

St. Peter's, Niagara Falls

What are some significant moments in the history of your church that have shaped its identity today?

Historically, St. Peter's participated in the Underground railroad, helping runaway slaves across the border.

What makes your church unique in the region and the diocese?

It's size. St. Peter's seats approximately 400. It is also located steps from the majestic Niagara Falls. Since it is located in the heart of a tourist location, St. Peter's has long had a ministry to visitors from all over the world.



What are the most vibrant ministries or strengths of your parish today?

Welcoming visitors from other parts of the USA and the world
Feeding those who are hungry through the Blessing Box or a lunch bag
Recovery Ministries

Describe a moment in your community's life when you felt the presence of the Holy Spirit moving among you. What made that moment possible?

I believe it was after right after we heard our organ after it was rebuilt by Heritage Organ Builders in 2022, a project which took over 6 months to complete.

How does your church engage with the local neighborhood, the civic life of your community, or diocesan and/or Episcopal Church-wide initiatives?

We engage with our community partners through the annual distribution of the Guillemont grant. This grant - given to St. Peter's in 2011 by Dr. John Guillemont - has helped many agencies with outreach endeavors and has helped keep their doors open throughout the years, and up to the present day. Our parishioners also support our partners by participating their various projects and events.

What are the hopes and dreams of your congregation for its next chapter?

To continue to speak God's truth in our ever-changing world.

