

Welcome to

St. John's Episcopal Church, New City NY

Parish Profile

2026

Our Mission Statement

We are a loving, diverse, and welcoming community, reaching out through Christ to serve the needs of our neighbors.



St. John's in New City is a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of New York. We are a small and friendly church looking for a rector to journey with us as we endeavor to live out our mission statement, "We are a loving, diverse, and welcoming community, reaching out through Christ to serve the needs of our neighbors."

We warmly welcome and thank you for your interest in St. John's Episcopal Church, New City! As you get to know us through this parish profile, we pray that the Holy Spirit might inspire you to discern whether your gifts are a match to lead and walk with us as we endeavor to be the hands and feet of Christ in service to our neighbors.

The Rector We Seek

St. John's in New City is a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of New York. We hope to call a rector who will commit to a long period of growth with us and help us to live out our newly created mission statement.

We seek to grow spiritually, strengthen our sense of community, and engage new people with the life of the church while maintaining our Episcopal traditions. Pastoral care and preaching the love and compassion of Christ are especially important to our parish.

We want a rector who is collaborative, relational, and prayerful; someone who empowers lay leadership, communicates openly, and works with the congregation in a spirit of shared ministry.



Where is God calling us?

We believe God is calling us to be a community that embodies Christ's love in the world. We seek that love through worship, outreach, and formation. We dream of broadening our worship opportunities, increasing our outreach projects, and continuing to learn more about God across our ages and backgrounds.



The Body of Christ in Worship, Formation and Fellowship

St. John's currently has a single worship service on Sundays. It is nearly always a Rite 2 service of Holy Eucharist with hymns led by our choir. We try to involve as many people as possible in our worship and have a large rotation of lectors, ushers, altar guild, Eucharistic Ministers, and choir cantors. The parish welcomes children in worship and incorporates them in liturgical roles. Sunday services are streamed. There are also several weekday online services led by our lay worship leaders.



We have a lively and well-attended coffee hour every Sunday. During this we periodically have formation programs. On the Sundays we have lay-led Morning Prayer we often have Bible study in place of a homily.

The Body of Christ in the World: Our Faith in Action

Every Sunday (and in our weekday Noonday Prayers) we pray that God grant us the wisdom and courage to be the hands and feet of Christ in service to our neighbors.

We support a neighboring church's community food pantry by giving food donations each month. Several members of our congregation volunteer there as well. We also support families of our local school systems through donations of items such as Thanksgiving food bags, gift cards and essential household supplies. Through these efforts, we strive to be a faithful, outward-looking community, building relationships and serving our neighbors with compassion and generosity. We look towards greater involvement in our community as we serve our neighbors. We hope to explore on-site outreach projects and greater cooperation with local organizations.



Who We Are: Our history and membership

The parish was founded in 1866 and has been our current location since 1963. You can read more of our history [here](#). Most of our members live within 5 miles and more than half of our members are lifelong Episcopalians. A significant number of our parishioners were born outside the United States. We celebrate our diversity and are united in our desire for helping a hurting world and are seeking ways to bring the Love of Christ to that world while we become more welcoming and more inclusive.

We are part of Rockland Deanery and are also a covenanted member of the Rockland Collaboration, a group of 6 parishes seeking to equip, empower, and support lay leadership in Rockland County congregations.



Seeking to be Good Stewards: Financial Information

In the 2026 parish budget, pledges make up approximately two thirds of the total income of \$201,000. Pledging units have remained steady in the past five years ranging from 40 to 45. Each yearly budget also includes non pledging congregational gifts categorized as plate or holy day offerings. Two investment funds are not restricted and the 2026 budget includes \$41,454.00 income from investments which is less than 4% drawdown. The parish has benefited from several Diocesan grants in the past five years. The 2025 Income and Expense Report as well as the full reports from the 2026 Annual Meeting are on our [website](#).

Seeking to be Good Stewards: Our Property

St. John's, located on Strawtown Road in New City, abuts Lake DeForest, a 4-1/2 mile long reservoir. The property contains the main church building, an attached education wing, the rectory (located toward the rear of the property), a fenced playground, and parking area. Housing for our rector is provided through the use of the rectory which is a spacious four-bedroom, 2.5-bath colonial. A wooded area next to the home leads to Lake DeForest Reservoir, providing privacy and a natural setting. Around the rectory and in local parks you'll see God's beautiful creation including deer, woodchucks, turkey, and fox. Located in New City, the county seat of Rockland County, we offer convenient access to the downtown areas of both New City and West Nyack, where restaurants, coffee shops, shopping, fitness centers, and the town pool are all nearby. The area also features numerous parks, hiking trails, and outdoor recreation opportunities, while the George Washington Bridge and New York City are just 45 minutes away.



To apply, please send cover letter, resume, Vocation Hub profile to: transitions@dioceseny.org, and please note "St. John's, New City" in the subject line of your email.