

St. John's Episcopal Church – Naples, Florida

Parish Survey - 2007

Note: Not every person returning a survey answered every question. Percentages or numbers shown below pertain to the number of responses to each part of each question.

No. of surveys mailed: 562
 No. returned with no forwarding address: $\frac{9}{553}$

No. of replies received by June 15 deadline: 227
 (40.5%)

PART A. DEMOGRAPHICS

A1 Gender: (# people)

Male: 33.9% Female: 63.4% Unspecified: 2.6%

A2 Age Groups: No responses under Age 45

45-54	8.2%	55-64	14.9%
65-74	27.2%	75-84	35.4%
85+	14.4%		

A3 Marital Status: (# people)

Married	166	Single	4
Divorced	14	Separated	2
Widow/widower	36		
Other committed relationship	1		

A4 Children living at home: (# people)

Pre-school	2	K-8 th grade	0
High School	7	College	8
Older	12		

A5 Miles traveled to attend St. John's

Less than 1	16.2%
One to five	39.4%
Six to ten	32.9%
Eleven to Twenty	11.1%
Twenty+	5.0%

A6 Faith Background (# people)

Episcopal	126
Protestant	37
Roman Catholic	36

Other: Lutheran, Bible Churches, Congregational, Pentecostal, Methodist, Baptist, Anglican

A7: Involvement (other activities at St. John's other than attending services) (# people)

ECW	38	Prayer Groups	6
Bible Study	41	Covenant Groups	30
Altar Guild	13	Choir/Music	24
Stephen Ministry	10	Order St. Luke	14
Usher/Greeter	23	Layreader	20
Eucharistic Minister	11		

Other: SHAPE, Vestry, Thrift Shoppe, ALPHA, Finance Committee, Office Volunteer, Cursillo, Sunday School, Flower Delivery, Counter, Columbarium, Outreach, Library, Acolyte, Rector Book Study

A8 What first brought you to St. John's?

Clergy	20.2%	Fellowship	6.4%
Location	20.2%	Saw a sign	3.0%
Worship Style	15.2%	Outreach	1.7%
Walk-in	13.5%	Invited	3.8%
Theology	7.5%	Saw an ad	.9%
Visitor	6.7%	Website	.9%

Other: loyalty to church, previous parish, family member, spouse, Drill Academy, architecture, diocesan clergy, AAC affiliation, orthodoxy, Anglican website, Mother belonged, transferred

A9 Length of involvement at St. John's

Less than 1 year	1.3%
1-3 years	14.7%
4-9 years	29.0%
10-19 years	39.3%

A10 Which best describes your reception at St. John's

Welcoming	40.0%
Friendly	46.0%
Cool	10.6%
Distant	3.4%
Unfriendly	0

A11 Top 3 factors that keep you coming here

(150 individual comments were received.)

Top reasons were:

- 1) Location
- 2) Friendly congregation
- 3) Conservative Bible-based theology

A12 What best describes your length of residency

Permanent 72.9% Half year 23.5%
 3 months 3.2% Under 3 Mo. .5%

A13 Number of responders having access

to internet: 85.4% to e-mail: 79.4 %

Part B – WORSHIP

B1 How often do you attend services

Once or more per week 80.3%
 Once, twice per month 12.1%
 Several times per year 4.0 %
 Only Christmas, Easter 1.3%
 Only on special occasions 2.2%

B2 Which one service are you most likely to attend

5 p.m. Saturday 31.7%
 7:45 a.m. Sunday 12.9%
 9 a.m. Sunday 33.8%
 11 a.m. Sunday 19.6%
 10 a.m. Wednesday 2.1%

B3 Reason for choosing above service

Time of day 44.5%
 Children welcome 1.3%
 Worship style 49.6%
 Service length .9%
 Friends attending 3.8%

Other: Music, not much music, free flow of gifts of the spirit

B4 For service selected, indicate your level of satisfaction on service characteristic

Characteristic	Extremely satisfied or satisfied
Music & liturgical style	86.3%
Sermon	79.6%
Convenience with Children	57.7%
Service length	93.7%
Formality of service	94.9%
Healing ministry	66.2%
Greeters	98.8%
Meeting spiritual needs	90.8%

