

2018 OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH SURVEY

As part of the parish merger process, a transition team of parishioners from both churches – formed by Fr. Tim, and whose work continued under Fr. Michael – worked to develop a strategic plan for Our Lady of Hope Parish. The strategic plan includes a Mission and Vision Statement – now prominently placed on our parish website and in the bulletin – as well as several strategic priorities, designed to guide our work over the next couple of years.

One of the strategic priorities deals with parish ministries:

Improve existing ministries and create new ministries that are vibrant, relevant, attractive and inclusive; that address the needs of our parishioners, especially the poor and abandoned; our youth; and the needs of our parish community at large.

To that end, we're asking for your help to determine how we can successfully address this priority in our parish. Please take a few minutes to answer the questions below, and feel free to contact any Parish Council member or Fr. Michael if you have any questions.

You may return the survey in person or place in the offertory basket for collection. The survey may be anonymous or you may include your name in the comments at the end for additional feedback or volunteer opportunities.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us—Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Are you a registered member of Our Lady of Hope Parish? Yes No

Individual Family With children? In Religious Ed?

Single Married Divorced Widow/er

Age range: 18-30 31-40 41-60 61+

Mass attendance:

Always/almost always Frequently Occasionally Holidays only

Do you participate in any of the existing parish ministries or parishioner-led initiatives?

Yes No

If so, which one(s)?

Do you participate in current parish-wide organized events (like Bunco, dinner dance, pasta supper)?

Yes No

Are there social events or social group gatherings that the parish should consider adding or changing?

What do you see as the most urgent needs of our own parishioners (individuals or groups)?

What do you see as the most urgent needs of our parish community (New Hartford, Barkhamsted, Harwinton)?

What do you consider the most urgent needs of our community at large?

Please indicate your area(s) of interest by marking the options below:

- Outreach to the Needy Youth Ministry Outreach to the Elderly
Adult Faith Formation Sacramental Prep Bereavement
Social Activities Visitation of the sick and homebound
Outreach to inactive Catholics Religious Ed Social Justice
Opportunities for Devotions (rosaries, Eucharistic Adoration, etc.)

Other: _____

In a typical week, when are you regularly most available to participate in parish activities and/or serve on a committee? Please select one option only.

- Weekday evenings Saturday mornings
Saturday afternoons After the Mass I attend

How do you get information about parish/church activities, liturgy, etc.?

- Bulletin Parish Website MyParish App I just call the office

Which way do you prefer to receive written communications about our parish (like the financial reports, letters from Fr. Michael, etc.)?

- As a handout in the back of the church
 As an insert to the bulletin
 Via email
 As a printable pdf on the website

How effective is our current method of communication in the parish?

- Just fine Needs improvement Unsatisfactory

What could the parish do to improve communication with parishioners?