests (good group) | 3 |
| * You are doing a great job, Monsignor | |
| * Dedication of Clergy | 4 |
| * Openness of the clergy to let us know what is going on | |
| * Fact that Msgr. B. is open to the "self critique" of our parish | |
| * Priests that are understanding and inspiring | |
| * Very kind and social priests | |
| * Msgr. B. is a Good Shepard | |

| Homilies | Responses |
|--|------------------|
| * Priests give good sermons | 8 |
| * Preaching always related to Gospel | |
| * Beautiful liturgy + homilies each week | |
| * Priest homilies are always super | 2 |
| * Homilies are often good | |
| * Thought provoking homilies | |

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| Ministries | Responses |
|---|------------------|
| * Numerous Programs + Ministries (fantastic) | 26 |
| * Eucharistic Minister Ministry | 2 |
| * Pro-Life Committee | |
| * Many of the ministires are a wonderful expression of our Catholic Faith | |
| * Variety of programs that allow us to deepen our faith + provide opportunities to get involved | |
| * Mother's Club | 8 |
| * Great ministries + opportunities for spiritual growth | |
| * Knights of Columbus | |
| * Senior Programs | |
| Music | |
| * Music at all Masses (except 7AM) | |
| * Music variety | 10 |
| * Music in Church - very very good | |
| * Music at Noon Mass | |
| * Choir is lovely at 9:30AM Mass | 8 |
| * Contemporary music | |
| * Love our male cantor's voice | |
| * Guitar music in Hall | |
| * Music ministry is Now very good | |
| * New organist in Church | |
| * Music at 12:00 Mass | |
| * Different worship / music styles in Church and Hall | 2 |
| * Music Ministry (Brennan is fantastic) | |
| * Music is important (Glory + Praise books were great and everyone sang) | |
| * Music in Hall by Brennan | 4 |
| * Like the children's choir | 2 |
| * Life Teen Music Ministry | |
| Life Teen | |
| * Life Teen Mass + Ministry | 54 |
| * Enthusiastic youth/teen program...gives hope to the future | |
| * Teen Mass w music (keep Jesus' name alive...don't be afraid to say it. | |
| * Young people seem very involved | 2 |
| * Youth Group - Awe Inspiring | |
| * Life Teen Program and Retreats | |
| * Youth Minister | 3 |
| * Love the young people's Mass - it gives me hope | |
| Men's Ministry | |
| * Men's Ministry is gift from God.....enriching my faith | 39 |
| * Men's Ministry "rocks" | |
| * Men's Ministry is s key pillar to our faith | |

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| General | Responses |
|--|-----------|
| * D4Life Retreat | 11 |
| * Vibrant, large parish | 3 |
| * Visible strong faith among the people involved in parish life | 2 |
| * Deacon Hein great job performing daughter's baptism | |
| * Spirituality | 5 |
| * Inspirational Speakers | |
| * Seriousness of sacraments for children | |
| * Weekly Confession (Reconciliation) | 2 |
| * Solid place which I trust its integrity + Catholic values | |
| * Spiritual Programs | 4 |
| * Active community w great spirit | 3 |
| * Feeling of congregation | |
| * Services | 4 |
| * Since 1966 Church supplied warmth + place to be "one on one" w God | |
| * Faith and comradery that exists at all services and activities | |
| * Parish operates in a traditional Catholic way | |
| * Warm, caring and usually cohesive laity | |
| * Provides ample ways to grow in your faith | |
| * # and Diversity of Programs | 3 |
| * Our Parish Community...strength of congregation | 2 |
| * Programs such as altar serving....so many ways to get involved | |
| * A lot that is desirable | |
| * Retreats for Women | |
| * Family programs | |
| * Programs for Adults | |
| * I like the spiritual character of the parish | |
| * Feeling that our Church really wants to be part of your religious life | |
| * Involvement of Deacons | |
| * Substitute smile for hand shaking at peace exchange | |
| * Involvement of elementary age children in Mass + parish events | |
| * Daily Rosary | |

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Question # 3 - What Could Be Improved (Weaknesses)

| Liturgy + Masses | Responses |
|--|-----------|
| * Children's Mass | 13 |
| * Restore 9AM Mass (at least during Advent + Lent) | 16 |
| * Bring back 9AM Mass in Hall (???) | |
| * No tickets required for any Christmas Mass (1st come - 1st serve) | |
| * Have one Sunday Mass with no music to allow more personal prayer | |
| * Divide Church + Hall liturgy more distinctly (more traditional services in church + vice versa) | |
| * May crowning during Sunday Masses in May | |
| * Christmas Mass schedule | |
| * More Latin during Mass | |
| * More Mass times | |
| * Outdoor Summer Mass (no picnic) | |
| * More major holiday Masses offered I,e, Christmas, Easter | 2 |
| * Make Mass more child friendly | 2 |
| * 11:30AM or 6PM Mass | |
| * Don't care for Masses in Gym.....lack appropriate sanctity | |
| * Masses that are more relevant to life in this community | |
| * Don't minimize the liturgy with announcements like this (Strat Plan or money during the homily) | |
| * 3rd Daily Mass - preferable evening | 2 |
| * Retreats | 2 |
| * Days of Recollection | |
| * Less emphasis on what the church says + thinks...Want to hear what Jesus says they are often quite different | |
| * Nothing in particular - I need to get involved at some point | |
| * Better Mass Schedule | |
| * Holy Day Masses at 4:30 for families with school aged children | |
| * Align Sunday Mass schedules to Rel Ed programs (offer 10:30 Mass) | |
| * Spiritual Development (continue daily Masses + 5PM Sunday Mass) | |
| * Total review of the Mass (announcements 5-10 minutes before Mass - collections especially when there are two are a "dead-spot" etc....) | |
| * Return "High Mass" to 11:00 AM | |
| * Masses at same time in Hall and Gym at Christmas + Easter | |
| * Monday night Novena Mass | |
| * 9AM Saturday Mass | |
| * Change Mass to 10:30 to be more accommodating to Religious Ed teachers + students | |
| * Another Sunday evening Mass | |
| * Latin Mass - Please !!! | 4 |
| * Crying babies not appropriate - perhaps a "crying room" | |
| * Flow of Masses - seems to be wasted time when collections are made | |
| * Overlapping Mass times | |
| * Improve Mass capacity by using gym for most popular Mass times | |
| * Better Holiday Masses (Christmas + Easter Masses in gym do not feel as if I attended Mass) woman next to me pulled out sandwiches for her sons to eat in the middle of the Monsginor's Christmas homily) | |
| * More public celebrations like Mass at Ballard Park (we seem reluctant to be visible or heard) | |
| * Masses are crowded | |
| * Eliminate 12Noon Mass (not well attended) | |
| * Once a year "Total Parish Mass at venue that can accommodate everyone | |
| * 10AM Mass too distracting w all the "coming and going" | |

