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- I want our parish to be there for me and my family whenever we need them. I wish it could be more inviting for all age groups so that people form stronger attachments. I look at some other churches who have stronger youth programs and wish there was more here.  
Many years ago Sister Maureen came and ran a summer camp that many kids attended. It was only a week long program but it did grab a lot of kids. She had a yearly theme and it worked well. I know this means getting volunteers but I wish the CCD teacher could develop something.
- I look to my parish for understanding and support. I would like to see it be an active community where we have different projects and programs that interest different people. There should be lots going on to keep people coming back. Then maybe they'll stay.
- A strong community to teach and support our children.
- I would like my parish to continue running the church pretty much the way it has been with some changes.
- To be a haven during difficult and emotional times when your faith is tested and you need stability in your life.
- I would like it to be more of a sense of community, not just what we do on Sunday. While i am extremely proud to be a Catholic, i think other churches do this better.
- I want to feel that the parish is a large, extended family... We might not all agree about everything, but we always feel welcome. The parish should be comfortable, familiar, but still provide opportunities to help our larger community.
- I want you to just keep up all the good you and the parishioners are doing...
- I get most of what I need. I want the parish to provide for my family's spiritual needs and that's always been available and I look to learn more every week - that happens. I look for a place where I feel welcome - that's there. I really don't see any big gaps.
- I don't know exactly, but the fact that Fr. John is there and Fr. Richard too, makes me feel better about our parish.
- More reaching to each other.
- I'd like people to be more friendly.
- A beautiful and peaceful place to worship  
Community spirit (most of my friends have typically been fellow parishioners at my various parishes as I've moved from one town or state to another.)  
Guidance when I need it (open door policy)  
More education about the faith - bible study (which we now do have), sacramental knowledge, USCCB  
On a diocese level, there should be a better pre-cana program

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- I want to feel embraced and loved by my parish, its' pastor and its' congregation. Loved. I want each other to relate to one another in an open way. I want to be able to go to mass, for example, and simply pray, reflect and feel 'warmth' and compatibility with those around me. I go to mass on Anguilla (BWI) during the Winter where we rent a home for the winter months. I love going to mass there. The priest is polish, he gives sermons that are of-the-moment, very down-to-earth and relate to everyday life in a very strong way. When we are to give the sign of peace to each other the children run up and down the aisle offering peace and the whole congregation from the locals to those visiting who break out with smiles, an 'embrace' and a feeling of just 'goodness'. Simple.  
(PS: bongo drums and local voices on high do a lot for the mood and spirit of the mass).
- It is great. My previous parish in Albany was also great.
- A place of peace and prayer and consolation and warmth.
- I value the preservation of the traditions and knowledge. I value the opportunity for being a part of a community and the music department has also been an asset.
- I guess I have to say more of the same. We have a wonderful, caring community. I am so grateful to be as part of.
- I want information and perhaps guidance on many topics relevant today- re Church ' for example thoughts about Pope's recent statements (do not give us rules and regs) acknowledgment of contemporary social problems that ought to draw response from us, exploration of such, and challenges to our Christianity in how we do respond.
- To have a place to go and forget the cares of the world even for a short time. Going to church helps to refresh the mind and the soul. You see there people that are like you and you find that you are not alone and attain comfort from this.
- To learn and understand more from the actual words written by God and given to us for our knowledge and understanding of his directions. I want to be in touch with people to plant seeds which is what I believe he wants. I love God and want to serve him and look for ways in my daily life to do so.
- More openness, more welcoming, more interchange, more availability with pastor and Deacons, more parish activities at all levels for parishioners, follow Jesus' lead in action and not just words.
- Community, support, acceptance, education, joy.

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- Draw us together. Help us nurture faith in one another. Make me thirst (once again) for coming to Mass each weekend. Provide a means of fellowship with others with whom I share common religious values. Help me feel invested in my parish again.
- more programs to interest young families. The children are our future.
- At this time the Parish is meeting each of my hopes to grow in my Faith. For me the Celebration of the Eucharist, listening, learning and strengthening my faith through the homily are all present.
- Nourishment for my faith.  
Opportunities to serve others less fortunate than ourselves.
- Community - I love that we have that now - mainly it comes from participating in volunteer opportunities and I wish we could make that clear to folks - they'll get sooo much more out of the Church experience if they participate during or outside of the mass.
- A place where I can share my spirituality and grow in my spirituality with like-minded individuals. The Consecration group that Fr. Richard just led was exactly that. Please have more such groups!!!!!! Maybe even a book group??
- Friendship in the Church family.
- To feel part of a community. I do get this feeling
- What we are being offered. We are very happy with the spiritual direction of the parish. The music program is wonderful. We look for continuity in what is being offered.
- Very happy with the way things are.
- Personally I am quite pleased with my parish. I feel the love of God at Mass, the friendship and the love.
- I find all that I need at the present time from St. Ann's. Thank you!
- A large community of parishioners who care for one another, who help each other. Who understand that prayer is what this world needs right now. We are on a slippery slope and we need to get back to Church!
- security, comfortable friendship.  
We came from a closed parish and chose St. Ann mainly because of the non-rushed liturgy & ease of hearing.  
We immediately went to a meeting (to plan the festival) mainly in order to meet people and for people to meet us. It's been busy, busy ever since.....but very rewarding!
- I think more community involvement would be nice. We need to show that we can practice what we preach. The Christian example should not end when the parking lot is empty.
- I want a loving and happy community...which I believe we are.
- A more vibrant religious community.

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- To be a supportive and caring Christian community focused on building each other's faith, and helping each of us to get through this difficult life.
- I am happy with my parish and think it does a good job with what it is given. What I would like to see from the Church is a better understanding of the needs and desires of its people. A recognition that the day of the unmarried clergy is gone. The recognition that ordained women would not be the end of the Church.
- I already said what I like about the parish, the availability of the masses, the liturgies, the sermons. to feel welcome & connected.
- A friendly priest like we used to have.
- A spiritual connection to the Church and help in deepening of my faith.
- A place where the truth is proclaimed from the pulpit.  
Traditional Latin Mass  
More community involvement
- to feel included like it was part of my family and motivated to live a good Christian life.