

# Diocese of Bridgeport Parish Pastoral Plan "Building a Bridge to the Future"

## Part One: Introductory Information

Parish:

St. Stephen; Trumbull

Pastor:

Rev. Christopher J. Samele

Date:

10/28/16

Parish Task Force Members:

Leadership Position:

- 1) Bernard Agoglia
- 2) Edward Deak
- 3) James DiRietto
- 4) David Ference
- 5) Frank Flood
- 6) John Francassini
- 7) Paul Guicobbe
- 8) Deborah Heim
- 9) Jill Heinrich
- 10) Richard Lavelle
- 11) David Pettinichi
- 12) Robert Panza

Add additional lines if there are more Task Force members

13. Jacqueline Norcel
14. Janet Wabel, DAE
15. Deacon John D. Tranto
16. Deacon Don Ross
17. Rev. Christopher J. Samele

Signature of the Pastor:

Rev. Christopher J. Samele

Pastoral Challenge #1: Worksheets for Parish Goals and Action Steps

**Please note: One Worksheet must be completed for each pastoral challenge to be addressed.**

**A. Pastoral Challenge to be addressed:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Catechesis and Education  | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evangelization | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgy and Worship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Life               |  |

**B. Rationale for Choosing this Priority Area:**

DMI survey results indicated that 48% of respondents did not know Jesus personally (although practiced their faith) or did not consider their faith a significant part of their life.

**C. Statement of the First Goal to be achieved:**

To provide programs/activities/speakers that help deepen one's knowledge and understanding of the teachings of their Catholic Faith.

**a. Action Step# 1 to achieve the Goal:**

- ① Identify programs/activities/speakers
- ② Sponsor one such event

**Summary Information for Action Step #1:**

- Timeline for completion: December, 2016
- Responsible person/Task Force: Deacon John DiTaranto, Richard Lavelle, Rev. Christopher J. Samele, Committee
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any):
- Projected Costs (if any): \$ 500 - 1000

*(Please complete this page only if the parish plan proposes additional action steps to realize its First Goal)*

**b. Action Step #2 to achieve Goal:**

Planning, preparing and implementing 1-2 programs/  
activities / events

**Summary Information for Action Step #2:**

- Timeline for completion: June, 2017
- Responsible person/Task Force: same as step #1
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any):
- Projected Costs (if any): \* 500 - 1000

**c. Action Step #3 to achieve Goal:**

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**Summary Information for Action Step #3:**

- Timeline for completion:
- Responsible person/Task Force:
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any):
- Projected Costs (if any):

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*(Please repeat the sections above if you propose additional action steps to complete First Goal)*

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Pastoral Challenge #2: Worksheets for Parish Goals and Action Steps

**Please note: One Worksheet must be completed for each pastoral challenge to be addressed.**

**A. Pastoral Challenge to be addressed:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Catechesis and Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelization           | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgy and Worship |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family Life   |  |

**B. Rationale for Choosing this Priority Area:**

In the DMI survey, 68% of the respondents wanted to connect their faith to their everyday life.

**C. Statement of the Second Goal to be achieved:**

To provide education, formation, and on-going support to parents in their dual roles as parents and as the first catechists of their children.

**a. Action Step# 1 to achieve Second Goal:**

Parent discussion group meeting while children attend CCD classes for a open discussion on Sunday Mass readings as a starting point for "Coffee and Conversation" on faith-filled daily living. Beginning with grades 6-8 on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

**Summary Information for Action Step #1:**

- Timeline for completion: Ongoing
- Responsible person/Task Force: Janet Warbel (DRE), Deacon Don Ross, committee
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any):
- Projected Costs (if any): \$ 500.00

Temporalities and Administrative Challenge: Worksheets for Parish Goals and Action Steps

**Please note: One Worksheet must be completed for each temporalities challenge to be addressed**

**A. Temporalities and Administrative Challenge to be addressed:**

- Buildings and Facilities
- Finances
- Community Life

**B. Rationale for Choosing this Priority Area:**

As a community of Faith, we need to recognize and meet the varying needs of our parish family but also recognizing the communal aspects of our worshipping community.

**C. Statement of the Third Goal:**

Promote a sense of community among parishioners.

**a. Action Step# 1 to achieve Third Goal:**

Identify activities that foster community

**Summary Information for Action Step #1:**

- Timeline for completion: January, 2017
- Responsible person/Task Force: Pastor, Deacons, DRE, committee
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any):
- Projected Costs (if any): 0

*(Please complete this page only if the parish plan proposes additional action steps to realize its Third Goal)*

**A. Action Step #2 to achieve Third Goal:**

Implement 2 different types of activities  
Examples: Family Fun Night, Movie Nights, day trips  
(both spiritual and social)

**Summary Information for Action Step #2:**

- Timeline for completion: June, 2017
- Responsible person/Task Force: same as step #1
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any):
- Projected Costs (if any): \$ 1500.00

**d. Action Step #3 to achieve Third Goal:**

**Summary Information for Action Step #3:**

- Timeline for completion:
- Responsible person/Task Force:
- Diocesan Office assisting (if any):
- Projected Costs (if any):

*(Please repeat the sections above if you propose additional action steps to complete Third Goal)*

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**Optional Question:**

- 1. If you had the ability to respond to a third pastoral challenge, which would you choose and why?**