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- WE have wonderful music.
Liturgies have been very good-learn a little something every time.
- Children's choir; it's wonderful.
Upkeep of church (repairs, cleanliness, etc.)
Sermons are good!
We have some good programs (exercise, dance, women's winter dinners) - hooray for Diane Romeo - but we should have more.
- Choir music; receptions in the Family Center; Monsignor's homilies
- I really like the homilies by Monsignor and Father. I learn something each week.
The Youth choir and the music ministry.
Our deacons are all very dedicated and committed.
The volunteers that do coffee hour.
The volunteers that do the Summer Festival.
The church itself is beautiful and well maintained.
All the facilities are well cared for.
- You promote a feeling of community that makes everyone feel they're a part of a group that cares for each other.
The weekly bulletin keeps parishioners up to date on what is happening in the our church as well as other Catholic churches in the area.
I think getting younger couples, and their children, involved with church activities serves a vital role in in making this a multi-generational parish.
- The church is kept in very good condition.
A good part of the money earned at the yearly Summer Festival goes toward maintaining the church.
- The buildings and grounds are beautiful and very nicely maintained. The weekly bulletin is informative containing the various programs that are offered, upcoming events, budget, costs and meetings. The various selections of reading material on display in the rear of the church are helpful. The Ordinary Time bulletin is also nice to read and reflect on.
There are many friendly parishioners that are pleasant and welcoming.
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- I LOVE being a part of St. Ann's!!! It is a PERFECT parish. LOVE walking (when I can) to morning Mass and staying afterwards to say The Rosary with such a warm group of ladies!

My BIG problem has become "Age! 😂" I'm in my mid 80's... For years (maybe 35) I taught CCD, was a Lector, etc. but now find I just don't have the stamina to lead in The Parish. I really wish I could contribute to Parish Life, but find I'm now a 'recipient'... but a VERY GRATEFUL recipient...

I think you do everything well at St. Ann's. In calling The Office, Debbie is always so enthusiastic and warm. LOVED Fr. Richard's Retreat...

- Spiritual life- the masses and care and attention to sharing the word of God and our faith
Music- our music ministry blesses us with its quality

People- people show they care for one another

Diversity- I believe we welcome diversity in its many forms

CCD- is an excellent program

Flowers and the church inside and out - the beauty of St Ann's enhances our worship

I'm also grateful for the energy of the Parish -it has been an active part of town and seeks to be included and be inclusive not apart from the rest of our town

I'm a year-round resident and I think the consistency of St Ann's is great- you can count on the priests and the deacons especially to be there for you and for the people.

We have excellent homilists especially Monsg. John and Deacon Dan

- Now we have Fr. John who gives great homilies... I always come away with something to think about. And Fr. Richard adds a lot as well. I feel that finally there is someone available no matter what...I didn't always feel that way. As for programs, there seems to be quite a number of them. I am not sure about CCD, since I don't have anyone involved any more. The music program is okay, but sometimes I feel like. I have been to a show, not a Mass.
- homilies, religious education, availability of masses, Christmas celebrations