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| Priests | Responses |
|---|-----------|
| * Public speaking skills of priests + deacons | |
| * Priests in the school more often | |
| * More priests to relieve the burden on those assigned | |
| * More involvement of clergy in programs | |
| * Parish leadership can seem illusive...need for more dialogue | |
| * More charisma from clergy | |
| * Recognize / Reach Out to parishioners after daily Mass (important way to contact w laity) | |
| * Would like to get to know the priests better | 3 |
| * Availability of Priests | |
| * Priests visit the sick | |
| * Priests not friendly | |
| * Physical and verbal support of Adoration Chapel | 2 |
| * Warm feel from the clergy | |
| * Priests sometimes appear as "deer caught in the headlights"...try giving some warmth to a person if rushing to another place - a simple - "I care about what you are saying, so please call so tht I don't have to rush you". | |

| Homilies | Responses |
|--|-----------|
| * Homilies should be given by priest and not deacons when priests are on the altar | 2 |
| * Preaching (inspirational) | 4 |
| * Sermons that grab the attention of the entire audience | 4 |
| * Homilies on Sunday interpreting the gospel + bringing meaning to our daily lives | |
| * Use the wonderful material available for homilies...I.e. Bible studies, theology of the body | 2 |
| * Mass Homily: once / month all should have common theme on Catholic Social Teachings | |
| * Children's Masses (homily must be simplified - make them part of the Mass) | |
| * Children's Liturgy homily more closely related to their age group | |
| * Bring great meaning of gospel to present day (boys have trouble connecting to the message) | |
| * Don't talk about controversial social issues during the homily (abortion, gay marriage etc) | |
| * Teachings of our faith being explained fearlessly from the pulpit such as birth control, | |
| * Keep homilies connected to family w real take-away lessons for all w motivation for the parishioners to take action. We don't need theological interpretations of the readings that individuals cannot relate to | |
| * Homilies shorter and more to the point | |
| * Homilies that include church doctrine more often | |
| * Homilies that explain the gospel | |
| * Teaching homilies | |
| * Homilies more pertinent to daily lives.....relay 21st century message | 3 |
| * More religiously oriented sermons (dogma, doctrine, sin etc...) | 11 |
| * Talks on Heaven - Hell + Purgatory (young people need it) | |
| * Talks on Saints - Fatima - Lourdes etc.... | |
| * Homilies with a more practical idea to do | |
| * Homilies more relevant and uplifting | |
| * Homilies that will get attention of young people | |
| * Fair Preaching | 2 |
| * Peer review of Homilies | |
| * Keep Homily time for Homilies (not about finance needs - strategic plan etc....) 52 Homilies a Year...Please !!! | 2 |
| * Sermons that are thoughtful and prepared | |
| * Homilies are too long | |
| * Sermons for Families | |
| * Heightened support of our magisterium teaching from the pulpit | |
| * Positive sermons, feel you leaving up not down | |
| * Prefer homilies to focus on gospel and readings, not church issues with the state (proposed legislation that church opposes) | |
| * Homilies that call upon us to more proactive in practicing our faith and civic duties | |
| * Homilies are boring, too long, ill prepared and turn people off or put them to sleep | |
| * Very | |
| * More "pro-life" stance and homilies | |
| * Need for preaching about Commandments, teachings of church in clear and direct fashion - the truth, nice + simple (if someone doesn't like it...."Too Bad") | |

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| Ministries | Responses |
|---|------------------|
| * Faith based ministry for women | 8 |
| * Programs for women (especially at night) | 3 |
| * Start Men's Ministry at 7:30AM during late Fall and Winter months | |
| * Greater activity in Right to Life group | |
| * Program for college students / young adults | |
| * Continue to add programs | |
| * Paid (part time) ministry coordinator | 2 |
| * Need women's organization (CCW) | |

| Music | Responses |
|---|------------------|
| * More Contemporary music | 2 |
| * Sunday early afternoon Music Programs | |
| * Rotate choir at various Masses (not just 9:30) | |
| * Get new hymnals - too heavy and print too small | 3 |
| * Music at 5PM Mass is too loud | |
| * Improved involvement w music - do something to get the parishoners to join in | |
| * Music selection at the 5PM Life Teen Mass | |
| * Music (if I hear Amazing Grace one more time (where are we on Catholic Hymns) | |
| * More traditional Catholic music in the Hall (music that complement liturgy) | 3 |
| * Prefer choir at Mass other than 9:30 (too long for me) | |
| * Better music at Mass | |
| * Better music in form of more classically appropriate hymns | |
| * Musical concerts | 2 |
| * Music before Vatican II (more of it) | |
| * Louis is doing a great job | |
| * More people should sing during Mass | 4 |
| * More old familiar Hymns | |
| * New music selections | |
| * Community concerts or recitals at our church | |
| * Organ music instead of folk music | |
| * New song books | |
| * Organ playing much too loud | |
| * More Catholic hymns...Church had beautiful music pre Vatican II | |
| * Music at octave / tones that most can reach | |
| * During Christmas season play Christmas music before the actual day | |
| * More up-to-date music at the Hall Masses | 3 |

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| Life Teen | Responses |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Create a Life Teen program which is fun and enlighteneing for our youth * Use Life Teen Lectors at other Masses * 5:00PM Mass - Teens need to be more reverent + dress appropriately (gum chewing) * Life Teen Mass needs work * Youth group involved more within the parish as opposed to other locations (do both) * Joint sponsorship in a few programs with YoungLife of Ridgefield * Consider more visibility in community service, i.e. service centers - assisted living etc. * Make NY kids feel more comfortable in the group.....difficult as they do no know the Ridgefield kids * Junior Life Teen * Promote programs like Campveritaz.com - Youth 2000 - Catholic Underground- Theology on Tap Stump the Priest - Edge Program * Involvement of parents in Life Teen (perhaps start a parent group) | |

| Sacrament of Penance | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * More options for Confession (especially during Lent) * Confession on Saturdays (AM) or at least first Saturday's before / after Mass * More emphasis on sacrament of Penance * Confession for children once per month * More availability of confessions during the week + on Sunday in the Hall * First Friday Confession * Confessions always a problem...Have to go to another Parish * Annual communal pennance service | 26 |

