

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN**Parish Self-Study**

Deanery

|North Schuylkill

SECTION 1**Total Responses = 5337**

Below are statements about elements of parish life, which might be found in any parish. Next to each, please circle YES if you believe the statement is true about your parish, NO if you believe it is not true about your parish, or NOT SURE if you are not sure if the statement is true your parish.

1. My parish is able to provide Mass on some or all weekdays.

Responses	%	
4237	79%	Yes
800	15%	No
243	5%	Not Sure
57	1%	No Response

2. My parish provides the Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation weekly at regularly scheduled times.

Responses	%	
4478	84%	Yes
503	9%	No
283	5%	Not Sure
73	1%	No Response

3. My parish provides for the spiritual and sacramental needs of the sick and shut-ins.

Responses	%	
4475	84%	Yes
192	4%	No
599	11%	Not Sure
71	1%	No Response

4. My parish encourages personal holiness and religious growth by providing days of recollection and spiritual opportunities, such as 40 Hours, Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration, and other worship services (e.g. penance services, novenas, etc.)

Responses	%	
4759	89%	Yes
261	5%	No
219	4%	Not Sure
98	2%	No Response

5. My parish has adequate facilities for worship.

Responses	%	
5054	95%	Yes
117	2%	No
93	2%	Not Sure
73	1%	No Response

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6. My parish has a music ministry (organist, cantor, choir, etc.).

Responses	%	
4989	93%	Yes
175	3%	No
95	2%	Not Sure
78	1%	No Response

7. My parish has lectors at all Sunday and Holyday Masses.

Responses	%	
5021	94%	Yes
119	2%	No
121	2%	Not Sure
76	1%	No Response

8. My parish has altar servers at all Sunday and Holyday Masses.

Responses	%	
4687	88%	Yes
377	7%	No
191	4%	Not Sure
82	2%	No Response

9. My parish has cantors at all Sunday and Holyday Masses.

Responses	%	
3382	63%	Yes
1025	19%	No
768	14%	Not Sure
162	3%	No Response

10. My parish has an organist and music at all Sunday and Holyday Masses.

Responses	%	
4680	88%	Yes
388	7%	No
184	3%	Not Sure
85	2%	No Response

11. My parish invites parishioners to serve as lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, cantors, ushers, altar servers, etc.

Responses	%	
4848	91%	Yes
140	3%	No
270	5%	Not Sure
79	1%	No Response

12. My parish has a functioning Pastoral Council.

Responses	%	
2459	46%	Yes
518	10%	No
2155	40%	Not Sure
205	4%	No Response

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13. My parish has a functioning Financial Council.

Responses	%	
2838	53%	Yes
482	9%	No
1823	34%	Not Sure
194	4%	No Response

14. My parish supports its clergy by volunteering to help where help is needed so that the needs of the parish are met.

Responses	%	
4429	83%	Yes
137	3%	No
616	12%	Not Sure
155	3%	No Response

15. My parish reaches out to the youth of the parish, through CYO, Youth Group, youth activities, etc.

Responses	%	
3503	66%	Yes
675	13%	No
1003	19%	Not Sure
156	3%	No Response

16. My parish provides continuing faith formation for high school students.

Responses	%	
2828	53%	Yes
727	14%	No
1611	30%	Not Sure
171	3%	No Response

17. My parish provides continuing faith formation for adults (Bible study, faith sharing, prayer groups, etc.).

Responses	%	
2883	54%	Yes
858	16%	No
1411	26%	Not Sure
185	3%	No Response

18. My parish reaches out to parishioners with special needs (e.g. divorced/separated, single parents, elderly, handicapped, etc.).

Responses	%	
2864	54%	Yes
615	12%	No
1691	32%	Not Sure
167	3%	No Response

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19. My parish prepares people to receive the Sacraments, through Baptismal preparation, First Communion, Penance, Confirmation and Marriage Preparation programs.

Responses	%	
4925	92%	Yes
101	2%	No
184	3%	Not Sure
127	2%	No Response

20. My parish makes available CCD/PREP for grade school students.

Responses	%	
4535	85%	Yes
154	3%	No
498	9%	Not Sure
150	3%	No Response

21. My parish makes available CCD/PREP for high school students.

Responses	%	
2851	53%	Yes
728	14%	No
1583	30%	Not Sure
175	3%	No Response

22. My parish makes available adult religious education.

Responses	%	
2526	47%	Yes
794	15%	No
1822	34%	Not Sure
195	4%	No Response

23. My parish has a Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) process.

Responses	%	
2845	53%	Yes
359	7%	No
1885	35%	Not Sure
248	5%	No Response

24. My parish supports the local Catholic grade school.

Responses	%	
4630	87%	Yes
178	3%	No
361	7%	Not Sure
168	3%	No Response

25. My parish supports the local Catholic high school.

Responses	%	
3910	73%	Yes
454	9%	No
686	13%	Not Sure
287	5%	No Response

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26. My parish warmly welcomes new people and those from other cultures into the parish.

