

St. Alphonsus
Bridgetown
March 26, 2018

The Role of the Smaller Community

- Welcome new parishioners, those who have returned. (x2)
- More outreach to sick & shut-ins. (x2)
- Act more on mission prayer.
- Hard to act on mission prayer, i.e. ask someone to come or return to church only to advise them it will be not here but have to travel to.
- Will feel it is not our church if required to go elsewhere.
- Fewer parishioners willing to travel as seniors age.
- Close church family “feeling”.
- Monies to different organizations.
- Communion to 8 persons after Mass. (sic)
- Celebration of life at Mountain Lea. (x2)
- Send invites to everyone who doesn’t attend Mass. (x2)
- Share our church with another church.
- Open to communities.
- Take part in Ecumenical Services. (x2)
- World Day of Prayer.
- Ciderfest Prayer Session.
- Concert with organist & choir at least once a year.
- Organize for altar gifts.
- Number of people who participate in the liturgy.
- Strong spirituality in our church.
- We need to live by our faith.
- Be an example for other people.
- Accept change and live our faith in the Parish – share faith, spirituality, expenses.
- Doing well: auxiliary group, hospitality after Mass, Christmas Tea, grass cutting in cemetery (Auxiliary pays) collaboration with U. Church – pot luck, ciderfest **sunnight**.
- What would be new: more social events like dances/potlucks, study sessions on site, new events e.g. golf tournaments.
- Weekly adoration/Rosary.
- East Indian Catholic Adoration every Saturday.
- Sharing of ideas with other churches.
- Sharing resourceful people like lectors, ministers, altar servers, etc.
- Keep our identity as a Parish, Continue our sense of community, hospitality/socialization. (x2)
- Bring our uniqueness with us. Be open to the new yet maintain the uniqueness of St. Alphonsus.