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| General | Responses |
|--|-------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Improve prayer books...they are uninviting * Less involvement with political causes - keep to spiritual * Small children go out during the sermon for story line * Open door invitation to non practicing Catholics * Retreats for kids * Retreats for Married Couples * Offer annual parish retreat * Etiquette (respect in church)...kneeling,...standing.....dress...manners... etc.... * Congregation needs reminders - genuflect before entering pew etc.... * Greater emphasis on praying for vocations (every week during "prayers of faithful") * More direction in bulletin+opening of Mass on early departures (distraction to worshipers) * Need more teenage involvement (not including Life Teen) * Resume "in parish" Retreats * Bring back "non-involved" parishoners (maybe this plan will help) * Being Bible based * Declaring Jesus as Lord & King to the Glory of God our Father * Return to shaking hands, holy water, Communion from Chalice * Focus on young (post confirmation) to continue practice of our faith * Consult w pastors of other churches and other faiths * Mentoring program with young adults mentoring younger children * Flowers for Chapel should be provided from the collection fund * Lack of warmth in Parish - too business like * Finish Rel Ed 15 minutes earlier - allow children to join the Mass for Communion * More opportunity for spiritual development * Holy Eucharistic on the Tongue (most neighboring parishes still do it - hepatitis is more likely to be transmitted - BUT No Illness will be transmitted with Jesus' "Body + Blood") * Getting more parishioners to Mass every Sunday not just on Holiday * Join with other churches for trip to Bethlehem * I'm satisfied | <p align="center">2</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Eliminate "hand shaking"....wave would suffice for "sign of peace" | <p align="center">2</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Retreats + Novenas | <p align="center">2</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * More focus on spiritual development for our young adults and adults * Better attendance at committed hours at the Adoration Chapel * Young adults involved on parish committees * Teach parishioners to stay at Mass after Communion * Spe * More emphasis for Adoration sign-up and promotion as part of homily * Like to see end to kids disturbing 10AM Mass leaving for Religious Ed classes * More focus on families like St. Elizabeth Seton (kids actually have started listening to the homilies) * Priests need to expect and demand more from the laity * Larger membership of adoration * Better Missals * More open discussion of church issues past + present * Restore all things eliminated, i.e. Carillon - Miraculous Medal - Novena on Monday Evening etc. * Better Altar Server Program * Many want to see the Church mor "Christ-Like" * Too many people are questioning what the Church demands of us and what the church does to protect itself...(ex...priest fathered a child who needs medical assistance...Church states it went behind its responsibilities)...I don't think Jesus would have the same answer. * Reach out and challenge members of parish not attending * Resolution of Fr. Morrissey's situation * Integrity in the Virtus Training and background check | |

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Question # 4 - What New Programs Should We Consider (Opportunities)

| Liturgy + Masses | Responses |
|---|------------------|
| * Charismatic Prayer Service | 3 |
| * Monthly Healing Mass | 2 |
| * Anointing Mass monthly | |
| * Family + Children's Masses | 6 |
| * Children's Mass (simpler sermon w child's blessing at end) | |
| * Children's Mass with more involvement | 2 |
| * Family Mass where focus is on the family + young children have an opportunity to go to a separate facility to participate in learning experience at their level related to the lesson of the readings | 2 |
| * Parish May Crowning | |
| * Blessing of Food at Thanksgiving Mass | |
| * Monthly Days of Reconciliation | |
| * Confession should be more available | |
| * Bring Fr. Roy back for his Healing Masses | 5 |
| * Latin Mass - D.C. and New Haven | 3 |
| * Linking our Jewish heritage with today's liturgy | |
| * Wedding Anniversary Masses (25 - 30 - 50 etc...) | |
| * 7PM daily evening Mass for those who work and cannot attend morning Mass | |
| * High Mass w traditional music making a more reverent atmosphere | |
| * Children's liturgies where children are invited to approach the altar during the liturgy of Word or Eucharist | 3 |
| * Tridentine Mass | |
| * Liturgy Committee | |
| * Weekly Children's Masses | |

| Priests | |
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| * Brave Pastor | |
| * Weekly reflection from Monsignor in the Bulletin | |
| * Feel disconnected from priests | |
| * More availability to parishioners | |
| * More welcoming... eye contact and warmth | |

| Homilies | |
|---|--|
| * Homilies especially for kids | |
| * Better homilies at the teen and children's Masses | |
| * Homilies that relate to today - what's going on in today's world | |
| * Give God His Time - don't limit homilies to 10 minutes because that's what people want | |
| * Preaching from front of altar and engage w parishioners | |
| * More homilies on the reality of "hell" and how to save our souls - sin not only affect our souls but that of our community and world as a whole | |
| * More strict adherence to readings/gospel based homilies | |

| Ministries | |
|---|---|
| * Spiritual Women's Ministry | 6 |
| * "Young Life" (incredible program for Teens.....Teens of all religions go) | 2 |
| * When my children were teenagers, they would have benefited from Youth Ministry | |
| * Jessie Lee has movie nights for middle schoolers.....also, Wildlife and Young Life are great programs | |
| * "CCW" in other parishes | |
| * More active Pro-Life Movement in nearby towns and state | |
| * Middle School Ministry | |

