

## Saint Ann Town Hall Meeting

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- People that have no transportation may not come as much as they would like. Also the elderly may not use the computer to keep up with info.
- Unsure
- I think we need to do more to bring back people to the church.
- Right now I can't think of anything that should be taken care of right now.
- Obviously, with all the children receiving First Communion, you must be doing something wonderful with the young families. Hope you can keep it up!
- Are we supporting our neighbors who have fallen on hard times?  
And the elderly?
- I don't know off hand, there are lots of elderly/low income places.. such as The Curttis, Tunure Terrace, Devonshire and the 2 nursing homes...are they all being served? Oh and Cameron House, too.
- From attendance at masses, it appears that we are missing our young families. We certainly need to continue to identify and reach out to individuals of different abilities. Could we add a questions on our new member registration that asks if the family has someone with special needs? Then we could reach out to them. For young families, perhaps we could offer child care at the parish center during mass.
- Can't think of anything right away.
- Offer programs for young adults to keep them involved in the community  
Young Families
- It is very good
- The youth; especially the 20's--35 year olds.  
They are the 'future' of the parish, which would include more family-oriented events and activities.
- Perhaps young Catholics who are separated and/ or divorced.
- One strength that Father CJ had was really making the children's mass accessible for the children. I personally benefit immensely from Monsignor John Bonzagni's homilies. Early on I heard that some of the children missed the more simple homilies directed at them.
- I've been asked recently by a few adult single persons where to go to meet a possible mate in their faith. They weren't from this area, but I wonder if there is a need for a faith group for adult singles?
- See previous answer
- We ought to find programs that encourage people to come to church and take part in the programs. One that seemed to be somewhat attended was the Mass for the sick. The Mass for the departed souls of the previous year was another that was well liked. These sort of programs reflected that the church cares for all souls both living and deceased.

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- Missing: The poor and those who do not know or understand the word of God. Social functions are fine but I think God's mission for us is teaching his word and helping the poor, simple and straight forward. We are part of one body when any part is weak we are weak.
- We are missing the youth, where we need strong parent influence and encouragement for involvement. Monthly youth activity.  
Divorced, separated, widowed parishioners support group/groups and activities.  
Singles support group and activities.  
Bereavement counselling/support group.  
More activities for poor, homebound, pregnancy support, battered women center, needy, etc.  
Join with other area churches of various denominations for joint community activities  
Continuing on going scripture studies throughout the year.  
Year of Divine Mercy and evangelization, but are doing nothing in regards to the latter.
- Doing more surrounding poverty, malnutrition in Pittsfield.  
Offering our kitchen to make food for the hungry or have classes involving cooking classes.  
More collections for the underprivileged in our surrounding areas.  
Reaching out to our parishioners that may have experience in health issues that may want to give talks.  
Offer more programs for children (like the "fresh air" programs, camps or similar)
- What can we do to reach out to members of other faiths, to better understand the differences among them?  
Are there homeless (or under-housed) in Lenox? If so, we should find a way to help them.  
If not, what can we do in Pittsfield?  
Do we have a support group for divorced or separated Catholics?  
We should make an effort to identify the fallen-away or lapsed members of the parish, and reach out to them.  
Would love to see more emphasis on faith education and revitalization, e.g., discussion groups among parishioners.
- We currently have a Pope who is leading and teaching about important areas of our life. Example = "Laudato Si" On Care For Our Common Home.  
Maybe we could come together to share thoughts on this Encyclical.  
Also, I would like to see our Parish involved in programs to help those struggling around us.  
The Food Pantry is not enough and I believe the same few people contribute food for this

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important program.

Pittsfield has the Christian Center and other locations serving the poor and needy. Maybe we could organize a team to reach out to these programs.

- We do a very good job with the Food Pantry...Perhaps we could discern more re: the needs that are waiting for assistance in this area and seek to address them with interested and like-minded groups
- I'm not sure on this one.
- YOUTH!!!! Especially during Mass. Focus needs to be on them at the 9:45am Mass with the homily directed to them. Very hard to keep them engaged. Need to be more ecumenical! Get involved with Pittsfield churches, not just Catholic ones either. We are all more alike than different. Soooooo many needs in Pittsfield that I think St. Ann's could assist with. Need to get outside the walls of the church building and into the community!!! Outreach to the needy.
- Yes, outreach for the disabled but also for the elderly who are homebound.
- It is hard to capture an audience that is not there. Try to be seen in the community events?
- Teens, young adults, working parents and other adults who have time primarily on weekends for Mass but limited availability during weekdays or nights. Very much appreciate outreach to the disabled.
- N/A
- The Pastor's plate is full already and he is doing a good job.
- See previous answer - I think we are missing single young/middle aged adults
- Develop a ministry for visiting our nursing homes and providing a conversation with residents who would enjoy or simply need it.
- I'm not sure "part-time" parishioners realize how much participation seems to have dropped off. It's painful to see so many empty seats (except for the BIG TWO!). What surprises me is the lack of young adults, 18-25- where are they??? During these troubling times I would think the seats would be packed seeking answers to today's troubles.
- newly married  
teens
- I am not sure of who is being missed if anyone.
- Not sure I see anything really missing.
- Young people (primarily young adults)  
Families of teenagers  
Disenfranchised Catholics

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- The "lonely" and isolated of our community. We need to personally invite them in to be part of our "family". Again, we are too distant.
- There is a need to reach out to the younger members of the Catholic community and to those who for various reasons have in the past left the community.
- Perhaps single young adults &or divorced people. it is hard for some people to do things by themselves especially when everyone else seem to know each other or are long time members
- Go back to the times when Father CJ was here you could always go up to him and he never was too busy
- The adult gospel classes are good but not often enough. Also, perhaps a choice or mix of classes for those who are just starting their study and others who want to go deeper.
- We need to do more outreach to the immigrant peoples in our communities.
- Again, we have an age group that is not addresses very well. Programs, activities, groups, something that appeals to those between 5 to 35.