

Back to Mass Survey Summary – 7/9/21 (104 responses)

1. How are you and your family doing?

a. (2) Not so good, to be honest with you. I/we could really use some prayers and some help.

b. (18) I/we are doing okay. We're hanging in there.

c. (37) I/we are doing pretty good.

d. (44) I/we are doing great, actually.

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2. Did you lose loved ones during the pandemic?

a. (40) Yes

b. (63) No

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If yes, would you share their names with us so we can pray for them?

(See separate sheet for responses)

3. Did you or a loved one lose a job or income due to the pandemic

a. (95) No

b. (3) Yes, I lost my job

c. (1) Yes, my spouse lost his/her job

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4. Did you find any of our outreach/programs helpful these past few months?

a. (7) Bible study on Zoom

b. (20) CARE phone calls to parish households

- c. (54)** Emailed / mailed bulletins
- d. (60)** Flocknote emails
- e. (43)** Facebook posts
- f. (79)** Livestreamed/recorded Mass
- g. (23)** Website resources
- h. Other:** _____

Friends and family. Prayer
 Catholic Free Press kept coming
 I was involved with some of them and I found them helpful just by being a co-ordinator of sorts
 LOTW zoom meetings
 Being able to help at the Food Pantry in Uxbridge
 Livestreamed Easter Mass
 LOTW zoom meetings
 LOTW weekly zoom meetings
 Daily Mass when offered
 Grieving with Great Hope
 Adoration
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Zoom
 LOTW prayer meetings
 Drive up confession helped greatly
 Small group zoom calls
 Formed, gwgh, lotw small group, live masses with accommodations
 Zoom LOTW, Grieving with Great Hope, University of St. Mary's session
 Classes
 Mailed bulletins
 Mailed bulletins
 LOTW small group mtgs on Zoom
 Walk with friends
 Family members check on us

5. Did you have to postpone or change plans for a sacrament or rite at the parish because of the pandemic? (Please circle all that apply)

- a. (10)** Funeral service for a loved one
- b. (6)** Wedding for me or someone in my family
- c. (3)** Baptism for someone in my family

d. (3) Confirmation for someone in my family

e. (7) First Communion

f. Other: _____

Communion and mass

I would love to go to confession.

Confirmation happened at a later date

Wedding outside of parish, college graduation of daughter

Funeral services for relatives of friends

Missed out on two funerals

Collation after funeral

6. What are your plans for coming back to Mass?

a. (77) I'm already attending in person

b. (1) I'll be back as soon as I'm vaccinated

c. (11) I'll be back soon now that the dispensation is lifted

d. (5) I'll be back as soon as it feels like COVID is officially behind us

e. (5) I'm not sure

f. Other: _____

As soon as I can wake up and walk without pain.

End of summer

My husband waited because of health

I could only get one shot due to a reaction that lasted 10 weeks

Since we are now vaccinated, we have returned to in-person Mass

We will be back as soon as Don gets the OK from his doctor that he can drive the car again.

7. What concerns, if any, would keep you from coming back to Mass?

Un-vaccinated people exposing me so I become a carrier since I'm vaccinated.

N/A

I have some issues with the way the diocese handled the pandemic, so I am not sure if we are coming back.

None at this time.

I am not currently vaccinated due to my immune system being compromised because of the surgeries. I was having two anaphylaxis episodes a week until they took the metal out. I am still recuperating.

Unvaccinated individuals not wearing masks or following distancing guidelines.

A surge in Covid-19 cases in Massachusetts.

no concerns

Resurgence of Covid-19

We have two young children who are unable to be vaccinated so we are still being cautious about bringing them to public places especially now that the mask mandate has been lifted.

upsurge in Covid cases in the area

Any out break of disease

When my husband is back on his feet from total knee replacement

None

A new contagious virus, personal injury or sickness

None

None

People fully vaccinated are now getting COVID

Still have a child who cannot be vaccinated yet and not feeling safe to have her attend mass. We tried to go last week and was a little uncomfortable seeing elementary aged children without masks on when the vaccine is not available for their age group yet. I know the church can't be the mask police, but it makes me feel uncomfortable taking my family to church. I also have a high risk parent who cannot attend now that safety restrictions have been lifted. She was devastated when the parish stopped live-streaming because it's just one more way she is isolated and cut off from the community.