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- The Mass is very good and the homily too.
The music is beautiful.
The Bible study is so interesting.
I'm grateful for daily Mass.
- Preaching by all priests and deacons is excellent
Music Ministry, thanks to Ron and Sandy
Maintenance of the Church and grounds
Circle of Friends - parish center
Summer Picnic
- A sense of being a community - liturgies, activities (game night, movie night, etc.), outreach programs, acknowledgment of parishioners' accomplishments/needs.
Volunteerism
- Our music ministry is awesome! Ron Ramsay has introduced our parish to a whole new level of excellence and inspiration. Love how he has engaged the young people of the parish to sing and perform in fundraisers for the church. Would like to see the adult choir grow again, though. That seems to have lost members.
Circle of Friends is a treasure to St. Ann (esp Carol Kirby!). They are always so kind and so efficient at what they do for people in mourning - and/or for those celebrating a special occasion, such as the farewell reception for Deacon George. The red aprons of St. Ann's - and the smiles! God Bless you all!
Our parish secretary, Debbie, is also a treasure. She handles everything that falls into her path - and is a wealth of knowledge about our parish and its history and that of the cemetery.
Another strength is our parish nurse. She has introduced us to several new programs this past year and that has been of interest to the aging segment of our population.
Coffee hours are also a benefit to bring generations together in our parish.
Our pastor delivers wonderful homilies - always thought provoking and inspiring.
- I value the connection to a community that my families gains being parishioners at St. Ann's Church.
I personally take a lot away from Monsignor John Bonzagni's thoughtful, informative and thought provoking homilies.
Providing a stable source of tradition. Preserving a beautiful space, e.g. the church. The music is beautiful. Our family has benefitted from the engaged youth choir.
- I am so grateful to have a place in my life where I can go in gratitude, sadness, loneliness, joy and all other possible aspects of my life to find comfort, understanding and peace.

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Thank you so much leaving the doors open so we can run to that place where we know we are loved.

The liturgies are inspiring and comforting. Leaving us with a thought to ponder.

- Special liturgies, Easter, Xmas. First communion, Graduation Mass,
- On the whole Masses seem to going well. We could use more people signing in the congregation although we seem to be OK most of the time. We should be scheduling a 3rd Eucharistic Minister at the Masses if we have enough. (There seems to be a hesitation who the 3rd one will be now. Likewise those scheduled and cannot attend, should find a replacement.)

The grounds and buildings appear to be well taken care of but there are a few areas that need attention, i.e. the bottom of the steps at the rear entrance.

- Offer love, concern, and caring to each other.
- RCIA
Summer Festival used to be outstanding, this year looks very doubtful.
Deacon's homilies and involvement with the parishioners and youth.
Scripture study with Deacon Dan and Deacon John.
Grounds maintenance.
Beauty of the church.
Our music programs with Ron Ramsey, Sandy Morley and our choirs, also Art Devylder.
- Upkeep of the inside of the church.
Offer a variety of mass times.
Excellent Deacon coverage.
Readers of wonderful to listen to.
Monsignor's homilies are amazing.
The music ensembles are lovely and bring such joy to the mass.
- Love Msgr. John's homilies in particular, but it's clear that each homilist puts a great deal of time and effort into their efforts - thank you all!
Love receiving Eucharist in both species, and appreciate the switch to red wine.
Coffee hours enhance the sense of community in the parish.
Ron Ramsay's playing/singing is soul-enriching. Youth choir is excellent - great work Sandy/Ron!
Buildings and grounds are very well maintained.
Parish secretary does an outstanding job. There must be lots of behind-the-scenes coordination.

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Circle of Friends is an amazing ministry and group of caring people - a real gift.
Changes to the sound system have made a big difference.

- We try to involve all age groups from children to grandparents. Coffee hours are a good way to socialize.
- The weekend liturgies are prayerfully celebrated.
The homilies are well prepared and excellent.
I have no children in the Religious Education Program so I can't comment on this.
- The parish is very welcoming, Music is inspiring, Homilies are excellent
- - Events such as baptisms, weddings, 1st Communion, Confirmation, Graduation Masses... are all always very well done and organized!
- Really appreciate Karen Romeo-Leger for taking pictures at events such as 1st Communion masses
- Coffee hour is an excellent time - I don't think it takes a ton of effort (although I'm very thankful to those who bake and help out during each Sunday) but it pays off in huge dividends! Kids and parents look forward to it each weekend.
- Church always looks so clean and decorated. It's really something for us, and for this community to be proud to show off.
- Children's choir has come such a long way since Ron and Sandy started working together. It's beautiful!!
- Welcoming atmosphere. Very committed volunteers. Circle of Friends is AMAZING with their receptions. Music Ministry is incredible - especially the youth ensemble. Such committed children, parents and directors. The church is always so clean, as are the grounds. Flowers are beautiful in the shrine and around grounds. Office Hours for Deb are convenient. Summer Festivals are always so successful, thanks to the volunteers who are so committed.
- Sermons given by Monsignor Bonzagni are excellent.
- I feel a part of each Mass, not someone who is just observing.
- Mass celebrations are one of the best I have attended, from music, to thought provoking homily - I leave with a sense of community and renewal of faith. The family center is a terrific facility, the opportunity to have after Mass coffee, after sacramental celebrations, meetings and lectures is very good for the parish. The summer festival is great.
- We are very happy with the way the parish is directed, both spiritually and physically. There is a strong sense of community, and opportunities for members to participate as they wish.

