

## Sunday Experience Survey – Nov 4/5, 2017

	4:00 PM	Perc. %	6:00 PM	Perc. %	8:00 AM	Perc. %	10:00 AM	Perc. %	TOTALS	Perc. %
Generally attend this Mass time (total surveys)	36	of 36	47	of 47	59	of 59	63	of 63	205	of 205
<b>Comment:</b> "No handicap access at 4:00"			1							
<b>Comment:</b> "Would like 4:00 @ WR"					2					
<b>Comment:</b> "Don't like 6:00; GR used to have 7:00"					1					
<b>Comment:</b> "Only because there's no 4 @ WR"							1			
Feel welcomed by greeters	32	89%	27	55%	56	95%	59	94%	172	84%
Feel comfortable with others in pews	15	42%	31	66%	57	97%	39	62%	142	69%
Feel unwelcomed	0	0%	1	<1%	0		1	<1%	2	<1%
<b>Comment:</b> "No greeters at 6:00"			1							
<b>Comment:</b> "I sit in the back chairs"							1			
<b>Comment:</b> "Welcome, except for today, could not even get into church because of Knights of Columbus--really!"					1					
<b>I experience the church entry as being:</b>										
Neat and organized	30	83%	42	86%	45	76%	50	79%	165	80%
Disorganized/cluttered	0	0%	1	<1%	1	<1%	2	<1%	4	<1%
Don't notice	4	11%	6	13%	13	22%	10	16%	33	80%
<b>I experience the church building as:</b>										
A holy place to pray and worship	35	97%	43	88%	51	86%	54	86%	181	88%
A utilitarian space/does the job	0	0%	3	<1%	2	<1%	2	<1%	6	<1%
A tired and worn out space	4	11%	0	0%	3	<1%	0	0%	7	<1%
A fresh place	5	14%	8	16%	7	12%	11	17%	30	15%
A place where God dwells in many ways	29	81%	31	63%	44	75%	48	76%	151	74%
A generally beautiful place	20	56%	27	57%	34	58%	49	78%	130	63%
<b>Other:</b> "a good place"	1									
<b>Other:</b> "beautiful flowers & decor"	1									
<b>Other:</b> "home like feel; a home"			1		1					
<b>Other:</b> "quiet somber atmosphere where I can reflect on my life as a Christian"			1							
<b>Other:</b> "warm and inviting"					1					
<b>Other:</b> "a place to be"							1			
<b>Other:</b> "a peaceful place"							1			
<b>Other:</b> "makes me feel good"							1			
Understands architectural symbolism	12	33%	14	29%	22	37%	26	41%	73	36%
Does not understand architectural symbolism	4	11%	4	<1%	6	10%	5	<1%	19	1%
Understands some architectural symbolism	21	58%	30	61%	31	53%	30	48%	111	54%
<b>I believe/see Christ presence at Mass in:</b>										
The tabernacle	31	86%	38	78%	52	88%	55	87%	175	85%
The consecrated Bread/Wine	31	86%	40	82%	52	88%	58	92%	180	88%
The Scriptures proclaimed	29	81%	32	65%	51	86%	53	84%	164	80%
The presiding Priest	28	78%	30	61%	48	81%	53	84%	157	77%
The gathered community	27	75%	31	63%	45	76%	54	86%	156	76%
The Sacraments	26	72%	36	73%	50	85%	55	87%	165	80%
<b>Comment:</b> "God is everywhere"	1									
<b>Comment:</b> "Community--depends on the day"					1					
<b>I believe the Host and Chalice is:</b>										
Bread and wine; a reminder of Christ's self-gift	4	11%	6	13%	4	<1%	6	<1%	20	10%
Bread and wine, but also Christ's Body and Blood	12	33%	23	47%	24	41%	31	49%	88	43%
Body and Blood of Christ, not bread or wine	20	56%	20	43%	31	53%	25	40%	96	47%
<b>I experience God as:</b>										
Transcendent, powerful, glorious, majestic	21	58%	33	67%	44	75%	38	60%	135	66%
Close, intimate, a friend and companion	20	56%	33	67%	44	75%	47	75%	143	70%
Not sure of what an experience of God is like	5	14%	3	<1%	1	<1%	8	13%	17	1%
<b>I feel Catholic worship is too ritualized:</b>										
Yes, always	2	<1%	2	<1%	1	<1%	3	<1%	8	<1%
Yes, but sometimes it's good	17	47%	23	49%	21	36%	31	49%	92	45%
No, never	6	17%	9	19%	18	31%	11	17%	43	21%
No, but occasionally yes	10	28%	8	17%	15	25%	15	24%	48	23%