C1 PARISH PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

Program	Excellent or Good
Lay reading	75.6%
Choir & Music	67.5 %
Communications	67.5 %
Fellowship opportunities	64.1 %
Hospitality/newcomer greeting	62.6 %
Adult Activities	61.0 %
Outreach/community involve.	58.3 %
Altar Guild	57.5 %
Vestry	57.1 %
ECW	55.0 %
Bible Studies	54.9%
Healing services	54.1 %
Lay pastoral ministers	51.0 %
Members' parish involvement	48.7 %
Spiritual growth opportunities	46.0 %
Christian education (adult)	44.5 %
Evangelism	42.2 %
Acolytes	36.9 %
Home groups	35.3 %
Stephen Ministry	31.3 %
Clergy visits	26.5 %
Renewal opportunities	23.4 %
Men's activities	21.6 %
Christian education (children)	9.7 %
Youth activities	5.1 %
Singles activities	2.9 %

D. DIRECTION OF THE PARISH

D1 Those satisfied with the overall direction of the parish 58.5%

D2 Those unsatisfied
 (76 individual comments were received. See attached pages for sampling of responses)

D3 Rank directions of growth in order of your concern using a scale of 1 to 4 with 1 being most important

	Most important
1. Spiritual growth	56.6%
2. Growth in number of members	48.9%
3. Growth in internal ministry	33.0%
4. Improvement of physical facilities	5.8%

D4 Areas of parish life needing priority attention from new rector

(116 individual comments were received. See attached pages for sampling of responses)

D5 Outstanding qualities of St. John’s that might appeal to a new rector

(134 individual comments were received)

1. Qualities most often mentioned were:
2. Location of Naples and St. John’s
3. Friendly people
4. Bible-based spirituality of congregation
5. Opportunity to grow a community of faith
6. Traditional and contemporary services
7. Physical facilities
8. Dedicated volunteers in ministries

E. NEW RECTOR ATTRIBUTES

E1 Rate skills in level of importance

1. Inspiring Preacher	92.3%
2. Strong Leader	85.3%
3. Gifted teacher who enjoys Opening hearts and minds to riches, depths of our faith	84.6%
4. Excites others to discover, develop and dedicate themselves to their ministries	73.3%
5. Responsible manager of people, operations and resources	73.2%
6. Delivers biblically focused sermons	67.7%
7. Puts priority on pastoral ministry and visitations	66.0%
8. Has passion for helping others understand and commit to Christian faith	66.0%
9. Is focused on outreach	43.2%
10. Delivers lighter sermons	31.4%

E 2 Ranking of characteristics/attributes you would like a new rector to have (# of people)

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| 1. Sense of humor | 119 |
| 2. Integrity | 114 |
| 3. Charismatic | 106 |
| 4. Talented Preacher | 90 |
| 5. Compassionate | 84 |
| 6. Leader | 70 |
| 7. Good listener | 62 |
| 8. Articulate | 59 |
| 9. Communicative | 57 |
| 10. Energetic | 45 |
| 11. Teacher | 38 |
| 12. Grace | 37 |
| 13. Mature | 34 |
| 14. Understanding | 32 |
| 15. Humility | 31 |
| 16. Responsive | 25 |
| 17. Learned | 23 |
| 18. Delegates | 17 |
| 19. Disciplined | 17 |
| 20. Discreet | 16 |
| 21. Efficient | 13 |
| 22. Imaginative | 11 |
| 23. Persuasive | 6 |

***Note: Ranking of the rector characteristics/attributes in St. John’s previous parish survey (July 1991) were:**

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| 1. Sense of humor | 13. Teacher |
| 2. Compassionate | 14. Energetic |
| 3. Integrity | 15. Perceptive |
| 4. Talented Preacher | 16. Responsive |
| 5. Communicative | 17. Disciplined |
| 6. Charismatic | 18. Efficient |
| 7. Leader | 19. Grace |
| 8. Articulate | 20. Discreet |
| 9. Mature | 21. Learned |
| 10. Understanding | 22. Imaginative |
| 11. Good Listener | 23. Persuasive |
| 12. Humility | |

E3 Other comments on any subject. (85 individual comments were received. See attached pages for sampling of responses.)