

## Saint Ann Town Hall Meeting

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- I don't know.
- None of my friends or acquaintances have left St. Ann. We're all here. Maybe some people are unable to handle change.
- Unknown
- I do not know anyone who has left St. Ann's since I have been a member of the Church.
- Not really sure. The few that I have heard about were rather petty. The larger issues around divorce and homosexuality are much more complicated but i think need to be addressed.
- Don't know
- In reading Obituaries, I am APPALLED at the lower number of religious services !!! What is happening to our Society??? Do wish I could answer your question !!!
- Most I've ever heard was they were moving. I know some people really got attached to Fr CJ but I think if Msg John has some time to get out and for people to get to know him, the attachment will be there. The summer should present opportunities - it would be nice to see Msg John and Fr Richard out and about in town and in the schools when appropriate.
- I don't really know anyone who has actually left.... I usually go to the Dale because there is more of a community spirit there. Everyone prays together and sings together, and is really friendly and welcoming. I grew up in the Saint Ann parish but it's not the same.
- Reason previously mentioned and they are too busy.
- I don't know anyone who has left
- Don't know anyone who might have left
- I do not know, but hope to find out from this survey.
- I have not talked to any one that has left. One person did share with me early on in the transition to Monsignor John Bonzagni they were having a hard time connecting. I encouraged her to give it time and that I saw that he was working To connect with the community and also expressed my personal positive response to his homilies.
- A problem with a certain priest and with the choir.
- don't know
- Have heard from anyone. I know personally that when some churches closed, some of the people did not ever register at another church and some just stopped going. It is assumed that perhaps in losing Father CJ after so many years could be a reason. Change in anything always causes people to step back to see how it will affect them.
- Seem to be searching for God and not finding him here.
- Most have said the transfer of Father CJ to Longmeadow. Many have said the unapproachability and seeming passivity of Msgr Bonzagni.

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Many no longer feel welcome.

Loss of the children's Mass.

- They miss Father CJ and his "personality" and flare that he brought to mass and the parish.
- Less welcoming to children than previously.  
Fr. C.J. was a "spark" and a truly engaging personality. He exuded warmth and love. They miss that. They will go elsewhere if they need to, to find it.
- I have not talked to any who have left.
- I don't know many people who have left. I do know that as kids grow up and go off to school, some parents tend to decrease participation because kids are gone.
- Haven't directly heard from anyone who has left why they left.
- I do not have personal knowledge of former parishioners' reasons for leaving. But, I do have opinions as to why, (a) child abuse and the Church response (b) the closing of other parish churches and (c) prior to Pope Francis, the Church's imperial attitude toward their flock.
- I do not know
- Uncertain
- N/A
- Only reason we are aware of is people moving out of the area.
- I have not encounter anyone who has left St Ann's.
- I don't anyone who "left" but I know many who don't participate.  
I really believe it's times we live in. This free life style- anything goes attitude is ruining society.  
Me, me, me- it's sickening. I hate to say it, but Fathers may need to paint a grim picture of what's to come.
- Don't know anyone who has.
- I am not aware of who had come or gone.
- I'm not aware of anyone who has left.
- my perception is that it is a general dissatisfaction with the Catholic Church more than it is anything specifically related to St. Ann. My personal belief is that some of this is misplaced and can be overcome with the Pastor and Deacons addressing some of these misconceptions as part of their homilies.
- The Catholic church is too focused on rules, obligations, exclusive of women in leadership roles. We are not a christian community.
- I think many who left did so because of conditions outside the Parish. The reaction of the Church to the abuse scandals. The conservative reaction of Rome to Vatican II when there

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was hope for a greater understanding and love for the human condition. The attitude of the Church, not the Parish, towards women and their role in the Church. The members of the local parishes no longer accept the old "Father knows best" attitude which still prevails in the higher offices of the Church and in some parish priests and deacons. We are fortunate in St. Ann that we have not had that attitude in our Priests in years.

- I have heard that people left the church over the priest child abuse problem.
- Don't know
- I am not aware.
- There was a distinct lack of tradition and reverence.
- Homilies were not kid friendly.