St. Peter’s Episcopal Church
2013 Parish Profile

10 Mill Street
Cazenovia, New York 13035

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Parish Transition Committee Prayer

In this interim time, we pray for St. Peter’s Church, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, open in our search, imaginative about our future and daring in our faith. As we seek to welcome, instill in us your grace; as we seek to challenge, commit us to your mission; as we seek to inspire, fill us with your spirit. All this we pray, empowered by the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.
The Parish Profile of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church
Cazenovia, New York

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Introduction

On June 9, 2013 the Vestry of St. Peters’ Episcopal Church thanked the nine members of the Transition/Search Committee for their willingness to serve. They charged the Committee with recommending to the Vestry a priest who best demonstrates the ministerial skills needed by our congregation as reflected in a Parish Profile. The Transition/Search Committee held a retreat and first meeting later the same day. The first major focus was to construct the self-study, and complete a parish profile.

The Search Committee process provided a useful opportunity for the parish to engage in a self-study to discern and clarify who St. Peter’s is as a church and where it is at this point in time. It is through this process that the Vestry hopes to call a new rector to St. Peter’s. To accomplish this important task a series of meetings were scheduled to reach out to the entire parish to speak to where St. Peter’s has been, where it is now, and where it hopes to be in the future.

The Transition/Search committee invited the parish to engage in a Spiritual Genealogy session led by the Interim Rector to spur discussion about where we are currently in our faith journey(s). Small group meetings were scheduled to survey each member’s impressions regarding:

- Parish challenges and strengths
- Our worship services
- The importance of St. Peters in people’s lives
- Wishes for St. Peters
- Leadership models for a new rector

We had impressive participation in both numbers and vigorous discussions throughout these sessions. Information from these discussions and surveys is found in this Parish Profile. Quotes collected from the self-study process appear throughout this document.

Brief History of Parish

St. Peter’s was founded in 1844 as a local Episcopal faith community and part of the Diocese of Western New York. Later, Western New York was divided and we became part of the Diocese of Central New York, the eastern portion of the former diocese. The core faith and practice of each of these upland church bodies has always been “one, holy, catholic and apostolic”, principles shared effectively with other members of a world-wide Anglican Communion whose cultural and biblical roots date back to pre-Roman Britain and the first century Christian movement. Sixteen rectors have served the parish in residence during these 165 years. The recently retired rector served the parish for 24 years.
Over that time significant changes occurred at St. Peters. The Vestry commissions were reorganized to improve communication and the by-laws were revised as the parish changed. A mission statement was adopted by the Vestry. The weekly newsletter, The Fisherman and then The Fisher Folk, was distributed for years as the main communication of the church. St. Peters embraced the internet and developed an early web presence. Surveys were used to see how other parishes developed worship in their churches. Celebration of St. Peter’s sesquicentennial included publishing a parish history and cookbook. St. Peter's hymn, “O God who made us in your likeness” sung to the tune entitled Imago Dei, Cazenovia was the highlight of the program celebration.

There was an intentional effort to develop lay leaders from different core ministries toward a goal of establishing integrated, mutual ministries for the whole parish. St. Peters enrolled as a Stephen Ministries parish. Worship services were expansive including a “Blessing of the Animals” service to a Requiem Eucharist to celebrate and remember departed loved ones. Services were held at the Thornfield property on Cazenovia Lake. Adults and youth participated in a series of pilgrimages. The music program thrived with Senior and Junior Choirs and Bell, Chime and even Baby Bell Choirs.

The Rector’s vision of a whole faith environment included the expansion and renovation of church properties. During this tenure, several significant capital projects occurred including the purchase of the building at 66 Albany Street to house the Key Consignment Store and the two apartments above, the renovation of the former Key Building into the Spirit Center/Carriage House, and the purchase of the rectory on Syosset Drive. The Columbarium was created during this time. Major renovations of the parish kitchen, parish hall and the construction of a stone terrace as well as the Sacristy courtyard and porch are still significant assets of our church. Use of the property also evolved and included the relationship between St. Peters’ and the Onondaga Pastoral Counseling Center being formalized and strengthened, the Cazenovia Children’s house nursery school, Weight Watchers and EIDOS, an alternative education program for high school students at risk of dropping out all found a home at St. Peters. Today space continues to be made available to the Arts community, AA meetings and Tae Kwon Do classes.
The Episcopal Diocese of Central New York
The Episcopal Diocese of Central New York seeks to be vibrant faith-filled communities of worship, prayer and service that make a transformative difference in the lives of the people with whom they are privileged to engage.

The Rt. Reverend Gladstone B. Adams, III heads the diocese of 105 churches in the region which encompasses a large portion of the central area of New York State. The area of responsibility for the diocese extends north, from Alexandria Bay in Jefferson County running south to the NY/PA border and East from Utica-Rome running west to Geneva on Seneca Lake of the Finger Lakes. The Vision of the CNY Diocese is to be the passionate presence of Christ for one another and the world we are called to serve.

- The Mission of the CNY Diocese is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ as taken from the Book of Common Prayer, page 855.

