

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN**Parish Self-Study**

Deanery | South Schuylkill

SECTION 1**Total Responses = 5320**

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	%	
5018	94%	Yes
116	2%	No
165	3%	Not Sure
21	0%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
4806	90%	Yes
153	3%	No
337	6%	Not Sure
23	0%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
4666	88%	Yes
83	2%	No
541	10%	Not Sure
29	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	%	
4910	92%	Yes
144	3%	No
211	4%	Not Sure
55	1%	No Response

5. My parish has adequate facilities for worship.

Responses	%	
5209	98%	Yes
29	1%	No
58	1%	Not Sure
24	0%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
4999	94%	Yes
181	3%	No
98	2%	Not Sure
42	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
5139	97%	Yes
66	1%	No
80	2%	Not Sure
35	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
4863	91%	Yes
262	5%	No
146	3%	Not Sure
49	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
3213	60%	Yes
1146	22%	No
842	16%	Not Sure
119	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
4443	84%	Yes
568	11%	No
265	5%	Not Sure
44	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
4937	93%	Yes
70	1%	No
276	5%	Not Sure
37	1%	No Response

12. My parish has a functioning Pastoral Council.

Responses	%	
2650	50%	Yes
417	8%	No
2127	40%	Not Sure
126	2%	No Response

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13. My parish has a functioning Financial Council.

Responses	%	
2553	48%	Yes
431	8%	No
2212	42%	Not Sure
124	2%	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	%	
4517	85%	Yes
63	1%	No
620	12%	Not Sure
120	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
4240	80%	Yes
364	7%	No
629	12%	Not Sure
87	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
3023	57%	Yes
531	10%	No
1645	31%	Not Sure
121	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
3361	63%	Yes
547	10%	No
1291	24%	Not Sure
121	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
3108	58%	Yes
411	8%	No
1685	32%	Not Sure
116	2%	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	%	
5102	96%	Yes
27	1%	No
117	2%	Not Sure
74	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
4851	91%	Yes
65	1%	No
321	6%	Not Sure
83	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
2849	54%	Yes
699	13%	No
1653	31%	Not Sure
119	2%	No Response

22. My parish makes available adult religious education.

Responses	%	
2982	56%	Yes
518	10%	No
1694	32%	Not Sure
126	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
2765	52%	Yes
475	9%	No
1927	36%	Not Sure
153	3%	No Response

24. My parish supports the local Catholic grade school.

Responses	%	
4860	91%	Yes
59	1%	No
297	6%	Not Sure
104	2%	No Response

25. My parish supports the local Catholic high school.

Responses	%	
4562	86%	Yes
74	1%	No
574	11%	Not Sure
110	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
4818	91%	Yes
108	2%	No
297	6%	Not Sure
96	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
4085	77%	Yes
119	2%	No
983	18%	Not Sure
133	3%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
2963	56%	Yes
238	4%	No
1969	37%	Not Sure
150	3%	No Response

29. My parish participates in local ecumenical activities.

Responses	%	
3657	69%	Yes
141	3%	No
1349	25%	Not Sure
172	3%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
3995	75%	Yes
181	3%	No
995	19%	Not Sure
149	3%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
4388	82%	Yes
61	1%	No
739	14%	Not Sure
132	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
3212	60%	Yes
83	2%	No
1855	35%	Not Sure
170	3%	No Response

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33. My parish maintains its property and buildings.

Responses	%	
5059	95%	Yes
68	1%	No
72	1%	Not Sure
121	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
4000	75%	Yes
472	9%	No
685	13%	Not Sure
163	3%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
3555	67%	Yes
275	5%	No
1344	25%	Not Sure
146	3%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
4404	83%	Yes
114	2%	No
672	13%	Not Sure
130	2%	No Response

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SECTION II

Please answer the following questions about yourself:

1. I am a:

Responses	%	
2016	38%	Male
3216	60%	Female
87	2%	No Response

2. I am a:

Responses	%	
4376	82%	layperson
12	0%	diocesan priest or deacon
1	0%	religious priest or deacon
141	3%	religious sister or brother
790	15%	No Response

3. I am a:

Responses	%	
9	0%	pastor
1	0%	parochial vicar
6	0%	permanent deacon
47	1%	member of a parish staff
47	1%	member of parish council
4679	88%	parishioner
531	10%	No Response

4. I am:

Responses	%	
817	15%	single
3446	65%	married
692	13%	widowed
41	1%	separated
223	4%	divorced
101	2%	No Response

5. I am:

Responses	%	
284	5%	16-25 years old
612	12%	26-40 years old
1422	27%	41-55 years old
1533	29%	56-70 years old
1304	25%	71+ years old
165	3%	No Response

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6. I am:

Responses	%	
4830	91%	Caucasian
14	0%	Hispanic
13	0%	African-American
13	0%	Asian
99	2%	Other
351	7%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
263	5%	Lector
305	6%	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
237	4%	Music Ministry (musician, cantor, choir)
79	1%	Financial Council member
60	1%	Pastoral Council member
17	0%	Liturgy Committee member
144	3%	Catechist
46	1%	Youth group moderator
13	0%	RCIA team member
19	0%	Adult education teacher
11	0%	Faith Formation moderator
163	3%	Bible study or prayer group participant
512	10%	Church organization member (i.e., Rosary Altar Society, Holy Name Society, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Legion of Mary, etc.)
3070	58%	Financial support through weekly offering
1624	31%	Send children to the local Catholic school (past or present)
1257	24%	Send children to my parish religious education program (CCD/PREP) (past or present).
811	15%	Other
1238	23%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
438	8%	1-5 years
679	13%	6-15 years
845	16%	16-30 years
1130	21%	30+ years
2000	38%	my lifetime
228	4%	No Response

9. I am:

Responses	%	
3621	68%	very attached to my parish
1202	23%	somewhat attached to my parish
83	2%	not at all attached to my parish
191	4%	not sure how I feel about my parish
223	4%	No Response
