



Office for
Transition
Ministry

Ministry Portfolio

Full Portfolio (last updated May 21, 2025)

St. Peter's Church, Peekskill, New York

137 North Division Street, Peekskill, NY 10566, United States

Contact:

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge | Receiving Names until 08/02/25.

transitions@dioceseny.org

Weekly Average Sunday
Attendance (ASA)

41

Number of Weekend
Worship Services

2

Number of Weekday
Worship Services

Number of Other per Month
Worship Services

Current Annual
Compensation

Cash Stipend

Housing / Rectory Detail

Utilities

SECA reimbursement

Compensation Available for
New Position

Housing Available for

Pension Plan

Healthcare Options

Dental

Housing Equity Allowance in
budget

Annual Equity Amount

Vacation Weeks

One month, including 5
Sundays (standard)

Vacation Weeks Details

Continuing Education Weeks
2 (standard)

Continuing Education Weeks
Details

Continuing Education
Funding in budget
\$501-\$1000/year

Sabbatical Provision
Yes

Travel/Auto Account
Yes

Other Professional Account

We are calling a Rector, compensation & benefits based on 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.

Noontime Meals is one of our ongoing ministries that we recognize as one of our successes and fulfillment. We have an amazing chairwoman, Barbara Reid, and a few other volunteers who meet at the church's kitchen to prepare trays of food for the needy. They are then delivered every third Wednesday and every fifth Friday to the Salvation Army to feed the community a hot lunch. At St. Peter's, we provide the space for Fred's Pantry for food distribution on Wednesdays and Saturdays for the community. We also provide meeting space for AA and NA four times a week.

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

The congregation is continually informed of changes, and preparation is utmost in relating matters; announcements are a priority. Reaching out with Sunday zoom services has been most effective. Continual effort to encourage newcomers is always in process. The finance committee is consistently monitoring and prepared to recommend and inform budgetary issues and solutions to the Vestry.

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

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

We have two liturgical services each Sunday: An 8am service that is Rite 1 from the Book of Common Prayer. This is a full service with communion. There is no choir or organist. This service is less attended and mostly by more elderly parishioners. The other service is at 10am, and this follows Rite II. This service has the full complement of communion, organist, and choir. More parishioners attend this service. Style: In the past, the sermons have been preached from the pulpit. Most recently, sermons have been preached from the steps of the altar, a more informal, and approachable way to connect with the congregation. During the summer months, there is one service at 9am, both Rites are used alternately.

How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?

Parishioners are encouraged to participate in ministry activities through announcements, bulletin, newsletters, invitations, direct mail, email, and by personal request. During Celebrate Sunday at a special coffee hour, the heads of the different ministries explain the work of their ministries to parishioners to encourage them to volunteer. Lectors both adult and children from the congregation for readings on Sunday services and other services. Morning prayer led by congregation members. Acolytes both adult and children.

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

St. Peter's is a diverse community, and the parishioners are close-knit. The church hosts many events that strengthen us spiritually, emotionally, and physically. These include special workshops, various ministries, outreach programs such as noontime meals for the Salvation Army and food pantry, healing services, Sunday school, visiting the shut-ins, and St. Mary's garden for quiet prayer and meditation. St. Peter's has always been alert and sensitive to its members whose health and well-being of those who may be distressed. It is one of our strong points which we are very committed and attentive to.

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

Our clergy and Eucharist ministers distribute communion to those who are house-bound and those that are hospitalized.

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

Mission and outreach committee reaches out to those in need both locally and world-wide. Fred's pantry is a hallmark of this. We also get involved with the city of Peekskill with various collections for seasonal issues, i.e. school supplies, food baskets at Christmas and Thanksgiving. We adopt a family at Christmas for food and gifts.

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

The prayer shawl ministry brings handmade shawls to those in need of comfort during difficult times. Rose Larson is the contact. The Parish nurse ministry has established a health care ministry to promote Christ-centered wellness, spiritual healing through prayers, health education and social interaction by visits to the homebound, hospitals, and nursing homes.

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

The mission of the Stewardship committee is to educate the faithful in the care and fruitful use of the gifts God has given us. This year-round commitment emphasizes not only financial contributions, but also those of time and talents. The committee organizes the annual pledge drive and facilitates the contribution of time, talents and money by parishioners. The committee and clergy encourage members to adopt a discipline of proportional giving that will enable them to grow steadily toward a goal of tithing. Members have been encouraged to pledge at least 2% of their household's income, and to commit to increasing that pledge by at least 1% a year, thus reaching the tithe in nine years, at most. Stewardship also includes participation in one or more of 13 Parish organizations which support formation, worship and fellowship. St. Peter's also takes stewardship of its historic properties as a sacred commitment.

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

St. Peter's has had its fair share of conflict in the last few years, over choice of clergy, style of preaching and liturgy, administration, and use of resources and facilities by other groups. Unfortunately, some parishioners have addressed conflict with their feet, moving on to other churches. Those who remain are determined to create an environment in which we can regrow our Parish. Though we are not always successful we are determined to address conflict thoughtfully and prayerfully. All parishioners are invited to bring their concerns to Vestry meetings. If conflicts become heated we try to step back, pray, give each other space and forgiveness, and look for consensus.

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?

Change is difficult in any organizational culture. St. Peter's Priest in Charge and Vestry made a big change two years ago, deciding to rent the second story of the Parish Hall to Iglesia Mar de Galilea, a Spanish speaking Pentecostal congregation. Initially their "rent" was the labor to restore the space from a warren of small rooms to its original glory as a meeting hall with a stage. They did a beautiful job, but the process was painful, and some issues remain, partly because parishioners were not in agreement about renting the space to an outside group. Facing COVID, St. Peter's gracefully made the emergency transition to on-line services. It was difficult, especially since many older parishioners struggled with technology, but St. Peter's settled into it well. Currently, services are offered both online and in-person. Attendees online include parishioners who have moved away and others who have not been to church in some time.



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Prior Incumbents

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. Cheryl Parish	Interim	2019-12	

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The Rev. Jan Nunley	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2013-09	2019-11

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. Howell Sasser, Jr.	Interim	2012-07	2013-07

Sunday school is done weekly on the 1-4 Sundays. If there is a 5th Sunday, Sunday School is not held. We use Lesson Plans that Work: <https://lessonplansthatwork.org/year-a/>

Church School		Number of Teachers/Leaders for Children School	Number of Students for Children School
Sunday School:		3	8

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.stpeterspeekskill.org/>

Media Links:

Online References:

www.facebook.com/StPetersEpiscopalChurchPeekskillNY

Languages Significantly Represented:

English

Provide Worship or Classes in:

English

References

Bishop:

Diocesan Transition Minister

Current Warden/Board Chair

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Local Community Leader