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| Music | Responses |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Bell choir * Music programs (St. Rose, St. Mary Greenwich e.g.) * Variety of music style...not always the heavier music * Mass/Service focused on singing / lifting voices to God-collection of contemporary music * Children's Choir in Church * Music at 7AM Mass at least once per month * Music that is more familiar and easier to sing * Singing adoration hour - contemporary Catholic music like Steubenville * Sing all verses of songs * Play classical music (piano) during collection * Chori / Music * Marty Rotella Singing | |

| General | Responses |
|--|------------------|
| * More times for confession | 9 |
| * Confession daily 30 minutes before noon Mass | 3 |
| * Sacrament of penance for one hour with 30 minute space before Mass begins | |
| * Recollections during Advent and Lent | |
| * Friend's parish w statue of Mary visiting from house to house(way to improve family prayer life) | |
| * St. Vincent DePaul | |
| * Prayer Intention request line | |
| * Prayer groups | |
| * Information meetings/discussions regarding rela life parenting/family issues | |
| * Marriage Coordinator / Wedding Coordinators | |
| * Mens' Super Bowl Retreat | |
| * Confirmation for St. Mary's school children in 7th or 8th grade | |
| * Help in bringing up our kids in faith | |
| * Children's ministries | 2 |
| * Bring more people back to church | |
| * I believe we have more than many parishes | |
| * Rosary recited before Masses during May + October | |
| * Stations of Cross could be improved w music and more thought put into them | |
| * Periodic Tridentine Mass (so my children can see it + all of us can enjoy) not at 7AM | |
| * When the church is crowded have additional Eucharistic Ministers | |
| * Living Nativity recreation the weekend before Christmas | |
| * "How to Pray" + worship | |
| * Pilgrimages | 2 |
| * Greater role for Deacons | 2 |
| * Incorporate Opus Dei for confessions, meditations, days of recollections for women. great assistance for the parish priests.....St. Aloysius does this) | |
| * Catholic Daughters Court or Lady's Guild Group | |
| * This is the best parish I have ever belonged to | |
| * None - I believe all existing services should be evaluated for value before adding new ones | |
| * Blessing of animals on Feast of St. Francis | 3 |
| * Latin Masses during Advent / Lent | 2 |
| * Other parishes have more of a close unity...one feels much more welcome than here | |
| * Programs for 18 - 30 year old parishioners | 2 |
| * Lenten Retreats in Evening | |
| * Retreats for Young | |
| * Meditation programs | |

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| | Responses |
| * Dress Code | |
| * Please bring back the 9AM Daily Mass.....Thank You !!! | |
| * Getting young children involved (maybe a Christmas play) | |
| * Perhaps pilgrimages | 2 |
| * Programs for younger children | |
| * Childrens' liturgy (children receive separate instruction during "liturgy of the word" | |
| * Restore some functions to Eucharistic Ministers (teenage sextants now performing some duties) | |
| * Legion of Mary | 2 |
| * Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue | |
| * Advent and Lent Missions | |
| * Funeral Ministry (help those in mourning plan funeral Mass + provide support for Family) | 2 |
| * I like being welcomed at Communion | |
| * I like how they dress | |
| * Youth | |
| * Core of women to launch Women's Ministry | |
| * Young Adult Ministry | 2 |
| * I believe our Parish is doing quite well | |
| * Missions during Advent and Lent | |
| * Meeting of confirmation studens + their sponsors in a day program to discuss responsibilities of student and sponsor | |
| * Candle-lit processions to important Feast days or anniversaries | |
| * Christian Life or CL for Teens | |
| * Theology of the Body | |
| * Prayer Groups | 2 |
| * Pre-teen programs (Challenge) CCD is not enough | |
| * Prayer ministry | |
| * Chalice from Mass to home w family for week (use as focal point for prayer) | |
| * Handouts explaining Gospel passages as they relate to current day issues | |
| * Have priest bless Eucharistic Ministers at Mass and send to visit the Homebound | |
| * Spiritual Directors very important !!! | |
| * Priests should occasionally join in the Daily Rosary (fellowship can happen every day) | |
| * "First Friday" Evening of Reparation | |
| * Deeper Marian devotion | |
| * Annual or Bi-annual pilgrimages | |
| * Lenten and Advent devotional packets | |
| * Babysitting service | |
| * More active "pro life" | |
| * Special Retreats:...Franciscan priest (Fr. John Sweeney at our parish years ago...he was wonderful) | |

Question # 5: Weighted Ranking - # 1

"Social Outreach" Focus Area

Question # 2 - What Do You Like About the Parish (Strengths)

| Specific Programs | Responses |
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| * Midnight Run / Dorothy Day | 9 |
| * Giving Tree - Mother's Club | 5 |
| * Service Work for Teens | |
| * Joining with Bridgeport Parish | |

| General | Responses |
|---|------------------|
| * All "Outreach" Programs | 9 |
| * Various programs for everyone in need | |
| * Social Outreach (many opportunities to give and share) | |
| * Community Service options | 2 |
| * Homebound visits w Communion | 6 |
| * The Goodness we do together for others | |
| * Opportunities for Service | 2 |
| * Attention to the sick and Homebound - Communion | |
| * Social Outreach / volunteer opportunities | |
| * Clergy visits to the Homebound + Nursing Home Catholics | |

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Responses

Question # 3 - What Could Be Improved (Weaknesses)

Family / Kids Related

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Social Outreach organized for family participation * More involvement in Community (especially kids after 8th grade) * More involvement by youth in social + welfare activities * Continuation of Youth Program to assist underpriveleged families * Programs for children to become more involved in community service | 3 |
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General

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * More charity + partnership programs * More involvement in "hands-on" charities * Bring back the "Giving Tree" * Lack of publicity around activities (Dorothy Day / Midnight Run) * Outreach to AA + substance abuse * More involvement in "hands-on" charities * Outreach to Non-Catholics / town interfaith programs * Outreach to non-practicing members of parish * More attention to ways of sharing our great wealth * More non-religious service work * More focus on service and outreach * Service Ministries * Opportunity to donate time and serve others * Getting more people involved in helping the poor and homeless * Reach out to include more people in the community * Support groups for Divorcees...Abused women... * More involvement in "Local" ministries - Food Bank etc * Link into + work with other groups locally - nationally - globally * Assistance to "live alone" seniors * More involvement in town activities * More support for the parish needy * Understanding the hardship of the poor and open one's heart to need of others * Community programs * Unemployment * Clothes drives etc. for needy (info on where to give; i.e. St. Vincent De Paul) * More outreach to college students and older * Someone to visit you when you are sick * Programs to include divorced Catholics * Focus on Social Justice * Increase the number of service opportunities and advertisement * Involvement in key public issues (abortion / pro-life politics) * Teens working w elderly * More visits to Homebout by parishioners * Preparation of meals for homebound and sick * Evangelizing neighbors / Ridgefield * Outeach both inside and outside the parish * increase midnight run schedule * More connection to the "shut-in" folks in Ridgefield | <p>2</p> <p>4</p> <p>4</p> <p>2</p> <p>5</p> <p>3</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>4</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>4</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> |
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"Social Outreach" Focus Area

