

THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN!

The Committee for Pastoral Planning will be sharing the results with you and also wants to hear from you regarding the goals of the Parish.

SHARE YOUR VOICE!

Please come and hear about the results of the May survey and help the Parish set its goals and course for the future.

Sunday, September 18 – 11am to 12:15pm

Sunday, September 25 – 6:45pm to 8pm

Wednesday, September 28 – 7pm to 8:15pm

Blessed Sacrament Hall

Be a part of helping to set the direction
for the future of the Parish.

We hope to see you there.

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Pastoral Planning

PASTORAL PLANNING SURVEY RESULTS

Summary

The Committee for Pastoral Planning of Blessed Sacrament Church developed and distributed a survey to the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament this past May. The purpose of the survey was to gain insight into issues affecting the parish and gather the thoughts and opinions of the parishioners regarding (i) what are the parish strengths, (ii) where there is room for improvement and (iii) what the goals of the parish should be over the next few years. The committee received 710 survey responses from parishioners, covering all the Masses. Provided herein is a summary of the survey.

Parishioners are urged to review the entire survey which is available on the Parish website, **www.blessedsacramentnyc.org**. Also, a printed copy will be on file in the rectory office for your review.

Blessed Sacrament Strengths

- 95% of the parishioners who responded to the survey were either "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the celebration of Mass.
- 90% of respondents agree/strongly agree that the Parish is welcoming and inclusive.
- A high number of parishioners would recommend Blessed Sacrament to others.
- Relative youth of parishioners (evidenced by significant growth in Baptisms and Religious Education).
- 75% of parishioners see the parish as significantly focused on social justice.
- High percentage of those in their 30s/40s are interested in charitable activities.
- There is a high level of interest in activities to help adults grow in their faith.

Blessed Sacrament Opportunities for Improvement

- The 10AM Family Mass is not currently meeting the needs of some families. The liturgy, homily and music should be more oriented to children. The length of service should recognize the young age of many attendees.
- 16% of respondents are not satisfied with the post-Mass announcements due to their length and repetition of the bulletin.
- 40 % of respondents do not attend Blessed Sacrament on a weekly basis.
- There is a low awareness of Parish Outreach programs, Blessed Sacrament School and Religious Education.
- Limited number of priests. Father Duffell is doing a fine job but he needs support.
- Donations fall short of meeting operating costs by a large margin. 45% of respondents donate less than \$500 annually. Awareness of Parish financial position is low.
- There is a low awareness of Parish Pay.

Goals & Objectives

Based on parishioner responses to the survey, attached are suggested Goals and Objectives that will assist the Parish in preparing a Pastoral Plan to guide the Parish forward in the coming years. These goals and objectives are a starting point for further discussion and input from parishioners during the **Share Your Voice** meetings.

GOALS	OBJECTIVES
ENRICH WORSHIP The Eucharistic celebration is the source and summit of our faith.	Orient each Mass toward the dominant group attending ▪ Music, Homily, Ministers, length of Mass, etc ▪ Family Mass, Spanish Mass, etc Expand the Liturgical ministries ▪ Integrate all aspects of the Mass, eg. Music, Offertory Gifts, Prayer of the Faithful, Mass Intentions, etc.
INVITE AND EVANGELIZE Parish life is spiritually rich, God centered, other-directed, compassionate, community enhancing, and enjoyable.	Increase Mass attendance through Evangelization ▪ Attract newcomers and invite them to return ▪ Encourage regular attendees to join the parish ▪ Challenge parishioners to serve in a ministry, spend time with God, join a small group, etc ▪ Leverage engaged parishioners to invite those less engaged Develop a Welcome and Hospitality Ministry ▪ Build on Coffee Hours and Spirit Sundays ▪ Add greeters and ushers to welcome all Mass attendees ▪ Develop a "New Parishioner Welcome Package" from a warm and welcoming parish office ▪ Follow up with new attendees and new parishioners
DEEPEN DISCIPLESHIP Christian faith is lived in discipleship to Jesus Christ. Nurture a relationship with Christ.	Develop more adult formation activities ▪ Retreats, Bible studies, prayer groups, lectures, group discussions, volunteering Raise awareness of church ministries ▪ Outreach, Mass differentiation, Blessed Sacrament School, Religious Education
INSPIRE STEWARDSHIP As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.	Invite parishioners to give their time, talent and treasure Improve Communications ▪ Capture accurate information, data, parishioner contact info Improve financial position of parish ▪ Balance operating budget ▪ Enable bringing in an additional full time priest

Thank you to those who completed the May Survey.
We encourage all parishioners to participate in one of the three
Share Your Voice Meetings.

To ensure we have adequate seating, please sign-up at the church
entrance for the session that is convenient for you.

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