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- The Parish Center has become an important venue for our community .
The special liturgies on Holy Week and Christmas are very meaningful and beautifully done.
The Music Director enhances any liturgy or program with his playing the organ and singing.
Every year more parishioners attend the Christmas musical program
We have a good schedule of weekend Masses.
thought the outreach to our disabled members was an excellent idea
- Liturgies - excellent
programs - i.e. Bible Study, et al - very good - for seniors, it would be nice to have some during the day.
Nurse - good
lunch for women of the parish - good
Circle of Friends – excellent
The Homilies....Msgr. always has a message that stays with you.
- The committees.....Such as Parish Council, Finance, Circle of Friends, Summer Festival and many more
The Liturgies, programs, services are prayerfully covered. Would encourage more parishioners to become involved
- St. Ann's is home. I always feel welcome and comforted at St. Ann's.
What you do best is spiritual healing in a time of need.
- Festival-it brings the community together
Homilies~ the two new priests certainly put a different and deeper perspective on scripture
- The schedule of masses if very well spread out and I think accommodates everyone.
There are multiple programs offered that include all ages.
- The Liturgies, Homilies, Personal interest and Care, generosity of weekly volunteers on Sunday after 9:45 and for special occasions
- many things are done well: music for liturgies... exceptional; our Deacons serve us so very well; with the addition of Fr. Richard we have a rich and full liturgical offering to share with Msgr. John, who is doing an admirable job; our secretary is always assessable and easy to deal with; our parish seems most welcoming and are there always ready to lend a hand to any program; our parish nurse is wonderful and tries to add so much to programs; our Mass schedule is also very accommodating especially with the other churches of St. Vincent and St. Patrick's.

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- Love Msgr John's homilies.
Love our beautiful facility
Circle of Friends is a fantastic ministry
Feel that the parish is fiscally responsible
It seems like the music ministry is trying very hard
- The caring circle...
The ;homilies
- Several opportunities to build faith and understanding of the bible through Deacon Dan's bible study classes. These also build relationships between participants which is what a Christian community is supposed to do.
The opportunity to attend daily mass is much appreciated.
- Circle of Friends provides a way of having a meaningful remembrance of the deceased with family in a pleasant and foreword looking gathering.
Homily Msgr. John always provides a lucid and meaningful homily that gets the point across without being preachy and doctrinaire.
- First of all St Anns has 5 Masses every weekend, which is pretty amazing these days. The choir (esp children's) I don't hear the adult one very much are excellent. The liturgies & sermons are very meaningful for me. I also like the special spiritual prayer/book meetings we have occasionally during the week. Debbie in the office is amazing, she is always so helpful! I think Monsignor Bongazni is trying hard to adapt to his new role as Pastor & Father Bondi is wonderful. I also enjoy the game afternoons in the winter!
- Services
- We have a beautiful church building, well maintained. The liturgy is always beautiful and respectful. The children's choir is excellent. The adult gospel study is convenient and generally good.
- St. Ann's is a wonderful community. The parishioners are friendly and Msgr. Bonzagni is a fine priest dedicated to serve the people of God. My family really enjoys the summer festival.
- As a parish community, we rally around anyone we feel is in need within our parish or outside of it.