The Diocese was created as result of the general convention of 1868 which voted to divide the Diocese of Western New York and create the Diocese of Central New York. Its primary convention met at Trinity Church, Utica, and Grace Church, Utica, on Nov. 10-12, 1868.

On Nov. 13, 1971, St. Paul’s Church, Syracuse, was set apart as St. Paul’s Cathedral. The Cathedral Institutes were signed on Dec. 7, 1971, and the Service of Dedication was held on May 25, 1972. The Diocese consists of the following counties: Broome, Cayuga, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Seneca, Tioga, and Tompkins.

The Syracuse-East Deanery, of which St. Peter’s is a member, is comprised of 13 churches. The clergy meet monthly for godly fellowship and eagerly provide coverage for one another for vacations. The Rev. Jackie Schmitt of St. David’s DeWitt was recently named Dean. The former Dean served for several years and recently accepted a call to another ministry in the area.

Parish Governance and Administration
“A strong Vestry!”

What strengths/resources does St. Peter’s possess to overcome challenges?

St. Peters’ vestry officers include a Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Clerk of the vestry. Six additional parishioners serve as members of vestry. The parish By-Laws were revised in 2004 and are in the process of being revised again at the next annual meeting.

The church employs individuals who support the activities of the parish as a whole and The Key specifically.

Interim Rector Rev. Barb Schmitz
Church Properties

I love the nooks and crannies of our church. I always felt special in our classroom for church school; like the room was built just for me to hear about Jesus.

A St. Peter’s Youth

St. Peter’s has several properties. They include the church proper located at 12 Mill Street and two other adjacent buildings. St. Peter’s is ideally located in the middle of the village of Cazenovia right off Albany Street, the main thoroughfare of the village. Our church building is the original structure occupying the same site as when erected in 1848. The architectural style is Gothic Revival, designed by the firm of Richard Upjohn. The Gothic Revival style is here executed in timber and shingle, small scale proportions or what is colloquially termed “Carpenter Gothic”. This structure contains the church itself as well as an office and Sunday school rooms, a Parish Hall with a well equipped kitchen, music room, and nursery room. The Parish Hall is used by many outside organizations. Our columbarium is placed in the vestibule off the Sacristy Garden, literally in the heart of the parish.
The Spirit Center/Carriage House building, across the church parking lot, had renovations completed in the Spring of 2012. This facility is used as a spiritual center and is also available to be used by the community. A task force has been established to plan for the use of this facility that is in keeping with the outreach mission of St. Peter’s.

Just beyond the Spirit Center/Carriage House the church owns a building prominently placed on Albany Street, the main street of Cazenovia. The Key, a clothing and other used goods consignment shop is St. Peter’s most significant outreach organization. It is staffed mostly by volunteers with a minimum number of paid personnel. There are two small apartments on the second floor of this building which are rented and provide income.
St. Peter’s recently purchased a rectory. Located within easy walking distance of the church, schools, lake and the village, the rectory is on a quiet street north of the business district. The house has 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and a two car garage. The vestry is open to considering making a housing allowance available in lieu of the rectory.

Thornfield is a spectacular, underdeveloped property on the west shore of Cazenovia Lake. The site is owned by the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York and has no facilities other than a caretaker’s house. Acres of field and forest with a beach access to the lake are the site of an annual worship service shared by neighboring parishes. Fellowship continues after worshiping with games, and a picnic.
Ministries at St. Peter's

The mission of St. Peter's is:

*To grow in God's image and to spread Christ's kingdom, through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Our vision is that:

*God calls and we respond until all rejoice in the Lord, in harmony with creation and with one another.*

During recent discussions with the congregation, we identified a litany of heroes at St. Peter’s who serve in a variety of ministries. They include present members as well as others who have died and leave a powerful legacy. These individuals lend their talents to lead officially in the capacity of Wardens, committee chairs, Sunday school teachers and historians. Also recognized were an equal number of heroes we count on for making St. Peter's a place of renewal through their preparation of special dinners, reaching out to our children, and by simply praying by our side. St. Peter's is blessed to have a congregation with big hearts and sharp minds and a willingness to do extraordinary things for the benefit of our spiritual journey. Our ministries reflect this commitment.

Worship Ministries

“St. Peter’s has re-connected me to my roots. I’m not particularly spiritual, but the rhythms of liturgy take me to my Roman Catholic upbringing. The familiarity helped me to see what commitment means - to a community as much as theology.”

What role has St. Peter’s played in your spiritual development?

Two Eucharistic worship services are held each Sunday through most of the year, offering Rite II at 8:00 and 10:00. During the summer months, Rite II is offered at one combined service at 9:00. Historically, Rite I was offered at the 8:00 service. Midday prayers are offered in the church on Mondays and Tuesdays each week at 11:30. From time to time, lay ministers will officiate at Morning Prayer on Sundays. Special services on Christmas and Easter bring guest musicians. On most Christmases, a children’s’ pageant is part of the 4:00 Christmas Eve service.
Through the ministries of acolytes, lectors, altar guild, chalice bearers and ushers the congregation assists in the worship service. There are more than 40 members actively involved in these ministries.

