

Opening prayer

Heavenly Father, as we begin our meeting, we do so in awareness that without your divine Presence here at the center of our meeting our work will be empty.

Grace us with your wisdom and vision, gift us with holy humor and humility, so that this meeting may be productive fostering the good of all for whom and with whom we minister.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit , now and forever. Amen

Elements in Parish Life

Evangelization

Worship

Word

Community

Service

Stewardship

Leadership

COMMITMENT TO THE TASK

OFFER FEEDBACK AND ASSISTANCE

AVOID JUST DEALING WITH PEOPLE YOU LIKE

CONSISTENCY IN YOUR APPROACH

HONESTY IN YOUR FEEDBACK

“Evangelization is in fact the Grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize, that is to say, in order to preach and teach, to be the channel of the gift of Grace, to reconcile sinners with God and to perpetuate Christ’s sacrifice in the Mass, which is the memorial of his death and glorious resurrection “

Evangelii Nuntiandi (On the evangelization in the Modern World)
Pope Paul VI

EVANGELIZATION

1. Catechesis ~~ Sacraments, Youth, Adults
2. Youth
3. Poor ~ Social Services, Food Pantry
4. Sick
5. Bereavement

Catechetical

Coordination ~ Communion ~ Interaction

Catechetical Program

- ⇒ Communion
- ⇒ Confirmation

Catechesis For Adults

Marriage Preparation

Baptismal Preparation

- ⇒ Post baptismal Preparation
- ⇒ Post Baptismal Visitation

Post Confirmation Program

Encourage friends and family to enroll in the program . Let your neighbor know about the programs. Volunteer.
Bring a Bulletin to a neighbor , accompany them to a parish activity or event

NEEDS

1. Team to organize the certification classes for the teachers
2. Parents contact team
3. Teachers
4. Home visitors

Youth

Youth Activities coordinator

Social Activities Coordinator

Outreach mission (*nursing home, food pantry, ...*)

Spiritual Dimension

⇒ Youth Mass

⇒ Adoration

⇒ Retreats

Youth Music Program

School of Graphics ?

High & Middle School outreach (North Bergen , West New York) what we could offer ??

Post Confirmation Program

Needs : Coordinator outing, liturgy animator,

Planned = This year together with the youth in the confirmation program and in cooperation with the District Attorney Office and the West new York Police Department meeting on the problems of Gangs and Drug use. Needed a coordinator of the program.

Important that the same youth feel not only well received in the parish but useful

HOME VISITATION

Sick

Homebound

Bereavement

Visit at the Funeral Home

Visit during the first 6 months

If the family does not want a Mass Vespers at the Funeral Home

Make Contact with the funeral Home offering to have a prayer service

Nursing Home

Newly Baptized

“In most parishes , Sunday is most likely the only time that many Catholics come into formal contact with the Church as Church. For this reason, the Sunday Eucharist needs to be a high priority in the life of the community. This demands a commitment of time, energy and resources to assure that the Sunday Eucharist is and remain the focal point of the community.

For it is here that the community comes to celebrate its life of faith; it is here where the Church is renewed to continue its mission.”

Sunday Eucharist:Source and summit of Parish Life

TIME/WORSHIP

Mass schedule :

English

4:30pm ; 6:30pm ;
8:00am ; 9:00am ; 10:00am 11:15am 11:30am

Español

7:30pm
9:00am ; 12:00pm; 2:00pm; 6:00pm

Do we feel the need of all this masses ?

Which one could we combine ?

Do we feel there should be a change in the liturgy ?

Are we satisfied how it is celebrated ?

Is the music inspiring and helping us to pray ?

Do we think there should be more devotions ?

Do we feel that our style of worship is attractive to young people ?

Please remember to be concrete in the criticism and in the possible solutions !!

The Central message is simple: our faith is profoundly social. We cannot be truly Catholic unless we hear and heed the Church's call to serve those in need ...We see the parish dimension of social ministry not as an added burden, but as a part of what keeps the parish alive and makes it truly catholic.

USCCB

Social Services Offered or Planned

1. Food Pantry
2. Emergency Shelter for the Red Cross
3. Lawyer for immigration
4. English as second Language
5. Assistance for people with addictions
6. Computer Classes
7. Finance Management Classes

To come

- ⇒ *Job Placement Office*
- ⇒ *Emergency Food Pantry*
- ⇒ *Immigration Lawyers*
- ⇒ *Citizenship Classes*

Possible ?

- ⇒ *Temporary shelter for single mothers and battered women*
- ⇒ *Teen shelter*

Buildings

- A. Do we feel that we have a proper use of the Buildings ?
- B. We feel that the up keeping of the buildings is our responsibility or only of the Pastor ?
- C. Next year the HCCC will leave the school do we need the space or we need the money more ?
- D. Are we willing to use the building as a mean to improve the outreach of the parish or only do we look to our own convenience ?
- E. I feel member of the Holy Redeemer Parish or I think of myself still as a member of St. John's or St. Mary's ?
- F. How we think eventual available space should be used ?

Finances

Fact:

Next year we will be loosing between *245,000* to *300,00* from the budget

Fact:

The collection is about *4,000* equivalent to *2.75\$* per parishioner

We need an *active* and *sitting* fund raising committee. Up to now the different fundraising activities have been run on a group by group initiative.

Fund raising will have to be directed primarily toward the general maintenance and outreach programs of the parish. Efforts to have people outside the parish to participate have to be incremented.

Archbishop Annual Appeal

	2009/2010	2010/2011
GOAL	22,189.00	23,079.00
PLEDGED	26,850.00	18,140.00
RECEIVED	21,955.00	11,150.00
DONORS	146	96
PARISH MEMBERSHIP	1,650	1,825

Membership In the different Parish Groups

520