Question # 4 - What New Programs Should We Consider (Opportunities)

| | Responses |
|--|-----------|
| * Support for discouraged mothers | |
| * Consolation / Bereavement / Divorce Support | 3 |
| * More support for children with divorced parents | |
| * Widows + Widowers involved in social activities (loneliness...coping -not dating) | |
| * More volunteerism as church in community - St. Stephens | |
| * Dynamic community based charity | |
| * Strong / impactful links into the community | 2 |
| * Strongly promoted parish service | |
| * Housatonic Habitat for Humanity | 3 |
| * AmeriCares Home Front (first Saturday in May) | 2 |
| * More programs in social outreach area | |
| * Make oportunites available on the web-site | |
| * Support linkage to an impoverished parish in another country | |
| * Someone to coordinate Soup Kitchen or Food Pantry | 2 |
| * Community Projects | 2 |
| * Program where used medical equipment is disseminated to needy: USA + others | |
| * Outreach to homebound, those living on the margin | |
| * Congregation help for disadvantaged | 2 |
| * Teenage continued involvement in community / church servies | |
| * Alanoa - Alateen | |
| * Adopt a Parish - 3rd World Country | |
| * "Good Samaratin Fund" (donations from parishioners to pay for food, clothing, shelter for people in the parish in desperate need | |
| * Friendly visits to "homebound seniors" by retired volunteer nurses | |
| * We lack ecumenical outreach and empathy with other religions | |
| * St. Mary should "Think Global" | |
| * Empathy with the immigrant in need | |
| * Kids to Dorothy Day | |
| * Support groups for those with dying priests | |
| * Support groups for elder care | |
| * Trips to build housing for the poor (Cambiando Vivas) | |
| * Microloan Drives (Quakers have "Right Sharing of World Resources"...consider | |
| * Sponsor + work Pasta Dinner for our Bridgeport Parish | |
| * Interfaith programs - w other houses of worship - even just a presentation | 4 |
| * Outreach programs closer to Ridgefield for people w travel constraints | |
| * Teen program to feed the poor | |
| * Annual Food Drive run by the Youth Group of the Parish | |
| * Midnight Run for Teens | |
| * Outreach to senior communities | |
| * More outreach (perhaps adopting an inner-city parish) | |
| * Looking forward to working w Bridgeport parish | |
| * Summer programs to involve teens working w kids | |
| * Service program goup for college stuents outside Life Teen | |
| * Mentor program either within the parish or teaming up with an outside parish | |
| * Stephen Ministry | 2 |
| * School "Dinner Angels" program needs to be expanded, as well as clothees collection | |
| * St Vincent de Paul Society | |

Question # 5 - Weighted Ranking - # 3

"Miscellaneous"

Question # 2 - What Do You Like About the Parish (Strengths)

| Family | Responses |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Focus on family * Large presence of families with school age children * Loved the kids programs when my kids were young * Opportunities for families to engage the young * Programs for Youth | |
| General | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * So many activities / programs + ways to get involved * Vitality + Vibrancy * Very Active * Large - active - vibrant parishioner base * Very giving community * Parish personnel * Participation from all age groups * Dedication of many lay individuals * CYO * Fellowship - laity (not social) * Strong focus on Youth * Acknowledgement that we as a parish can always do more if we challenge ourselves * Flowers each weekend on the altar * Great synergy and teamwork * The people who run our Parish * The Parishioners * Catholic Community of Ridgefield * Diversity of age groups (young - middle age - old) * Active and loving parishioners * It's Great !!! * Overall Outstanding * Open management style (Thank you Monsignor) * Everyone involved in St. Mary Parish doing a great job.....a wonderful Parish * There is something for every age group * As a whole, I love it * For a parish this large, you are doing a good job * Parish Committees | <p align="right">12</p> <p align="right">2</p> <p align="right">3</p> |

"Miscellaneous"

Question # 3 - What Could Be Improved (Weaknesses)

| | Responses |
|---|-----------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * More opportunities for families without children * Continued planning for the future * Ways for parishioners to contribute based on their special skill set (artist...teacher) * More "volunteer centered" High School Youth Program * Training for lay leadership * Laity should be permitted to give homilies (if approved) * Part time job network for seniors to supplement social security * More involvement of parishioners in programs * More opportunity + involvement for children and pre-teen * More evening or weekend opportunities for women's group (similar to men's K of C) * Way people dress for Mass * More participation from parishioners (more new faces) * Concerts / Speakers * Workshops to gain specific expertise from parish experts (financial literacy for teens / computer literacy for elders.....things one would find @ continuing ed school) @ no cost | 3 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Better cooperation among Parish groups * Please consider 9th grade confirmation vs. 8th * Book Groups * Better crowd control on Christmas and Easter * Reminder about Holy Days of Obligation * More Volunteer opportunities * Communicatin between parish staff * How do you educate parishiioners to appreciate the involvement they already have - then challenge, stretch us to go just one step beyond * I find everyone and everything satisfactory * Don't lose the good and simple things as we become a larger of parish * Continued investment in youth programs (middle school - high school) * Family oriented parish that doesn't effectively reach out to children * Women are relegated to a lesser position * Not sure...offerings here are wonderful * Am involved as much as my work + family allow.....it is all Good...just minor changes * Please encourage people to stop shaking hands till the danger of swine flu has passed * Need to engage w Teens * Keep up the "good work" * Why was parish not given opportunity to volunteer for Strategic Planning Teams * Think parish is doing a GREAT job - not sure how to improve things * Holy Water back in the font (no one forced to use it) * More initiative like Time and Talent Day * Eliminate hand shaking during Mass (hands spread more germs than anything) * Mother - Time Out * Programs that involve all age groups (we can all learn a lot from one another) * More educated / devoted group of altar servers | 2 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Bookstore * Parish is so large, can anyone depend on priests + parishioners to help in our needs * I think it's too late for me....."been lied to too much" * Everything is for families.....what about couples * Less reading of the bulleting at Mass * More activities for senior citizens * Summer programs (trips, camps) * Teach Etiquette at Mass to parishioners * Make NY parishioners feel more a part of the Parish - including the Religious Ed NY Children * Have cross section of our Ministries march in the Memorial Day Parade * Structure + duties of Parish Advisory Council * More things for children to do | 2 |

