



Discerning Your Financial Pledge

At St. Peter's, ministry is a daily act of love. Every day, our parish offers prayer, care, and presence—welcoming the stranger, supporting those in need, visiting the sick, and deepening our faith through Scripture and fellowship. Together, we dedicate more than \$1,000 each day—\$365,000 each year—to this shared ministry. No one could bear that responsibility alone, but together it becomes a joy and a blessing.

Stewardship is how we hold this work in common. Throughout Christian history, proportional giving has been the customary way to determine the amount of a person's gift.—traditionally, 10% of one's income. (Imagine that: keeping 90% of what God gives!) For many of us though, it takes time and intentionally to get to that level of giving, and the average gift is around 3% of income.

As we plan for the year ahead, we invite you to share in this sacred trust. If our common goal is to offer \$1,000 a day in ministry, how many days can your household sponsor in 2026? Not everyone can give the same amount, but everyone can give something to sustain the daily life of ministry at St. Peter's, our shared parish.

**Take a look at the chart below and reflect: Where are you this year?
How can you celebrate that generosity?
Now, where might God be calling you to grow in 2026?**

Percent of Income to Pledge

	1%	2%	3%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
\$25,000	0.25 Days	0.5 Days	0.75 Days	1 Day	1.5 Days	2 Days	2.5 Days	3.75 Days
\$50,000	0.5 Days	1 Day	1.5 Days	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days	5 Days	7.5 Days
\$75,000	0.75 Days	1.5 Day	2.25 Days	3 Days	4.5 Days	6 Days	7.5 Days	11.25 Days
\$100,000	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days	6 Days	8 Days	10 Days	15 Days
\$150,000	1.5 Days	3 Days	4.5 Days	6 Days	9 Days	12 Days	15 Days	22.5 Days
\$200,000	2 Days	4 Days	6 Days	8 Days	12 Days	16 Days	20 Days	30 Days
\$250,000	2.5 Days	5 Days	7.5 Days	10 Days	15 Days	20 Days	25 Days	37.5 Days
\$300,000	3 Days	6 Days	9 Days	12 Days	18 Days	24 Days	30 Days	45 Days

2025 Statistics

SPEC Median Pledge:	\$2,100 (2.1 days)
Diocesan Avg. Pledge:	\$3,628 (3.6 days)
SPEC Avg. % of Income:	1.83%
TEC Avg. % of Income:	3%
Pledges Over \$5,000:	17
Pledges Over \$10,000:	9
2025 Total Pledges:	72
2026 Total Pledges Goal:	80

Reflection Questions

1. How has God blessed me this year, and how might I give thanks in return?
2. What story of gratitude do I want my giving to tell?
3. How might giving draw me closer to this community I love?
4. When I imagine our parish thriving, what role might my gift play?
5. How might I grow in generosity this year?

Household Income



Daily Morning and Evening Prayer

At the heart of our life together is prayer. When we gather on Sundays for the Holy Eucharist, we are strengthened by Christ's presence and nourished for the week ahead. But the ministry of the Church does not stop when the dismissal is given. The Church's vocation is to hold the whole world in prayer every day, lifting up the joys and sorrows of God's people before the throne of grace.

The practice of daily prayer goes back to our Jewish and early Christian ancestors, who paused at set hours to pray. Over time these prayers—known as the Daily Office—became the shared rhythm of the Church's life. The first *Book of Common Prayer* (1549) restored this pattern for all Christians, requiring that “all Priests and Deacons say daily the Morning and Evening Prayer...and cause a bell to be tolled, that the people may come to hear God's Word, and to pray with him.”

Our own prayer book continues this tradition with Morning and Evening Prayer, dedicating more pages to it than even the Holy Eucharist. **Every weekday morning at St. Peter's, Morning Prayer is offered in the church, and beginning in 2026, Evening Prayer will be offered as well.** In these services, the entire Psalter is recited every seven weeks, the whole of Scripture is read aloud over two years, and the names on our parish prayer list are spoken prayerfully each day.

The Daily Office is not primarily a matter of private devotion—it is the Church's shared heartbeat of communal prayer, but it also shapes us as individuals and is a wonderful practice to take on personally, even when we cannot make it to the church. It is a bit tricky to use in the prayer book at first, but there are some incredible apps and podcasts that make it easy and simple to pray along. I recommend the *Forward Day by Day* app, and their daily podcasts, “A Morning at the Office” and “An Evening at Prayer.” If you are looking for a way to read more Scripture and spend more time in prayer, especially in the context of the stress and anxiety of the news cycle and life demands, these resources are foundational in our Anglican tradition. When prayed on your own, Morning and Evening Prayer take anywhere from around 12 minutes to 30 minutes each.

At St. Peter's, Morning Prayer takes place every weekday morning in the church at 8:00am. Evening prayer will take place every weekday evening at 5:15pm. Each last 30 minutes. For most of us, the practice of coming to the church twice a day for Morning and Evening Prayer will be too much to handle, but the prayers of St. Peter's are not meant for any one person or small group of people; the sacred responsibility of our prayer is shared by all. The Daily Office may be too much for any one person, but together as a parish we can certainly commit to the practice of daily prayer for our community and the world.

As you consider your pledge for 2026, I invite you to make a commitment to join in our common prayer. Each pledge card includes options for how often to participate—once a year, once a month, once a week, or as part of the Daily Office team of officiants. Whether you are able to join us or not, remember that every day the doors of St. Peter's are open, the bells are ringing, and the Church is praying.

As we deepen our commitment to daily, communal prayer, I believe we will see our ministries flourish and our hearts renewed by the Spirit. This year, as you make your pledge, ask yourself: **What part of our parish's common prayer will I hold?**