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- First I want to thank you for doing this. IT's a start toward more open communication. I think that parish council should meet monthly.  
I wish we had one of the depositories for clothing on our property like St. Patrick's has. Have you visited other parishes in other areas to see what they are doing?  
The blue chairs on the parish center need to be cleaned-they look soiled.  
Wish the stove was more user friendly, I think this prohibits people from wanting to use it.  
Bring back the cooking classes that were offered a few years ago. They were great.  
Do you think we need to reduce the weekend masses so that Father isn't running around so much? If the Dale offers one on a Saturday afternoon does St. Ann have to also?
- What negative experiences have respondents had in our parish or with the Catholic church generally?  
Another aside about this survey: too many "essay" questions; structure it with more multiple choice questions; make it easier for people to participate.
- I cannot think of anything else right now.
- Thank you for doing this! I'm am very interested to see what comes out of this survey and meeting.  
Should we develop a strategic plan?  
I have been a regular attendee of the Men's conference and i think it is well attended (relatively speaking) because it is more didactic. I would not attend if it were more "sharing." I think we have much foundational work to do before I would want to "participate" in that way. I say this because if we want to expand our community and get more people involved, i think it needs to start with more education. What does it really mean to be Catholic? How can we show it?
- I wish I could feel more comfortable with the sacrament of Reconciliation -- in my mind, it's still "Confession", behind a sliding screen, followed by rote recitation of many "Our Father" and "Hail Mary" prayers.
- DO SO WISH I COULD BE MORE HELPFUL!!!
- I want Msg John to smile more. He has a warm smile when he lets his face smile.  
I want Msg John to know that he's an excellent speaker and I want him to feel welcomed in this new role - I think he probably has to work really hard.  
I think it would be great if the Parish council could give little 5-10 minute updates once or twice a month - not just on finances but just quick bullet points on what's going on, what's coming up and what the priorities are.

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I want the pastor and parish council to know that there are those of us who are quiet and steady who really appreciate all they do. Thank you.

- That Lenox can be a difficult place to live. There are many people who think they're really special and deserve to be treated as such! And many of them are in this parish, also we had a lot of people who came here when their churches closed, maybe because they knew Fr. C.J. and he played favorites! Mostly based on what they could do for him.
- People don't understand why Fr Richard is here. Ron Ramsey once introduced him as the associate pastor before a Mass and Fr should have corrected him.

If a person always goes to the same Mass every week, they might ONLY see Fr Richard. The priests should rotate so we all get time with Monsignor.

Why is he in the front office? It sends a message. Frankly, Msr John should have his office at St Ann's for visibility and access. Msr could still live at St Vincent de Paul but needs a presence at St Ann's.

- Thank you for this opportunity. I really appreciate all that you do to create the St. Ann Church community. I have a conflict and cannot attend the parish meeting but I would have liked to attended to express my appreciation of all the work that is being done.
- That I personally appreciate all of the efforts you are making for me and our parish. Those efforts continue to make St Ann's a faith growing community of comfort, strength and peace.

GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!

- Excellent and thought provoking sermons from pastor greatly appreciated, they make me go back and reread that Sunday's readings.

I am getting used to new Pastor, still missing CJs hale fellow well met demeanor, enjoying Msgr,s funny and clever asides, and appreciating his more cerebral approach to homilies Please, Msgr-do acknowledge and praise the Children's Choir--repeatedly-they need it to feel good about their music, and also feel that you appreciate them as part of the team you lead.

Music is so important to church experience-it is good-already- but make it better.

Let's have talks on such as Marriage, Annulments (Pastor's area of expertise?) the Commandments, how the church as changed with Francis (if it has)how the Roman curia function and collaborate or not, the Mercy and Generosity of Church and Christ --topics that modern life bring to mind. Let's learn how our faith and beliefs are relevant to our everyday lives, beyond bringing diapers and food to mass.

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Please-never again permit any parishioners to request support (\$) for their religious travels.

Re age-previous page left no place to check age 70-79--that is where I fall.

- Hard to say.
- I think I have stated my most important concerns:  
Teach the actual Word of God, line by line, with knowledge and understanding. Not in a rush but slowly with accuracy.  
Help for local poor, open eyes to see!
- What are the plans to have the pastor more inclusively and personally involved and available for parishioners?  
Explain the full role of Fr. Richard with St. Ann Church, some people have called him our "co-pastor".  
Explain the role of our Deacons.
- I am grateful to have St. Ann as my parish.
- I think I have covered everything.
- Appreciate all you are doing! This survey and town hall meeting are a good idea.
- The transition from Father CJ to Msgr. John has been challenging. 2 very different individuals. But I think things are starting to feel more "normal" again. Adjustments are being made. Thank you Msgr. John for your thought-provoking homilies. Always look forward to them. Father Richard is a wonderful addition to our faith community. Love his homilies as well! So insightful. I think Father Richard would do a wonderful job with the 9:45am Mass inviting kids up like used to be done. Need to make those personal connections. Msgr. seems "shy" around the kids, but I think they really like his sense of humor when he opens up. Do more of it!
- Previously, I said is there a Parish Council? From the above question, evidently there is one.  
The deliberations of the Council should be published in the Weekly Bulletin, to inform all parishioners of their decisions.
- Give the new Priests time to become part of the community. I like the sermons, when we learn the history of what is read. The priests come down and speak to us, verse speaking at us.
- We are very pleased with our pastor and with the parish council. We hope that St. Ann can continue as well in the future.

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P.S. This has been completed as a couple. Thanks you for asking our opinions. It confirms our opinion that the parish is very well managed.

- We are very happy to have Monsignor Bonzani with us and we hope that the outcome of this survey does not put more on his already filled plate.  
Loved his ideas of pretzels and carnations and looking forward to more of his creative ideas
- We are blessed to have you as are new Pastor, Msgr. John. The parish council is a dedicated group.
- I think St. Ann's could be more welcoming. The atmosphere is much more formal than that of St. Vincent's. At St. Vincent's there has always been a warmth - and a feeling of family. am not sure why that is so.
- You inherited this problem! None of this is because you are new.  
I'm afraid for the Catholic Church and horrified with today's selfish attitude in society. People want instant gratification- that's something you rarely get with Church and prayer. I would think that with the world spiraling out of control that every seat at St. Ann's would be taken. I blame the President, the internet and in many cases parents for not taking an active role in their children's religious life.  
I'm ashamed for having such a bleak and negative attitude. If I had any answers I would gladly share.
- Try not to compartmentalize the Masses, e.g. 4 o'clock for seniors, 9:45 families etc....  
Have the same choir for all the masses, the choir is great but 2 groups never get to hear them, the kids choir inspiring, again rotate them in, coffee hour after each Mass (probably not practical) but the idea is to have more overlap, integration....
- I would like to say how much I love Monsignor John's sermons. He speaks of the reality of religion in today's world. He gets it!
- We are very blessed to have 3 deacons active within our parish. They should be commended for the time and effort that they have put forth and the commitment that they've made to the Catholic Church. They should be encouraged to be more visible and to continue to study the faith so that they can share their unique perspective with the parish. I also think it would be helpful to have Deacon Dan have more training in public speaking.
- Already covered my thoughts.

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- That the Pastor is doing a good job given the tools he has to work with. Remember you can't please everybody.
- I think that what we need is more young clergy (not just men!) to be able to interact with the people of the parish in a personal way. Keep praying!~
- I just don't think the pastor really cares about us at all
- Msgr. Bonzagni has done a good job so far.
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