"Miscellaneous"

Question # 4 - What New Programs Should We Consider (Opportunities)

| | Responses |
|---|-----------|
| * More involvement with activities for children - do something to keep kids in the Faith | |
| * Celebrating cultural ties to the faith (St. Patrick's Day...St. Joseph Day + feast days) | |
| * Pro-Life expansion | 2 |
| * Mother + young child / toddler programs | |
| * Youth Program (High School) - Jessie Lee | |
| * Unfortunately we spend only the summer months in Ridgefield...wish could take the Parish to Florida | |
| * Baby-sitting services (possibly in the Barn) | |
| * More open PAC meetings for all | |
| * Blessing of Animals - Feast of St. Francis | |
| * Altar Guild - clean altar / pews etc....each 2 weeks | |
| * More programs for college age and young married adults | 4 |
| * More congregation involvement | |
| * Kids doing more (they are our future) | |
| * Young adults building off success | |
| * Middle School Programs + Youth Ministry | |
| * Holiday parking lot attendants (father & son volunteers) | |
| * Youth groups for children starting in 5th grade such as Challenge (Regnum Christi apostolit) | |
| * Colleg prep night - meeting to help parent's / senior's learn about various catholic colleges | |
| * Higher visibility for Yourth Programs susch as VBS etc.... | |
| * Forum for people to come for discussion about life and troubles with more of humanitarian feel | |
| * Add learning content about health + wellness (I am in healthcare..would be happy to help w this part | |
| * Marriage enrichment programs | |
| * Mother + daughter activities | |
| * Craft activity nights | |
| * Network for High School seniors to help them continue their faith and get support | |
| * Selling of Crosses / Rosary Beads / etc after Mass (monthly) | |
| * Appreciate the opportunity to offer suggestions, but not around long enough to feel qualified (3 yrs.) | |
| * I believe we have all the programs we need | |
| * Regional Facilities Mgr for Admin / HR etc for area parishes (let priests handle spiritual matters) | |
| * Better Parish Council | |
| * Have Altar Servers named at Mass | |
| * Have Food Baskets each week brought to the altar for blessings - then distributed to Food Bank | |
| * People to dress better...not to chew gum...leave early | |
| * Other churches seem to do better at the etiquette in item above | |
| * I am willing to help in any way !!! | |
| * Transportation to parishioners to church to those who no longer drive | |
| * Men's Basketball League | |
| * Public Processions | |
| * Can't think of one offhand | |
| * Bookstore - especially at holidays /Communion + Confirmation | 3 |
| * Support of Emmaeus (we were disappointed when St. Mary's pulled out.....Life Teen does not appeal to all | |
| * Vehicle to order religious articles especially for seniors unable to drive to stores | |
| * Would like to know about where the Fr. Morrissey issue stands | |
| * Parish Is large.....It is Difficult | |
| * Thanks for this opportunity to provide feedback | |
| * Opportunity to buy religious articles (books, rosary etc....outside of church) | |
| * Drivers to assist with appointments (doctor's etc....) | |
| * Book Club - Bridge | |
| * Parish has all the amazing resources and opportunities to participate, but effort needs to be made on getting new people involved in volunteer opportunities - same people always involved. | |
| * 3 to Get Married | |
| * Marriage Renewal | |
| * Boycott movie "Corpus Christi" slated for June release | |
| * Place to purchase religious articles and books | |
| * Monthly job networking with guest speakers to help the unemployed | |
| * New Needs for the unemploye | |

"Finance" Focus Area

Question # 2 - What Do You Like About the Parish (Strengths)

| General | Responses |
|---|-----------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Excellent Financial Management * Competent financial stewardship | |

Question # 3 - What Could Be Improved (Weaknesses)

| Church | |
|--|--|
| * Long range plan to update / build new church | |

| Fundraising | |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * More coordinated fundraising efforts * Fundraising events * Less Fundraising at Mass * Stop talking about money all the time | 3 |

| Spending | |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Stop the foolish spending * By time last survey was out, monies were already spent (why ask) * Inform parish about expenditures (roof on church...plaza...etc.) | |

| General | |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Most would like to, but cannot contribute financially in these dire times * Less focus on requesting financial contributions due to job loss...money will come when jobs come back * Listing of all the monies collected weekly and special collections | |

Question # 4 - What New Programs Should We Consider (Opportunities)

| Fundraising | |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * More fundraising rather than large campaigns * Selling pumpkins + wreaths to earn money for the parish * Programs for raising money for the parish * Weekly or Monthly "Bingo" as a Fundraiser | 2 |

| Offertory | |
|---|--|
| * Yearly tithing initiative - 1x per year | |

| School | |
|--|--|
| * Improve endowment to support St. Mary School | |

| General | |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * "Change for Change" (monthly collection of change - pennies - dimes etc. for needy parishioners) * Without money wisely spent existing + proposed programs cannot move forward * Once our debt is paid off, it would be nice to expand the size of the church * Weekly Booster Club...each week booster w several levels of winners...Good fun way to make some constant contributions to the church * Dedicate portion of annual income to success of our Catholic Action Committee | |

Question # 5 - Weighted Ranking - # 5

"Social Fellowship" Focus Area

Question # 2 - What Do You Like About the Parish (Strengths)

| Special Gatherings | Responses |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| * Fish Fry / Pasta etc | 14 |
| Fall Fair | 5 |

General

| | |
|--|----|
| * Fellowship + friendliness of parishioners | 34 |
| * Closeness of Church community | |
| * Hospitality + friendliness of parishioners + priests | |
| * Mission Boutique | |
| * Sense of Community | 4 |
| * Opportunity to get to know priests | |
| * Like people of parish including the clergy | |
| * Men's Ministry basketball | |
| * Family + friends | |
| * Pleasant, welcoming environment that prevails | |
| * Fellowship + activities | 3 |
| * Activities after Mass (bake sales, missionary sales etc) | |
| * Senior's Lunch | 3 |
| * Family Picnic | 3 |
| * Warmth of Community | 4 |
| * Socials | 2 |
| * Friendliness + helpfulness of parish staff | |
| * Sr. Joan's lunch - "the best" | |
| * St. Mary provides a sense of support, family and belonging | 2 |
| * Since 1966 the old Church supplied warmth and place to go to be "one on one" w God | |