Would like ritual better if I understood it	9	25%	17	35%	17	29%	22	35%	64	31%
Would still dislike ritual, if I understood it	4	11%	5	<1%	2	<1%	8	13%	18	1%
I enjoy ritual and understand it enough	17	47%	21	45%	31	53%	26	41%	95	46%
<b>Comment:</b> "Reminders can refresh us"							1			
<b>I go to Sunday Mass:</b>										
To listen to Scripture and the homily	29	81%	34	72%	53	90%	51	81%	167	81%
To offer sacrifice to God	22	61%	29	62%	36	61%	38	60%	125	61%
To offer praise and thanks to God	30	83%	39	83%	51	86%	55	87%	175	85%
To be uplifted in my spirit	26	72%	38	81%	47	80%	50	79%	161	79%
To meet others in the parish	13	36%	14	30%	45	76%	59	94%	131	64%
Out of habit; it's just something I do	4	11%	3	<1%	9	15%	11	17%	27	13%
Because God inspires me to go	15	42%	19	40%	45	76%	36	57%	115	56%
To be transformed in mind and soul	19	53%	27	57%	31	53%	38	60%	115	56%
Because there's good music	3	<1%	2	<1%	6	10%	9	14%	20	10%
<b>Other:</b> "Family tradition"	1									
<b>Other:</b> "Extension of prayer"	1									
<b>Other:</b> "Confess sins"	1									
<b>Other:</b> "Eucharistic gift; receive Lord in Euch."			1				1			
<b>Other:</b> "Share the Body of Christ"					1					
<b>Other:</b> "To begin my week with God"					1					
<b>Other:</b> "Not homilies about new church"					1					
<b>Other:</b> "There used to be good music"					1					
<b>Other:</b> "Pray for others; those I love"							2			
<b>Other:</b> "My lifetime duty"							1			
<b>Other:</b> "To be energized"					1					
<b>Correction:</b> "Saturday, not Sunday"	1		1		1					
Mass is the highlight of my week	19	53%	19	40%	31	53%	35	56%	104	51%
Mass is sometimes the highlight of my week	14	39%	21	45%	23	39%	24	38%	82	40%
I see no connection between Mass and my life	1	<1%	4	<1%	1	<1%	0	0%	6	<1%
<b>Comment:</b> "Used to be highlight when it was Saturday and when it was in WR"					1					
<b>Comment:</b> "Is a time for me to be reminded of Scriptures"										
<b>There are too many appeals for money at Mass</b>										
No, we have to support the Church	6	17%	18	38%	22	37%	28	44%	74	36%
Sometimes there can be too many	23	64%	27	57%	29	49%	26	41%	105	51%
Yes, there are definitely too many	6	17%	1	<1%	4	<1%	4	<1%	15	1%
I know all (or most) of the saints in our windows	12	33%	17	36%	17	29%	27	43%	73	36%
I do not know most of the saints in our windows	22	61%	27	57%	38	64%	32	51%	119	58%
<b>Comment:</b> "I could use a lesson"					1					

### General Comments

- 4pm
- the WR site is especially a beautiful church
  - still am wondering if the 4pm Mass could be at WR
  - one church I visited had a guide (pamphlet) to the windows. that was great
  - I would like the 4pm Mass at WR better
  - I love this parish; would like more worshipful, relevant music
  - Overall more contemporary, worshipful music is a must! Less traditional or a mix of relevant modern music and hymns would be great!
  - God loves us! In God we trust! (Age 8)
  - I would love it if we could bring more praise and worship music into church. I have trouble praising God to the old, old hymns.
- 6pm
- Music—need a Mass of contemporary music, for youth and young adults. Overall the choirs try to do their best
  - It is nicer that we have music at 6:00 Mass

- I would like a 4:00pm in WR. I am handicapped and night driving bothers me. The handicapped aren't being treated fairly: annual meeting in Askeaton—steps.
- Thank you
- Not sure why 6:00 Mass is a “chant mass.” We love the 6:00 time, but wish there was more piano/organ music. Having the piano/organ is much more uplifting, and makes it more enjoyable to sing along. I think if you were to ask, others in the parish would agree.
- Music is so old fashioned and boring ☹
- Change 4:00 Mass (Sat) to St Paul; 6:00 Mass to Askeaton
- Miss the children's choir
- Was nice to get the Saturday night Mass back at St. Clares Wrightstown. the 4:00 would work better but we try to make it work. As much as work schedule allows.
- I don't like how the candles we light for our loved ones were stuffed up front; it looks very cluttered
- No parish involvement [with music]. Does the choir think it is “all about them” rather than involving the congregation?
- St. Paul's is a beautiful church. Sell new land, expand to north and connect a hallway to school. Thank you.
- This survey brought to my attention that I should think more about why I am here and try to make it the highlight of my week.
- Please continue to use the organ. I enjoy the choir as group singing in the choir or up front in church (St. Joseph altar). I myself do not care for the chant, along with many others that have made comments that they do not care for the chant. Sorry.

