



EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT

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Parish Info for TMC

Please provide the following information so that we can list your position on the Transition Ministry Conference (TMC) website, as well as that of the Office of Transition Ministry (OTM). [Jaylynn Foreman](#) will upload your information from your answers, and please contact her with any questions. While you cannot access the OTM website, you are welcome to visit transitionministryconference.org to check it out!



Saint Michael's Parish
25 South Street
Litchfield, CT 06759
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Communicants in Good Standing: 109
Average Sunday Attendance: 59
Child Population in Church School: 0
Adult Population in Church School: 0
Teacher Population in Church School 0:
Total Budget (please use last Parochial Report Total Operating Expenses): \$548,000
Job Type: Priest in Charge
Hours: Full time

Is there a rectory? Yes

If there IS a rectory:

Is it optional or required that the cleric live there? Optional, but we do want our person to live in the community, not out of town.

How many bedrooms? 5

How many bathrooms? 2 1/2

Any additional comments on compensation, benefits, or housing?

Please write a short paragraph description or list bullet points for each of the following:

Liturgical style and practice:

- Rite 1 at 8:00 a.m.
- Rite II with music at 10:00 a.m.
- Evening Prayer II on Wednesdays

**Strengths of the parish:**

Strong, spirit-driven lay leadership, that cares for each other and the community that has persevered despite multiple challenges. Particularly the upheaval engendered by the diocese suspending our priest. The Diocese suspended him in June of 2024 and the case was not settled until June of 2025. It was a protracted, disconcerting period, and many of us were disillusioned with the Diocese's disciplinary process.

Fine music program with a Quimby organ, an outstanding organist with a regional reputation, and a seasoned choir with paid section leaders.

Historic Rossiter-designed neo-Gothic sanctuary with Tiffany and other stained glass windows, centrally located in the historic district. Several capital campaigns have provided the resources to maintain it.

Community outreach includes two food pantries, multiple 12-step meetings, and our tenants – a mental health counseling center and a daycare center.

Current challenges facing the parish:

We are still recovering from the negatives of the Diocese's suspension of the priest last year.

We are a spiritually based community operating within a secular society. On Sunday mornings, there are more people at the soccer fields than in our church.

We had two suicides several years ago.

We own several buildings in addition to the church. A rectory, community house, and five residential rental units. We do not have a property manager, and it is hard for our volunteers to keep up with the maintenance. We are discussing whether to retain the Rectory.

We are an aging and shrinking congregation, and are not attracting young families.

Administrative coordination, with three part-time people in the office is a challenge for the wardens to manage.

We have yet to master a system to stream our services on the internet.

We have a weekly eblast, but some of us don't have email and are uninformed. Between voicemail, texts and emails, there are too many messages that fall through the cracks.

We have recently expanded the size of the Vestry, and some of the newer members are not yet fully engaged.