"Social Fellowship" Focus Area

Question # 3 - What Could Be Improved (Weaknesses)

| After Sunday Mass | Responses |
|--|-----------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Coffee after Sunday Masses * Monthly Sunday breakfast after Mass * I love St. Stephen's coffee hour after Masses | 6 |

| Family + Children | Responses |
|--|-----------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Family outings * Social gatherings for families * Continue to promote the family+social events for greater sense of community * More emphasis on socializing for middle schoolers / high schoolers * More kid friendly social events * More children oriented socials (4-9 yrs) on weekends | 2 |

| General | Responses |
|--|-----------|
| * More dinners + events during the year | 5 |
| * Community involvement as a parish | 2 |
| * Outreach program for new parishioners | 2 |
| * More social gatherings of all kinds | 5 |
| * Zero fellowship exists among staff at St. Mary's | |
| * Couples social activities (dances - talks etc....) | 2 |
| * Regular senior citizens group other than the luncheon group | |
| * Fellowship activities for 35-45 year olds + families | |
| * Annual Fall Festival | |
| * More outdoor Masses | |
| * Continue to build faith filled community where folks want to come + be welcome | |
| * Add Breakfast or potluck lunches sto some of these activities | |
| * Have something we can do after Mass (like a craft) | |
| * Keep the community "Spirit" alive | |
| * Try to make it feel more like "family"...Baptist friends know one another + work together | |
| * Have parishioners introduce each other to person next to them before Mass begins | |
| * Fellowship not connected to other parishioners | |
| * Creation of Group for "older" singles (60+) | |
| * Fellowship opportunities for those without children | 2 |
| * More Fellowship (hard to achieve in parish of our size) | |
| * More opportunities to talk w priests in informal settings | 2 |
| * More indoor field trips | |
| * Very strong outreach to new parishioners (and current ones) | |
| * Stronger welcoming attitude among ministry heads geared toward inclusion | |
| * More community dinners | |
| * Parish is so large that relationships are impersonal | |
| * A sense of community | |
| * Program for Seniors | |
| * Not a clue to identity of "pew neighbor" despite sitting next to them on many occasions | |
| * Too much socializing | |
| * Need to draw people in and build community | 2 |
| * As "new comer", don't feel welcomed.....very cold.....I'm transferred...thought this church would be more like a "home town" feel. | |
| * Parish is too big.....hard to meet people + feel intimate...Need for more connection | |

"Social Fellowship" Focus Area

Question # 4 - What New Programs Should We Consider (Opportunities)

| After Sunday Mass | Responses |
|---|------------------|
| * Coffee etc.... | 8 |
| * More adult fellowship after Mass | |
| General | |
| * More adult social events held in or out of parish (not only around holidays) | |
| * Core Team at each Mass to welcome parishioners | 2 |
| * Social outreach to new parishioners | 2 |
| * "Fried Dough" Friday during Lent | |
| * Carnival | |
| * Semi-annual reception for all converts to the faith | |
| * Bring back "pot-luck" suppers that were a great way to meet others (1970's) | 2 |
| * Intramural sports - flag football - soccer | |
| * Family Day | |
| * Monthly Dinner Clubs | |
| * Social events (dinners, dances, card night, bingo) | |
| * Family activities after Mass | |
| * Parish Trips (Fatima...Lourdes etc) | |
| * Social situations for young couples (w + w/o children) | |
| * Fellowship | 2 |
| * Young professionals group (allows 20's-30's to mingle socially at local establishments) | |
| * Fellowship Group for singles 40+ | |
| * St. Stephen's Summer Camp | |
| * Various social events - creative, but in good taste | |
| * Better fellowship activities | |
| * Form daytime Senior Citizen Group to meet for Fellowship | |
| * Maybe a movie night in the gym | |
| * Maybe a "square dance" | |
| * Return of Bingo | |
| * Very strong parishioner outreach | |
| * Social programs for various age groups, especially parents experiencing "empty nests" | |
| * Bridge | |
| * Would priests be willing to have dinner at homes of parishioners ???...would enjoy hosting to build | |
| * Socials for kids | |
| * More parish social settings | |
| * Coffee after funerals in school hall | 2 |
| * St Stephen's does lot of things for children (i.e. Easter Egg Hunt...Christmas Pageant they bring children into church more than St. Mary's | |

Question # 5 - Weighted Ranking - # 4

"Facilities" Focus Area

Question # 2 - What Do You Like About the Parish (Strengths)

| Church | Responses |
|--|------------------|
| * Stunning Stained Glass | |
| * Love our "cute" little Church | |
| * Wonderful Facility | 2 |
| * Nice / Beautiful Church | 9 |
| * Old Church | 2 |
| * Like everything except size of church | |
| * Fact church is in town and convenient...its age + history make it unique | |
| * Church is beautiful but needs new carpet | |
| * Location | 3 |

| General | Responses |
|---|------------------|
| * Facilities | 3 |
| * Facilities especially the Church | |
| * Grounds are kept beautifully | |
| * Much improved parking | |
| * Happy gym was added as space for Holiday Services | |
| * Excellent facilities - church / school / parking | |
| * Overall facilities | |
| * Great Mass schedule alleviates parking lot problems | |
| * Entire complex (church, school, gym etc...) | |
| * Active + diverse use of our Parish Center | |

"Facilities" Focus Area

Question # 3 - What Could Be Improved (Weaknesses)

| Church / Hall | Responses |
|---|-----------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Landscaping - Flowers in beds around Church * New Carpet in Church * Larger Church * Church is too small - Quaint but small * Don't build large Church (Hall + Church are fine) * Improve Hall's look as Church * Facilities Management * Would be nice if church were larger, but fully understand the limitations in space * Capital improvements should focus on the school, if possible * Would be nice to have a facility available to use for small receptions after funerals * Use gym for CCD Children's Families + Masses instead of squeezing into the Hall * "Community Feeling" is stifled by not having adequate "fellowship" area in the church * Since 1966 old Church supplied warmth + place to be "one on one" w God * Hopefully some day parish can have a church big enough to service everyone * Area to take children to calm them down and still hear Mass (Crying Room) * Upkeep of the School * Better church and grounds upkeep...maintenance + restoration (not renovation) * Better audio-visual capability (large pull down screen in hall + projection system) | 10 |

| General | |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * More meeting space * Need classroom building next to church for Religious Ed + other organizations * Parking for Sunday mornings and religious ed pick-up * Expand Barn for more meeting space * Better arrangement for Bible Study sub-groups meeting other than Gym * Improve the microphones * Parking behind office designated for Seniors - cannot walk from main parking lot * Do we need rental properties * Convert grassy area around church for parking * Additional parking near church for elderly * Consider selling rental properties and retiring debt once market improves * Changing station in the church bathroom * Parking in general | 3 |