- 8am
- If there might be lessons – liturgy, windows, some of our rituals – they could be addressed outside of Mass...but I would incorporate some during homily when appropriate
  - Coffee/Juice/Donuts after Mass once a month—maybe a nice way to promote community
  - I am a sub-par singer, but slow singing or off-key singing from the designated lead singer can throw everyone off. Live music is better than music on a CD/iPad, but pre-recorded is better than too slow or off-key
  - I feel that we are blessed here in our small St. Clare family to have so many choirs and musicians. They are not professionals, but they love music and worship with the gift of music
  - I miss seeing more young people at Mass and helping serve, sing, lector, etc. And by young, I mean up to age 35! Maybe before Mass or homily you could talk about the basics. Why do we believe in the body and blood of Christ. Where is this found in the Bible. Why do we do the things we do at Mass. What is tradition.
  - I hate to rate people when they are trying to make music for God. The --- Choir probably should retire—but they have gotten the job done when no one else would. ---- should not solo. God is working with her.
  - I would like to have a visible, well-stocked library w/books & CDs available for checkout
  - I am not comfortable rating our choirs. We have many prayerful individuals giving glory to God with their voice. God is good all the time. All the time God is good.

- Not chant music & 2 sing without music on Saturday; where are our choirs?
- Ann does a great job [with decorating at church]
- don't care to hear --- solo; --- is very quiet, needs to lead congregation better
- Very few 25-40 year old people in church??
- We need to consider removing some kneelers in St. Mary site church. We have parishioners who struggle being comfortable because of age or physical limitations—or some that don't attend because of the kneelers

- 10am
- wish we had a service that had music that was played at the correct speed—too slow  
I know that people try very hard and God loves the music
  - Miss all the people that have left our church
  - Would love to see more adult formation opportunities; small groups to discuss books (approved by priest), to discuss weekly readings, to discuss the catechism/church topics; small groups led by lay people at times of the week that work for leader and have parish members sign up
  - Would like to see book give away at Christmas and Easter through DynamicCatholic—these books could then be small group discussions
  - Could put together a document/brochure about the history of the parish along with a “self tour” of the church buildings that would explain with pictures and verbage each area or item/detail of interest. Parishioners and visitors could follow tour with map and labeled areas
  - For new parishioners, set them up with current parish family; current family acts as a welcome friend to people who have moved to area. Could be a ministry of the church; members sign up to “mentor” new parishioners by welcoming, checking in on and exchanging contact info so new members automatically have a friend in our community
  - Provide business card sized cards in back of church for members that give electronically that say “I give electronically.” Allows ushers to know and avoid awkward waiting w/basket and help the children of these families see that we are giving visually
  - I love our church—the entire body! I look forward to our continued growth to Jesus as we continue to learn about, grow in friendship and love.
  - The music could be improved by: livelier tempo by all choirs; song selection—songs more suited for the congregation; having a range that the congregation can reach; having instrumental music only at/during communion—singing is very much a distraction to prayer
  - Music is a big part of the Mass for me. It inspires me and drives home God's message. I enjoy singing, praying, and worshipping God with my fellow parishioners. I am not fond at all of the chanting. The chanting is difficult, different every week, and doesn't have piano/organ with them. All of that makes it tough to sing along or join in. Leaves me feeling kind of empty because I am unable to sing along. The new choir also chants outside of the 6:00 Mass which is confusing. Perhaps if there was piano/organ with the chants it would be easier for the congregation to join. At the 6:00 Mass this weekend there was very simple organ played with the parts that are usually just sung—very lovely and made it easier to participate. (The more upbeat songs were very nice, too.) 8:00am is my favorite because of

the music/choirs. Better variety of songs from both of the regular choirs. --- are awesome—includes old and new songs, beautiful harmony and versatile. Attended some RE and Confirmation Masses where they really spruced up the music, more contemporary for the young people. This year's Confirmation Mass was disappointing without them. The --- choir is also nice—good mix of music. Perhaps someone should tell --- that the microphone... The choir sounds nicer when... ---is promising—small but beautiful voices. Less chanting preferred. I think they are a nice addition, lots of potential. --- is only two people? Good sound even though they are chanting.

- When are we going to start raising money toward the new church? It may take years!
- A lot of people want the 4:00pm Mass back in Wrightstown, any chance?
- When you tell your kids something once or twice they hear it—but if you keep dwelling on it they quit listening and forget the message. A good message is to the point and meaningful.
- Nice to see friends at Mass; miss the many who left because of no 4:00 Mass; we lost too many people; those who didn't lose their regular Mass still have their people—that's important; my Jesus follows me throughout my day, not just church
- this survey should have been given out—not everyone took it
- I would like to see more modern and contemporary music (guitar, flute, any instrumental). I feel it would bring our younger members back to Sunday Mass
- Saddens me that at the St. Paul site, our elderly parish members have to sit in the back of the church. After a lifetime of worship they deserve more respectful seating accommodations
- It's hard to fill out this survey before, during the Mass. I think there should be a better way.