Responses	%	
4728	89%	Yes
110	2%	No
349	7%	Not Sure
150	3%	No Response

27. My parish invites fallen-away Catholics back to the Church.

Responses	%	
4193	79%	Yes
172	3%	No
766	14%	Not Sure
206	4%	No Response

28. My parish reaches out to people not participating in any church.

Responses	%	
3052	57%	Yes
326	6%	No
1713	32%	Not Sure
246	5%	No Response

29. My parish participates in local ecumenical activities.

Responses	%	
3648	68%	Yes
223	4%	No
1214	23%	Not Sure
252	5%	No Response

30. My parish supports community efforts such as food banks, blood drives, Alcoholics Anonymous, etc.

Responses	%	
3274	61%	Yes
371	7%	No
1440	27%	Not Sure
252	5%	No Response

31. My parish provides help for those in need, when it can.

Responses	%	
3905	73%	Yes
183	3%	No
1010	19%	Not Sure
239	4%	No Response

32. My parish assists in obtaining help for those in need when the parish itself cannot provide the help.

Responses	%	
2843	53%	Yes
205	4%	No
2012	38%	Not Sure
277	5%	No Response

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33. My parish maintains its property and buildings.

Responses	%	
4815	90%	Yes
170	3%	No
130	2%	Not Sure
222	4%	No Response

34. My parish provides periodic financial reports for the parish to parishioners.

Responses	%	
3923	74%	Yes
549	10%	No
609	11%	Not Sure
256	5%	No Response

35. My parish is financially supported primarily by the Sunday collection.

Responses	%	
3351	63%	Yes
791	15%	No
984	18%	Not Sure
211	4%	No Response

36. My parish uses additional fundraisers for normal operating expenses.

Responses	%	
4290	80%	Yes
213	4%	No
625	12%	Not Sure
209	4%	No Response

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SECTION II

Please answer the following questions about yourself:

1. I am a:

Responses	%	
1982	37%	Male
3213	60%	Female
142	3%	No Response

2. I am a:

Responses	%	
4110	77%	layperson
10	0%	diocesan priest or deacon
4	0%	religious priest or deacon
166	3%	religious sister or brother
1047	20%	No Response

3. I am a:

Responses	%	
10	0%	pastor
6	0%	parochial vicar
3	0%	permanent deacon
57	1%	member of a parish staff
60	1%	member of parish council
4500	84%	parishioner
701	13%	No Response

4. I am:

Responses	%	
950	18%	single
3131	59%	married
801	15%	widowed
39	1%	separated
243	5%	divorced
173	3%	No Response

5. I am:

Responses	%	
266	5%	16-25 years old
545	10%	26-40 years old
1338	25%	41-55 years old
1564	29%	56-70 years old
1379	26%	71+ years old
245	5%	No Response

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6. I am:

Responses	%	
4723	88%	Caucasian
40	1%	Hispanic
39	1%	African-American
15	0%	Asian
90	2%	Other
430	8%	No Response

7. I am involved in the following elements of parish life: (Please check all that apply.)

Responses	%	
338	6%	Lector
287	5%	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
274	5%	Music Ministry (musician, cantor, choir)
138	3%	Financial Council member
49	1%	Pastoral Council member
24	0%	Liturgy Committee member
111	2%	Catechist
50	1%	Youth group moderator
13	0%	RCIA team member
21	0%	Adult education teacher
14	0%	Faith Formation moderator
162	3%	Bible study or prayer group participant
530	10%	Church organization member (i.e., Rosary Altar Society, Holy Name Society, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Legion of Mary, etc.)
2969	56%	Financial support through weekly offering
1476	28%	Send children to the local Catholic school (past or present)
1064	20%	Send children to my parish religious education program (CCD/PREP) (past or present).
669	13%	Other
1410	26%	No Response

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8. I have been a member of my parish for:

Responses	%	
450	8%	1-5 years
556	10%	6-15 years
732	14%	16-30 years
1083	20%	30+ years
2210	41%	my lifetime
306	6%	No Response

9. I am:

Responses	%	
3747	70%	very attached to my parish
1001	19%	somewhat attached to my parish
85	2%	not at all attached to my parish
193	4%	not sure how I feel about my parish
311	6%	No Response