"Facilities" Focus Area

Question # 4 - What New Programs Should We Consider (Opportunities)

| General | Responses |
|---|-----------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Childcare and / or Crying Room (observing room) during Mass* Inside of church is DIRTY !!!* Build an anteroom in front of church for improved fellowship* Parish needs a room which will accommodate up to 100 people for events* More care of physical appearance of church and school grounds | 4 |

Question # 5 - Weighted Ranking - # 6

"Education / Faith Formation" Focus Area

Question # 2 - What Do You Like About the Parish (Strengths)

| Religious Ed | Responses |
|--|------------------|
| * Religious Ed | 76 |
| * Sr. Joan + Sr. Margaret | 15 |
| * Love the way Sr.J / Sr.M + Nancy work so hard to make every child feel special | |
| * Flexibility of Religious Ed Classes (at night) | 2 |
| * Like that Religious Ed teachers are very nice | |
| * First Communion program run so well | |
| * Kind + caring staff at Religious Ed office | |
| School | |
| * St. Mary School | 29 |
| * Impressive quality of elementary school | |
| * Pre-school | 3 |
| * Reassurance that more parishioners are supporting the school | |
| * Support of school | |
| * Grow the school | |
| Scripture Study | |
| * Bible Study | 17 |
| * AM Scripture Study Group | |
| * Love St. Stephens' Vacation Bible School (kids have been going for years) | |
| General | |
| * Lecture Series | 12 |
| * Educational programs | 3 |
| * Opportunities to learn more about religion, faith etc. | 3 |
| * Certain outside speakers | |

"Education / Faith Formation" Focus Area

Question # 3 - What Could Be Improved (Weaknesses)

| Religious Ed | Responses |
|--|------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Religious Ed needs a facelift * Religious Ed fees are highest in Fairfield County * Training catechists in the faith * Raise enrollment in Religious Ed * Continued support of Religious Ed * Schedule Rel Ed so it doesn't interfere w 10AM Mass * Schedule of Religious Ed should take place during, before or after Sunday Masses * Make NY children feel more like a part of the parish | 3 |
| School | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Continued support of school * Broadcast the success of School * Raise enrollment in School * Less tension between "school" people and other parishioners * Modre involvement by parishioners in school (mentoring reading to younger students) * More integration between parish and school | |
| Scripture Study | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Bible Study * Bible Study on the weekend * Use Bible scripture for spiritual growth * Bible + Scripture teaching in the evenings * Late night Bible Study (after 7:00PM) * Short Term Scripture Studies * Speakers on the Faith * More speakers like the Franciscans that used to come | 2 |
| Lecture Series | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * More events w outside speakers addressing key issues facing the world today * Discussion of global issues * More lectures in evenings to help congregattion learn + grow * Motivational Speakers | 2 |
| General | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Catechesis / Formation * Fuller discussion among members of Christianity * More religious studies for adults * Spiritual Book Discussion Group * Spiritual growth opportunities for women * Love "Rediscovering Catholicism" program...should have more like it * Explain "Rights" + "Wrongs" of Catholic Faith by clergy * Adult Educational Programs * "Sunday School" for children while parents are in Church.....they do this at St Stephens Church | 7 |
| | 2 |

"Education / Faith Formation" Focus Area

Question # 4 - What New Programs Should We Consider (Opportunities)

| Lecture Series | Responses |
|---|------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Lecture series on social issues * Lecture series * Speaker series on comparative religions * Scripture Study for students (children) | |

| Faith Formation | |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Formation / lay retreats / lay training * Diverse formation options * On-going Adult Education program * Bible Based Study * More Bible Study Groups * Summer Bible School * Adult Catechesis | |

| General | |
|---|-------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Seasonal Book Club Series / Videos * More education for the youth starting in grade school * Adult Education to include explanation of the Sacraments...Mass etc. * Panels presenting challenges which face the Church * Neighborhood-centered discussion groups (need volunteers to take turns hosting) * "Big Name" speakers / lectures * Motivational guest speakers * Study on Revelations * Teaching younger children about the Mass * Make RCIA available to all baptized parishioners + anyone who wants to learn * Discipleship program to help educate parishioners to be better disciples * More frequent guest lectures on Catholic topics of interest * Religious Ed coinciding w Mass times, so Sunday morning students don't have to arrive late or leave early from 10AM Mass * Formation opportunity for adults during evening religious ed time * Teaching Mass" (so parishioners have better understanding of Mass) * School continues to be "marginalized and downplayed" * Promote the school from the pulpit more often * St. Aloysius places a banner on the altar during Catholic School Week | <p>2</p> <p>2</p> |

Question # 5 - Weighted Ranking - # 2

"Communications" Focus Area

Question # 4 - What New Programs Should We Consider (Opportunities)

| Web | Responses |
|---|-----------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Web based resources * Web-sites from California Catholic Parishes in San Jose * Stronger emphasis on Web-site | |

| Bulletin | |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * E-mail link to online bulletin each week - save paper, money, etc.... * Better Sunday Bulletin (more info on programs outside the parish) * Children's Bulletin * Reflections column/pullout page to bulletin on Sunday readings * Explanation of Feasts + Saints in weekly bulletin | |

| General | |
|---|-------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Post the homilies * Extensive resource directory * Town Hall Meetings where priests receive feedback from parishioners * Quarterly schedule of liturgies and events * None....I think the parish tries to do too much * Everything is now instant sending...daily or weekly biblical sayings...what's coming * Effective communication of church programs * More communication with the Parish Council and people - We Have <u>No Say</u> Period * Need some "Bad News" Feedback * Parish paper or magazine * Diocese needs to come clean about the priest abuse issues * Broaden participation through better communication * Outreach to non-participating parishioners thru High Impact Communications Strategy * E-mail direct to parishioners | <p>2</p> <p>2</p> |

Question # 5 - Weighted Ranking - # 7