Three Particular Strengths of St. Frances of Rome

Items	Number of Sticker Votes
People/character of those who worship here; it is friendly &	17
caring parish; we have shared experiences including not	
having a school that we are responsible for	
Inclusive nature of parish: all incomes, diverse zip codes	16
represented = choice of parish; people choose to drive here for	
this community	
The building (architecture) and smallness/intimacy of the	16
community; beauty of the sacred space; able to serve the	
community where it is located	
Quality of the homilies	11
Quality of the Liturgy & Leadership of Pastor	9
More opportunities to participate in parish activities/parish	4
events	
Adult Formation Opportunities	4
Loyalty to long standing parish	3
Staff – Hardworking, Present, Visible	3
Financially SOLID	3
Orientation toward a senior community and empty nesters	2
Connection to Holy Trinity, especially for investment and	2
improvements made in the Clifton Campus	
Music / Homilies are Engaging, like the variety of celebrants	1
Sense of Humor of Parishioners	

- 1. People who worship here; the parish is friendly & caring; we have shared experiences including not having a school that we are responsible for so we can focus on being welcoming and serving the community
- 2. Inclusive nature of the parish: diverse zip codes are represented meaning that people choose to drive here for this community as well as welcoming people who live in this neighborhood; we can serve the community where the parish is located
- 3. The building (architecture) and smallness/intimacy of the community is attractive; the beauty of the sacred space makes is conducive to prayer and worship

Three Significant Challenges Facing St. Frances of Rome

Items	Number of
	Sticker Votes
Aging Population in a business neighborhood	18
Need a larger number of Clergy to serve parish: need Deacons	12
and more Lay leadership; too many Masses for the number of	
ministers	
Lack of community events and programming for seniors—	10
need to connect with them more intentionally to grow our	
membership	
Too much on Fr. Shayne's plate; shared pastor and staff	4
Miss that there's no gathering space opportunities after Mass	4
Lack of Engagement from parishioners; same people volunteer	4
for the same things	
Not increasing membership and registrations; registration is an	3
inaccurate expression of active parishioners	
Change in music/lack of music as some Masses; not as much	3
Participation	
Need to invite more people to come to church	2
No School to bring in young families	
Lack of continuity w/priests @ Mass	
COVID conditioned people to not come to Church	
Confront technology that limits human interaction +	
relationship; especially kids	
Backlash from sexual abuse scandal / mistrust of institution	
People don't have a reason to attend; not part of organized	
religion	
Reliance on a few overly-generous donors for financial stability	
Limited parking	
Young people don't feel connected here	

- 1. We serve an aging population in a neighborhood filled with businesses
- 2. We have too many Masses for the number of ministers available—clergy and lay leaders alike
- 3. We need more community events and programming for seniors—need to connect with them more intentionally to grow our membership

Unique Mission & Ministry of St. Frances of Rome

Items	Number of Sticker Votes
Senior centric; we attract & minister to older people including social outreach to them & the community (UCHM and SVdP)	27
Small & friendly—people experience it & fall in love with it	19
Size of church & architecture is conducive to prayer and building community	16
We do funerals really well—a place to grow old together and bury you "right"	3
People are willing to outpour of themselves spiritually, physically, emotionally—perhaps outreach and connection to Clifton Campus can be a unique mission of this parish	2
Clergy-quality of priests	1
Coffee for Sundays (maybe as a way to connect with Nazareth Home)	1
Bible Studies	
Gifts of individuals	

We see our mission and ministry focused on senior citizens; we attract & minister to older people including social outreach to them and to the local community (through United Crescent Hill Ministries and working with the Holy Trinity conference of St. Vincent de Paul). We offer pastoral care to all ages, but especially to those who are nearing the end of life; we support families by providing Christian burial for their loved ones and provide ongoing spiritual support working with the Holy Trinity Stephen Ministry.