

St Paul's Episcopal Church

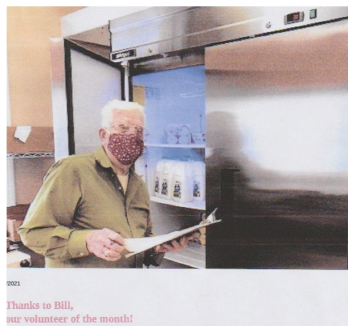
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Who are we?

Our mission statement: *"Seeking Christ, Serving Christ, Sharing Christ"*

We are a small, traditional, welcoming, empathetic, and close knit congregation in Romeo, Michigan. We care deeply for each other and about our community. 80% of our congregation is engaged in some form of ministry. We are seeking a priest who is empathetic and sensitive to the spiritual and pastoral needs of the congregation, reflecting the compassionate attitude of the members. Our clergy must be open-minded and welcoming of a diverse group of people united in seeking and serving Christ. We are looking for a leader to teach and guide us to a closer understanding of God and Jesus' message through scripture and prayer. We desire to continue developing lay ministries within the congregation to better serve each other and the greater community.

The primary outreach organization we support is Samaritan House, which operates a food pantry and provides school supplies and personal products, as well as other support programs for the needy in our community. Parishioners serve as volunteers and board members at Samaritan House, and the parish makes an annual financial contribution and collects food items for them. We also cook and serve meals at H.I.S. table, which provides free meals open to the public, and we help prepare and serve meals in support of Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST), which provides food and shelter to the homeless in Macomb County. Since 2013 we have cultivated a vegetable garden on church grounds that has provided over 1,000 pounds of fresh vegetables a year to Samaritan House and the Agape Center at St Clement of Romeo Catholic Church.



St Paul's, along with the Romeo Police Department, founded and financially support the Romeo CARES program. This program provides temporary shelter for the Romeo homeless during inclement winter weather. Other churches in our community financially support this effort as well. Our church building is well built acoustically. We have had a flute recital and a choir recital performed in our church in the past. The First Friends Montessori preschool occupies the lower floor of our church building, providing an educational resource to the community and rental income to the church. Alcoholics Anonymous uses our building for weekly meetings, aiding the addicted in our community.

Our Verger has served both at St Paul's and the Detroit Cathedral. He is also leads our altar guild, who prepare the altar and sanctuary for weekly services and special occasions.



We hold an annual Christmas pageant. We enjoy Lenten programs featuring a shared supper and Bible study, as well as adult Christian education programs throughout the year. We celebrate outdoor services in our Memorial Garden, including the annual blessing of the animals. The Memorial Garden is a place for remembrance, reflection and mediation, and contains memorials to some of our deceased parishioners. Our lay ministers perform pastoral visitations to shut-ins and members who are in the hospital.

Parishioners go on an annual mission trip to St Paul, Virginia to the Grace House on the Mountain ministry where we renovate and repair homes for the needy. We have installed new roofing, renovated kitchens and bathrooms, and built decks, porches, stairs and ramps to aid mobility.



Our Financial Position is Strong

As of the end of 2020 our annual operating revenues were approximately \$94,000. Our investment portfolio balance was approximately \$104,000.

We offer a comprehensive package of compensation and benefits for our part time priest. “Part Time” is interpreted to mean 20 hours per week with one Sunday off per month. While residence in the Romeo area is encouraged, it is not required. Compensation includes:

1. Competitive salary.
2. Paid Life and Health Insurance through the Church Insurance Agency
3. A Retirement Annuity.
4. Reimbursement for business (travel and telephone). Paid vacation
5. Continuing professional development.
6. Clergy discretionary funding.

Strengths and Challenges.

Our strengths lay in our deeply held love of GOD and Jesus Christ, our love for one another, our compassion for those with health issues, and our service to our community. Our challenge is to continue and expand those ministries and service to Romeo and surrounding communities. We desire to attract both the young and old into the fold. Music plays a significant role in our worship. We wish to resume weekly Eucharistic services, with our musician and choir director. We have missed those activities since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our Community

The village of Romeo is situated in Macomb County north of Detroit and is a semi-rural community. The major employers are Ford Motor Company, Romeo Rim and several agritourism businesses, notability Blake’s, Westview and Verellen Orchards. Romeo is one of the oldest villages in Michigan, established in 1838. The Village of Romeo currently has approximately 3,600 residents. The school system has 6 elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school. Macomb County Community College offers 2 and 4 year degree programs through Wayne State University. Stoney Creek Metro Park and the Romeo / Bruce Parks and Recreation Department offer beach and lake sports, bike and hiking trails, cross country skiing and numerous picnic and golf venues. There are hospital and nursing facilities within 15 miles of the village. And, of course, Romeo’s Annual Peach festival is widely known across the state.



Episcopal Diocese of Michigan Statement

Guided by our newly elected bishop the Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry, we are a diocese that values collegiality, creativity, and openness. We offer community organizing training, the College of Congregational Development, and ongoing collegiality and support. We invite you to come and join us as we embody the Gospel both inside and outside our church doors. Please send your Cover Letter, Resume, and OTM Profile to the Rev. Canon Ellen Ekevag, eekevag@edomi.org.