

Be My Witness Planning Matters Update:

From Dec. 2017 to May, 2018, we at St. Mary's filled out surveys on Sunday Matters, Welcome Matters, Belonging Matters, Witness Matters and Mission Matters. The BMW team analyzed what you had to say on each topic. Then, we spent several meetings coming up with opportunities for growth.

First we shortened our Mission Statement which is on our website to its essence so all of us could more easily keep it in mind.

We are a welcoming community called to deepen and share our faith.

So keep an eye out for it and better yet, plant it in your memory!

Then we came up with top priorities for each of the areas mentioned above. Here are the four we, as a parish, will concentrate on this year.

1. **Formation of a Hospitality Committee** so that hospitality will impact every aspect of St. Mary's. You said you want to be very welcomed and belong to St. Mary's. If you feel called to be part of this ministry, contact Sr. Marie: marieclarkmsc@gmail.com or 610-683-7443.
2. **Sunday Matters:** We truly believe that Sunday is the most important day of the week as we gather as St. Mary's community to worship God and are nourished by the Word and Eucharist to live as God's people. So we will be attentive to formation of all ministers, the homilies, and the music that impact the celebration of Liturgy. Periodically we will ask you to let us know how we can better serve you and enhance the Celebration of the Liturgy. The contact person is Ann Pirnot: Annpirnot@hometownnu.com or 610-683-3183.
3. **Inviting people into ministry:** We are not looking for "volunteers." We invite you to reflect on your gifts and talents and in a spirit of gratitude for God's great blessings to us, share who you are and a bit of your time with our faith community and or reach out in service to our community and beyond. So we are trying a few things this year:
 - a. shorter, user friendly **Time and Talent form** to see how you want to be a part of our community.
 - b. **Ministries Fair April 6/7** after all the Masses spearheaded by the Ladies Auxiliary so you get to know the many organizations in our Parish, what they do, and how you might want to use your gifts.
 - c. **Welcome Committee for new parishioners:** one to one contact to welcome you to the parish, get to know you, and how you can be part of St. Mary's. The contact person is Barbe Fogarty: barbefogarty@gmail.com 484-648-4038.
4. **Social Media small committee:** We have discovered that parishioners and our local community may not know all that we do at St. Mary's. So we need a small committee who love to write and perhaps are tech savvy who could spread the word. The contact person is our coordinator of Religious Education, Ann Pergosky: stmaryreled@ptd.net 610-683-6454.

We have a great **website** and an amazing webmaster, Darla Molnar. But the rest of us are clueless! So we are looking for someone with a lot of web or little web experience to work with Darla. Our contact person is Darla Molnar: denm7438@gmail.com or 484-350-2823.

The Phase 1 meetings of Be My Witness have ended and the development of the priorities will be overseen by the Parish Pastoral Council that resumes March 18. The Phase 1 team will meet again in September to see how we are progressing and what we need to do. The contact person is Ann Pirnot:

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Phase 2 of Be My Witness with an emphasis on the parishioner in small groups is being developed with coordinator, Dottie Boyle: dorothy.h.boyle@gmail.com or 610-683-3355. Phase 2 is the place where welcome, witness, and mission naturally is developed and sustained. So stay tuned to see what is happening and how you want to be involved.