Resurgence of covid cases

I feel very safe at the Mass. Nothing would keep me away from attending Mass

None

Yes, I am depressed and lazy

None

None

My husband and I are attending Mass separately. We had been eagerly awaiting returning to Mass as a family once he and I reached our fully vaccinated status. To our dismay, the removal of all mask wearing and distancing took place the very same week that we reached this milestone. Our children are not vaccinated and are therefore still vulnerable to infection. For now, we are continuing to foster as much reverence as we can for the Mass and the Holy Eucharist through our own practices surrounding watching Mass on TV with them each Sunday, in addition to attending Mass separately ourselves. We recognize this does not compare to the real thing for them, but we are uneasy about putting them at risk in an indoor environment with no distancing or mask wearing.

Return of COVID

I will continue to wear a mask a bit longer and with the Delta Virus on the rise we need to be careful and prayers.

No concern, you did the best as a parish could have done

At 86 years we are physically unable to do what we did in the past

I am 93 years old and my husband is 94, and we both don't feel good to be out in a crowd.

Miss Mass, but don't like making reservations

Hoping people get vaccinated

9. How would you like to see our parish commemorate the pandemic

a. (25) Commission a painting, stained glass or icon

b. (21) Create a memorial wall

c. (15) Bury a time capsule

d. (23) I would prefer no commemoration

e. Other: _____

Just a special prayer of thanks at each mass
Interfaith service since we suffered through it as a community
I would like nothing to do with anything commemorating the pandemic.
Time capsule buried in the foundation of Grace Center.
Obviously, I think a stained-glass window would be nice, hopefully done by my studio.
I would love to forget these past two years; however I do realize that there are others that have it so much worse than me. I would wear a T-shirt or buy a stained-glass item to support this cause and to support those who lost someone during the pandemic.
I think a plaque, stone, or wall noting the names of parishioners who died as a result of the pandemic would be appropriate.
Have a Mass to celebrate the recovery of those who were ill or to remember those who died.
I'd rather not have a physical reminder. Maybe just a Mass for those in died.
Anything would be great
Not Sure
Just a Parish Festival would be great
No particular idea
Roll with the punch we been hit with
Because this was a very dark in some people's lives, I think it better to not commemorate the pandemic for their mental health and strength.
Prayer service?
Not sure
Let's just move forward, please!
In God we still trust
I don't think it is necessary Let's pray we don't have to go through it again.
Not Sure
A or B above would be fine
Prayer / music service
Use the money elsewhere
Whatever others vote to do

10. Which ministries and programs are you interested in once they resume?

Minister of Holy Communion Baptismal Friday night gatherings
St. Joseph Ministry, LOTW, Respect Life, Adoration
Programs and activities for teens in the Church.
None specific, We are happy to help in pretty much anyway asked. Back when we were first married, I was a lector at St Patrick Watertown. We also taught CCD (As it was known back then)
Eucharist minister
Don't see a list...but already a member of SVDP and Food Pantry Outreach
CHOSEN, LOTW, Financial Peace University
Eucharistic Minister for the homebound Lector
Visiting
Have already been attending Adoration, adult faith formation, SVDP, Vocation Ministry, lectoring. May return to bible study.
I would love to go back to mass and see the choir singing and it decorated with flowers. Normalcy

Adult Acolytes Altar linen. Active Lector. Active Morningstar Baker
 Adult Acolytes, Altar Linen, Christmas Dinner, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Greeter, LOTW, Morningstar, SVdP, Visitation, Vocations
 Adult formation class on the book of Revelations
 Children's Liturgy or Children's Mass
 Music Ministry. May join other programs in 2022
 couldn't find the link, but the ones I'm involved in are already back and running.
 Already--Lector, EM, Linen, Lydia Taft Visitation (when they are ready), Altar Sodality, Light of the World, Homebound Visitation.
 Light of the World
 I babysit in Millbury all day. I am 73---too tired
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Katherine
 Funeral, Eucharistic Minister, LOTW,
 Church is my healing place
 Music ministry
 Contemporary Music Ministry & Marriage & Family LOTW Neighbor to Neighbor Didn't see the sidebar FYI
 Faith formation
 Gwgh, care
 RCIA Light of the World Eucharistic Minister
 We're already registered as Ministers of the Eucharist
 currently participating as a "fill in" for Eucharistic Ministry. That's needs to remain in place since my work schedule involves many weekends.
 Light of the World
 I I would like to greet again. I could bake for collation etc.
 Morningstar
 Music; Light Of The World
 Light of The World
 No answer
 Light of the World
 I'm already involved in several ministries.
 Liturgical Music Marriage Preparation Playgroup
 Family faith formation Children's liturgy Coffee and Donuts
 Donut Ministry Light of the World
 I would be glad to bake, or whatever food item needed, also greet.
 Not sure yet
 Still visiting elderly. Like working in the background, don't care for visibility
 Looking forward to the faith formation classes again for my family and me

