

Renewal Update

The Renewal Representatives for Family #4 met with our clergy to receive updates. We would like to provide the following information:

- First and Foremost, we would like to reiterate that the Renewal program is as written on the Renewal Website:

“The Diocese has embarked on a journey to optimize more fully parish and diocesan resources, and, importantly, increase the reach and impact of our varied ministries throughout Western New York.”
- It is important to understand that the Diocese intention is not to close parishes, but on the contrary to strengthen them.
- We, as a parish, are to work independently for our parish, but also collaboratively in the Family unit to again strengthen our local Catholic community. The following are the Parishes in Family #4 (which we should start thinking of a good name for our family, as we will need to Name our Family of Parishes).
 - Holy Apostles Parish, which is comprised of Saints Peter & Paul and St John both located in Jamestown
 - Our Lady of Loreto located in Falconer
 - Sacred Heart/Our Lady of the Snows, located in Lakewood and Panama
 - Saint James Parish & Our Lady of Victory Oratory located in Jamestown and Frewsburg
 - Saint Patrick located in Randolph
- The Diocese also is asking for more collaboration and more involvement by the Lay people.
- All Vicars have been selected for the Vicariates, which is composed of 7 Vicariates for Family of Parishes and 1 Vicariate for Campus Ministry. We are in the Southern Tier West Vicariate and the head of the Vicariate is a Vicar Forane. Father Todd has been named to that position and will start February 01st. The good news is that Father Todd has assured us that he will stay in place until the Pastor of the Family has arrived, which he is expected to arrive on February 8. The diocese has recently named Fr. Darrell Duffy to be the pastor of our family.
- When we enter the next step of the renewal, which is becoming a Family of Parishes, there will be need for many volunteers, including serving on Pillar teams. These volunteers could be employees and/or non-employees. The Pillar teams will go to work on the development of the Family of Parishes. At this time, we would like to give you some information on the six Pillars and examples, of what will be looked at by each Pillar what if anything needs to be changed, can anything be Family oriented, or Parish oriented only.
 - **Liturgy and Worship:** As some examples, they will look at Mass schedule, sacramentals, Liturgy and Worship.
 - **Spiritual Life:** Retreats, Devotions, RCIA, Life in the Eucharist, the Sacramental process. This Pillar is sometimes incorporated into other Pillars.
 - **Administration:** Basically, review all business operations. Keeping in mind that financials remain with the individual Parishes including each parish retaining their own finance committee.

- **Stewardship:** Family/Parish hospitality, help strengthen the volunteer pool.
- **Out Reach/In Reach:**
 - Out Reach – any ministry or activity aimed at bringing relief for those who are suffering, while maintaining inclusivity. Evangelization geared toward the unchurched and seeking Christ. Promotion of missionary discipleship to attract new Catholics.
 - In Reach – Ministry to those who are in physical or spiritual need, Empower parishioners, Develop a culture of welcome.
- **Forming Disciples:** Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Faith Formation, Adult Faith Formation, Adult Leadership Training, Inclusive Catechesis, Family Formation.

The Discipleship Maker Survey that we did is the last topic we would like to cover. We want to thank all of you for taking the time to complete the survey. We want to provide you with the Top three strengths and the Top three opportunities that were discovered because of the survey. Please see the attached sheet with the results.

As we, as a Family of Parishes move forward and look to the future, think about how we as a parish can improve in those areas of opportunities and how we can help our fellow parishes that may be struggling in the areas that we have strength. Here at St. James our renewal representatives are Tom Franco and Steve Maggio. Thank you and God Bless, continue to pray the prayer of renewal.

Prayer for Renewal

In every age, O God, you have called us
To be your people, to be your Church.

In this time, we begin anew to discern
The pathways that will lead us,
Your people, closer to you.

Continually Bless our journey
As we proclaim your Good News,
Celebrate your saving presence among us,
Server others with charity and justice,
And steward the world
You have entrusted to our care.

Send your Spirit to lead and guide
Our Emmaus journey as we commit
Ourselves to the renewal of our Church.

This we ask through Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

Strengths & Opportunities

Questions for which your parish had the strongest positive and negative results based on strongly agree or high frequency

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(Optional) Filter the responses to this question by a particular demographic by selecting a question and associated response below

Select a question

Select a response

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Strengths

Top 3 by Highest Percentage Strongly Agree

Belief: Eucharist is body/blood of Christ
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Belief: Scripture is word of God
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Recommend Parish
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Legend

- I Do Not Know
- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Top 3 by Highest Percentage Monthly or More Often

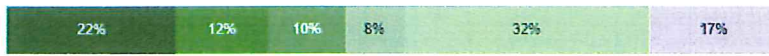
Frequency: Mass attendance
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Frequency: Individual prayer time
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Frequency: Catholic devotions
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Legend

- Never
- Once or Twice a Year
- Quarterly
- Monthly
- Weekly
- Daily
- Group Daily, Weekly & Monthly

Opportunities

Top 3 by Lowest Percentage Strongly Agree

Conversations: Sharing personal story
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Legend

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Conversations: Sharing story of Jesus

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Agree
 Strongly Agree

Conversations: Confidence in teachings

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Top 3 by Lowest Percentage Monthly or More Often

Frequency: Retreat

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Legend

Never

Once or Twice a Year

Quarterly

Monthly

Weekly

Daily

Group Daily, Weekly & Monthly

Frequency: Invited man to priesthood

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Frequency: Invited another to religious life

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