

Saints Peter & Paul Parish

1325 East Boot Road
West Chester, PA 19380



Job Description: Parish Principal Organist

Overview:

Saints Peter & Paul Parish is seeking a trained and experienced organist who is comfortable with church music and who has a thorough understanding of the Roman Catholic liturgy. The position will require appropriate and prayerful accompaniment of weekend Masses, funerals, weddings, and other parish liturgical functions. Applicants must be comfortable collaborating with parish clergy and the director of liturgical music (currently filled as an interim position). The overall responsibility of the parish principal organist is to enhance the liturgical life of the parish in accord with the vision of the pastor and the guidance of the Church's teachings on liturgical music. This is a part time position in a lively and diverse parish in Chester County. Specific hours and requirements are flexible upon discussion and in accordance with the needs of both the applicant and the parish community.

Requirements:

- A practicing Catholic living in accord with the precepts of the Church
- Knowledge and experience with Catholic liturgy and Church teachings on liturgical music
- Familiarity with a range of classical and contemporary liturgical music as well as improvisation techniques
- Willingness to provide input on weekend music "programming"
- Ability to accompany individual cantors, small groups, and choirs
- Commitment to the overall liturgical and spiritual vision of the parish
- Willingness to collaborate with various individuals and groups in the course of ministry
- Flexibility in providing music at regular and special liturgical functions

Compensation & Benefits:

- Salary to be determined based upon education and experience
- Wedding and funeral liturgies compensated separately
- Two weekends of paid vacation and two additional personal weekends
- Participation in research and purchase of a new organ for the church

Application Instructions:

Interested candidates may submit inquiries or applications (consisting of a cover letter and resume including at least two references) to:

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