11. As we plan for a series of “welcome back” activities at our parish, which activities are most appealing to you and your family?

- a. (69)** A welcome-back Mass with a spirited choir and so much Holy Water you won't believe it
- b. (17)** (Another) Outdoor Eucharistic procession
- c. (28)** Outdoor adult social event/reception or parents-night-out

- d.** (22) Outdoor children's activity/fair/carnival/scavenger hunt
- e.** (24) Outdoor movie night or other family activities
- f.** (23) Trivia night
- g.** (30) Special Rosary gatherings/Adoration/worship opportunities
- h.** Other: _____

A family picnic or barbeque

Mass of thanksgiving honoring the first responders, medical professionals and all who worked during the pandemic to keep us going.

I enjoyed the Eucharistic Procession.

Eucharist procession with singing and bells. :)

Something every month

cook out

Outdoor Chicken BBQ with booths and games for all

pot luck supper or Parish Picnic

A High Mass would be wonderful

We obviously chose option A for Fr Nick! Haha

Support groups

Not certain. Just being back to "normal" is celebration. (a possible volunteering opportunity.

Not certain with work schedule though.

All of the above

Thank you all for making St. Mary's the wonderful parish it is.

Chicken barbeque

12. Would you/your family be willing to volunteer to help with the "welcome back" activities?

a. (55) Yes

b. (30) No

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Responses to did you lose loved ones during the pandemic?

Ann Marie Fitzgerald
I suffered a stroke and subsequent depression during this time
Tom Puglese
Alexander McMillan
Florence Celata
Judy Hanlon and Marina Borghi
Brother-in-law Thomas Foley. Also, I am a Social Worker at Beaumont Nursing Home. We lost 42 residents, most of whom were dear to my heart.
Robert R, Tom H, Jack E, Jim O'C
Felice O'Rourke and Sheila Twoomey
Right before the pandemic, I lost my husband due to suicide, I broke my heel and had a titanium plate put in. I had to have a second surgery because I was allergic to the metal and there was a bacterial infection on the titanium plate. Walking is difficult on most days. I am still learning to walk. My husbands name is David
Lawrence E. Bombara
James King
David Aubin, Pauline Haley; Lucy Jure
Raymond Fasano
Patrick McEvoy
Sylvia Moro
Maureen Barber
Mr. Earnest Adam
Georgette Bishop, Bertha Peters
Marie and Casey LoVerde(my mom and dad)
Unknown, miscarriage/ relative, mr Landry,
Glenn Campbell and Timothy Lavendier (Not from Covid)
Jacqueline Dailey
Rhonda Manczurowsky
Nicholas Anselmo, died of colon cancer in October. Barbara Anselmo, died of respiratory disease in January
Andrew Habe, my husband
Agnes McLaughlin
Helen Seaver
Yes, I did
Yes, I had a stroke=prayers have been wonderful. Fr.Nick came & visited me= It was great to see him Diane Moriarty stopped by also to check on me. I can't thank everyone enough to know I'm thought of. Uncle- Neal Robbins Mother-in- law Suzanne Wise
Yes, But not to Covid, none family members
Carl and Ann Smith
Mary DeMalia
Phyllis Baran
Kenneth A Millette, Louise Hawko, Florence D'Loia
Lucien Goulet, Mary Begnaud,
Bonnie O'Brien, Bev O'Brien, Ray Larochelle, Cary & Ron Remillard
Dick Hinkley, Patti Hinkley, Bill Hinkley
Robert Baker