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Welcome To St. Paul's Syracuse

The Downtown Episcopal Church

HOW OLD IS THE CHURCH?

The parish dates back to the mid 1820's. This is the third location for the congregation.

The first building was on Warren St, near what is now called City Hall Commons, the flat iron building (triangular shaped) from the mid 1820's until the mid-1840's.

The second building was on the northwest corner of Warren and East Fayette Streets directly across from the Key Bank building, mid-1840's until the mid-1880's. The current St. Paul's took a mere 18 months to build and was opened for worship on December 13, 1885. The architectural style is Middle Gothic with the pointed arches and windows associated particularly with English churches from the mid-13th through the mid-14th century. It was designed by Henry Dudley, a partner with Frank Wills, the architect for the New York Ecclesiological Society. The building material is Onondaga Limestone, partly from the second St. Paul's building, mostly from the Onondaga Nation. The spire is more than 200 feet high and is topped with a 7 foot cross. The interior is 96 feet in length, 64 feet in width, and 59 feet at the highest point. The granite is from Nova Scotia.

The windows on the north side (East Fayette St.) were manufactured in England and installed when the building was erected. The windows on the south side, (facing the little courtyard) were fabricated in the U.S., between 1900 to 1920. Note the window in the center on the south side that has more of a textured effect, it was fabricated in the Tiffany Studios in New York City and listed in books on their famous windows. We offer a self-guided tour brochure to walk around the windows and study the biblical themes.

The Organ was originally built by M. P. Möller, Opus 10247, in 1967. Quimby Organ Builders of Warrensburg, MO rebuilt the instrument in 2001 which encompassed a complete tonal overhaul and solid state switching action. There are 4,282 pipes over four manuals and pedal. This instrument is the largest organ in the city.



St. Paul’s Welcomes All To Join Us For Worship And Fellowship

St. Paul’s has a long history of outreach. Arria Huntington, the daughter of the Bishop in the late nineteenth century was very active and with her father worked to establish the Hospital of Good Shepherd (the forerunner of Upstate Medical University), the first women’s shelter and the Visiting Nurses Association. Arria was appointed School Commissioner in the Syracuse Department of Education before women had the right to vote! Huntington School in Syracuse is named for Arria, the only school to be named for a woman. The Huntington Family Center, a multi-service human service agency, is also named for her.

Did You Know?

What Outreach Projects Has St. Paul’s Been Involved With?

The Samaritan Center was founded here in 1981. It is now an independent not for profit agency,



serving more than 114,000 meals annually. The Samaritan Center outgrew our space and recently moved into a beautiful new facility, using the old nave of St. John the Evangelist as its dining room! We are delighted in their success and continue to support them and volunteer to serve as do many other churches and organizations.

The Episcopal Diocese of Central New York has had a “Diocese Companion” relationship with the Diocese of El Salvador for many years. We support that effort with financial gifts and presence. Several members have visited there, and a few are involved with an organization called Foundation Cristosal that was founded by our former dean and priest The Very Reverend Richard Bower and the Bishop of El Salvador. In addition, we have also supported mission work in South Sudan during this ongoing difficult time.



Another exciting outreach is providing space for Syracuse Orchestra’s casual concerts followed by receptions, which provide a wonderful opportunity for the orchestra to mingle with the guests. Many other groups also use our beautiful space and great acoustics to perform as well.

St. Paul’s is very involved with the Downtown YMCA residents. Coffee and donut socials, pizza days and many other events.



What Happens at St. Paul’s?

We have two services on Sundays. Morning services at 8:00 & 10:00. The 10:00am service includes the choir (except during the summer) and a children’s Sunday School. Choral Evensong is held twice a year. We also hold special services during the Easter and Christmas seasons. Everyone is welcome and invited to come to any of our services.

Formation (education) for adults and children is available in various weekly and monthly activities. Through most of the year, we have First Friday Dinners, and the profits from which support the Millennial Development Goals of the United Nations.



A Place For You!

Isn’t This a Cathedral?

St. Paul’s has been a cathedral twice in its lifetime. It first became a cathedral in 1885 and remained so only for 12 years due to disagreements between the bishop and the parish. It became a cathedral again in 1971 and remained so until 2015. After careful discernment, the congregation chose to return to being a church and focus on being part of the evolving downtown community. This was done with the blessing of the bishop and approved by the diocese.