



Office for
Transition
Ministry

Ministry Portfolio

Full Portfolio (last updated Sep 24, 2021)

St. Mark's Church, Mount Kisco, New York

85 E. Main Street, Mount Kisco, NY 10549, United States

Contact:

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge | Receiving Names until 11/08/21. stmarkssearchcommittee1@gmail.com

Weekly Average Sunday Attendance (ASA)	Number of Weekend Worship Services	Number of Weekday Worship Services	Number of Other per Month Worship Services
52	1		
Current Annual Compensation	Cash Stipend	Housing / Rectory Detail	Utilities
SECA reimbursement	Compensation Available for New Position	Housing Available for	Pension Plan
		4	We're in compliance with CPF requirements.
Healthcare Options	Dental	Housing Equity Allowance in budget	Annual Equity Amount
Full family	Yes	Yes	
Vacation Weeks	Vacation Weeks Details	Continuing Education Weeks	Continuing Education Weeks Details
One month, including 5 Sundays (standard)		2 (standard)	
Continuing Education Funding in budget	Sabbatical Provision	Travel/Auto Account	Other Professional Account
\$501-\$1000/year	Yes	Yes	

We are calling a Priest-in-Charge, compensation & benefits according to diocesan guidelines.

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Describe a moment in your worshipping community's recent ministry which you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.

During the winter of 2021, the Covid-19 pandemic had a significant adverse impact of the ability of the network of houses of worship to provide shelter to the homeless while maintaining health and safety protocols. St. Mark's stepped up, increasing its commitment to the Emergency Shelter Partnership from 2 to 7 weeks and assembling meals in a separate location which were delivered to our Parish Hall each night.

How are you preparing yourselves for the Church of the future?

The Vestry held a weekend retreat in January 2020 facilitated by the Reverend Dr. James B. Lemler during which we laid the groundwork for developing our evangelism plan and our ideas for growth and renewal at St. Mark's. We have engaged and continue to solicit the congregation for their views on the future at St. Mark's. Selecting a permanent priest who shares our commitment to building a successful future for St. Mark's is of paramount importance to us.

Please provide words describing the gifts and skills essential to the future leaders of your worshipping community.

Growth leadership. Pastoral care. Partnership. Active participation.

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Describe your liturgical style and practice for all types of worship services provided by your community.

Worship at St. Mark's is based on the Rite II Holy Eucharist found in the Book of Common Prayer. Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, we held a quiet, contemplative service without music and singing at 8:00 and a Family and Choral music service featuring organ music and a choir at 10:00.

How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?

St. Mark's has been very successful in incorporating members of our parish to become involved in various aspects of our ministry. We have a faithful cadre of volunteers who assist as Chalice bearers, Lectors and Altar Guild as well as outside ministries which include the Emergency Shelter Program, Food Pantry and food deliveries to our sister church St. Ann's in the Bronx.

As a worshipping community, how do you care for your spiritual, emotional and physical well-being?

Fellowship is a hallmark of the congregation at St. Mark's. In addition to prayer and pastoral visits, the members of the church are known to look after and tend to each other's needs through phone calls and in-home visits.

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How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community?

N/A

Describe your worshipping community's involvement in either the wider Church or geographical region.

St. Mark's ministries include 3 outreach programs that are directed toward community needs in northern Westchester Country. These are: (1) the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry which provides a range of services to underserved men, women and children in the area; (2) the Emergency Shelter Partnership which provides overnight shelter and food to homeless men in the winter; (3) The Community Center of Northern Westchester to which provides goods and services to under-resourced households in the area.

Tell about a ministry that your worshipping community has initiated in the past five years. Who can be contacted about this?

N/A

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What is your practice of stewardship and how does it shape the life of your worshipping community?

A key feature of our annual stewardship campaign is a series of addresses delivered by parishioners during each Sunday Service in October. In these addresses, parishioners share their thoughts about stewardship at St. Mark's and more generally about what St. Mark's means to them. These addresses follow the written calls to stewardship which we mail to parishioners and friends of the church in September. From our point of view, these addresses personalize the written letter, spark the generosity of spirit among the congregation and inspire parishioners to support St. Mark's through the gifts of their time, talent and treasure.

What is your worshipping community's experience of conflict? And how have you addressed it?

We have had several periods of conflict between members of the parish and former priests over the years. During these times the vestries of St. Mark's held retreats led by outside Rectors which focused on conflict resolution and developing a plan for spiritual growth and renewal within the parish. In addition, St. Mark's vestry held a conference in 2018 with Bishop Dietsche to discuss these issues and formulate a plan to move forward.

What is your experience leading/addressing change in the church? When has it gone well? When has it gone poorly? And what did you learn?

St. Mark's church maintains a very traditional style of worship and also prides itself on being a progressive and welcoming parish to all newcomers. We are committed to the social justice issues affecting all members of our community and therefore have not had any negative experiences regarding the ongoing changes in the church.



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Prior Incumbents

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. George Brandt	Interim	2019-01	2020-12

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. William Doubleday	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2012-12	2018-05

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
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Church School YES		Number of Teachers/Leaders for Children School 2	Number of Students for Children School 3
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Number of Teachers/Leaders for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Students for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Adults School	Number of Students for Adults School
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Day School	Number of Students for Day School	Number of Teachers for Day School	Number of Total Staff for Day School
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Worshipping Community Web site: <https://www.stmarksmountkisco.org>

Media Links:

> <https://patch.com/new-york/chappaqua/st-marks-celebrates-100-years-in-heart-of-mt-kisco>
> <https://www.hildrethmeiere.org/commissions/st-marks-episcopal-church>

Online References:

Facebook: >
<https://www.facebook.com/StMarksEpiscopalChurchMtKiscoNY/>
> <http://mtkiscochamber.com/site/index.php/religious-organization/st-mark-s-episcopal-church>

Languages Significantly Represented:

English

Provide Worship or Classes in:

English

References

Bishop:

Diocesan Transition Minister

Current Warden/Board Chair

Previous Warden/Board Chair

Search Chair

Parish/Institution

Local Community Leader