

Saint Ann Town Hall Meeting

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- Work on the pipe organ to make sure it stays in good shape. The Cong. church in Lee had a major fund drive for years that I gave to. There are musical people that would give to a specific cause. It took a while but they did raise all their funds. They held a yearly mulch drive in April before people went out and purchased it elsewhere. It was the cocoa mulch drive and they priced it under what Wards was asking for. This was a win-win for this church.
Adult bible classes offered by the priest not the deacon. Monsignor can really explain and tie together points we should be made aware of.
WE should be using the parish center more for people to gather in. Make it more user friendly and affordable. I know we wanted to have it sty in wonderful condition but most people are afraid to even think about using it. This could be a source of revenue and become a self-sufficient entity.
- Physical plant renovations as needed. Preserve the church and other buildings.
- That would require more information.
- Beyond my scope of expertise.
- There is a lot of technology around HVAC and energy conservation. Have we studied the opportunity to reduce energy use in the church? I imagine it is an incredibly expensive building to heat.
Consider building out the basement of the parish center to allow better use for CCD.
- Charitable giving throughout the year, not just Advent Angels & Christmas ShoeBox. For example, perhaps we could have a "back to school" supply drive ("sponsor a student"), and seasonal clothing drives (more than just the spring).
- Did I hear that the Rectory needs updating?
- I don't know enough about the needs of the area - I do think joining with the other churches to be sure that Lenox and Lenox Dale and W Stockbridge residents are well cared for and then thinking about needs outside of our area would be helpful.
- Perhaps the CCD program could stand a look see. I haven't heard many great things about it.
- Reach out more.
- I don't feel qualified
- no clue
- Given our revenue as it stands now, I would not undertake anything new. There is enough drain on the budget just to maintain the stonework on the church, the grounds, the rectory and the cemetery.

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- I really value the aesthetics of the church and being sure to maintain this historic building is one for me.
- Possible parish initiative--Service!
Social justice initiatives--discussion--examination--and action.
Let our charity and ministry reach out to those in need- in and without parish.
- Be sure to keep the assets in good shape. If things are let go, it takes more to get them back into shape. Use the funds that have been accumulated over the years to do this. There was a multi-year plan set up for this, update it and use it.
- We need to attend to the basics, cut back, and spend only the funds that we have. I often feel the finance councils need more poor people involved to teach them how to go without, make do, and use resources that may be under our noses!
Our country also as a whole lives way beyond our means.
Stop it and double down!
- Avoid unnecessary spending.
Ask those individuals and business owners in our parish community with various skills and abilities to donate their time and services to the parish, for repairs, cleaning, services needed, etc., rather than contracting out.
- Nothing that costs anything, sadly, unless we can eliminate the deficit. WE HAVE TO LIVE WITHIN OUR MEANS.
- The Parish Council from my perspective is hidden and does nothing for the Parish. Who are they? What do they do? We see no programs or initiatives coming from them for the parishioners.
The Finance Council under the leadership of Joe Cacciola and Mike Wilser has kept the Parish buildings and the whole environment in excellent condition. New heating system, etc.
Not sure what future needs are....
- - Build up membership (or maybe just get former members back into church)
- Not aware of major needs. Organ needs repairing.
- I would suggest a one-on-one program (priest and family), with lapsed Catholics to facilitate their return to the Church.
- Try more things to bring the younger people in the church.
- Continued support of local charitable and community efforts such as food banks, shelters, etc
- We have nothing more to add.
- Continue with regular preventive maintenance on all Church properties.

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- Maintenance of the church campus is a top priority.....but do to the church deficit it makes it difficult to plan!
The Rectory needs repairs and some cosmetic attention
- Whoa, that's a hard question.
The focus has to be getting all the parishioners re-registered (all 3 Church's) in order to get an accurate count of how many parishioners we have.
Is there a better way to track weekly donations other than envelopes (probably not)? If people know their contribution is being logged maybe they can be shamed into it.
I know this sounds harsh, but it seems like many just don't care or think "the other guy will pay for it...).
- I have no clue on what should or could be done.
- If individuals have a better understanding of their faith I Faith (Faith Formation) they may be more motivated to sacrifice or provide more financial assistance...
- Religious education
Youth ministry
- Yes, I just did.
- Develop an outreach for younger members.
- I think we need to concentrate on the younger generation. Perhaps have a dance for mid & high schoolers? picnics in the summer. some sort of group activities games bus trips?
Have an English as a second language class. preschool or after school care for families?
- No
- Other than insuring the preservation of our historic church, I cannot think of any.
- A stewardship campaign.
- property maintenance comes to mind. It is so nice, I'd hate to see it fall into disrepair.
Other than that, I can't think of anything right now.