Music plays a significant role in the spiritual life of St. Peter’s. Through music, the congregation of St. Peter’s is both united and inspired. Music ministry at St. Peter’s is dedicated to continuing the rich tradition of sacred choral music. At the 10:00 service, the adult choir enhances worship through the singing of service music, canticles hymns and anthems accompanied by organ and piano. The 8:00 service offers a more subdued music ministry with piano music and no choir. In addition to our Organist/Music Director, Ida Tili-Trebicka, a piano professor at Syracuse University, St. Peter’s is blessed to have talented musicians who are willing to share their gifts throughout the year during our services. We are also blessed with a fine organ, two pianos, and five octaves of hand bells. The youth choir is open to children in third grade and above. They receive instructions in vocal training and music reading.

**Outreach Ministries**

“I think to gain an appreciation for seeing how God is active in the community. How we need to hear God’s message to make us better people in helping us to enter the next new week in our lives. How we look and deal with people and how we look and deal with ourselves. “

What Role has St. Peter’s played in your spiritual development?

Outreach Ministry is very important to the people of St. Peter’s. At its heart is our civic award-winning ministry, The Key. Located in the historic business district of Cazenovia, this consignment business has operated since 1960. This very attractive property is ideally located and offers a storefront on the main street of the village and an opportunity for church visibility to the wider community. This ministry takes clothing and small household items as contributions or on consignment and provides cash to the individuals who
consign. The Key has over 1,200 active accounts. There are 40 plus individuals both paid and volunteer who keep the Key running. Financial details of The Key’s operation can be found on page 16. Caz Cares and the Community Action Partnership are two local organizations helping meet the needs of local families and each have arrangements with The Key. The Key also provides a monetary pledge to St. Peter’s, supports worthy organizations through charitable contributions in support of local needs, and provides cash to the individuals who consign their possessions. Each year a high school student who is involved with The Key is awarded a college scholarship as recognition for the time and effort they have put into helping to make The Key successful.

Another way St. Peter’s serves the community is through the many uses of our building and grounds. The Parish Hall is home to the Cazenovia Children's house toddler and preschool program. This program provides an invaluable service to the Cazenovia community. Other users of the building include: AA, Bone Builders, Young Life and the Cazenovia Counterpoint Summer Music and Art Festival. The Cazenovia Preservation Foundation, the local land trust organization, has a full time presence in an office in our parish house and Marriage and Family Counseling services are available through a private therapist who also shares our space.

Additional ministries include parish-wide food, school supply, and Christmas gift drives to support the local food pantry, Caz Cares. St. Peter's has hosted, organized and participated in the Cazenovia Area-wide Crop Walk to raise awareness of hunger. St. Peter's has also for the past several years, had members bike in support of the Rescue Mission's "Ride for the Rescue".
Education Ministries
“St. Peter’s has been a ‘launch pad for spiritual advancement.’”  A St. Peter’s Youth

The Education Ministry at St. Peter’s is currently very small but is quickly rebuilding through the efforts of a dynamic coordinator of the Education ministry and a fellow church school teacher. The Church School program serves a small group of children who meet during the first half of the service in the upstairs classrooms of the parish hall and join the congregation for communion. A teen program has been reintroduced this fall to provide continuing education and social opportunities for this important segment of the parish. Nursery care is provided by volunteer parishioners.

*It is important to note here that in the discernment process of creating this profile, the congregation expressed a desire for more adult educational opportunities.

Fellowship Ministries
“As I age I take matters of the spirit more seriously. St. Peter’s exposes me to different aspects and ways of expressing spirituality.”

What Role has St. Peter’s played in your spiritual development?

Fellowship ministries are alive and active at St. Peters. The weekly Hospitality Hour is significant in St. Peter’s fellowship. Volunteers from the congregation serve refreshments following the 10 am service (9 am in the summer). Special occasions in the life of the parish are often recognized at this time.
The Foyers groups are a popular ministry at St. Peter’s for members who enjoy fellowship in a group setting. Through prayer, conversation, laughter, and lovingly prepared meals, the members of these groups minister to one another taking turns hosting dinners on a monthly basis in each other’s homes. The typical group size is kept to 12 parishioners or less.

The women’s book group consists of a core group of ten women who meet once a month to discuss the book of their choosing, with the discussions focused on looking at the themes in the book through the lens of faith. In the 7 years since its formation, the group has taken on challenging reads and evolved into opportunities for sharing personal stories and fellowship beyond just reading books.

First Friday suppers are well attended by the members of St. Peter’s. Normally held on the first Friday of each month, these meals take place in the Parish Hall with an ever-changing menu and host group. Recent host groups include the men of the parish and the youth of the parish. The annual chili cook-off competition is particularly popular.

**Pastoral Care Ministries**

“I have been to Washington DC with St. Peter’s on a spiritual journey. My son was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter’s. This helps me grow in my spiritual life. I feel comfort at St. Peter’s. St. Peter’s is home for me.”

What Role has St. Peter’s played in your spiritual development?

There are a number of pastoral care ministries underway at the parish. Designed to assist in the pastoral care needs of St. Peter’s, the Stephen Ministers are specially trained lay persons who are equipped to assist through times of spiritual challenge, such as illness. Stephen Ministers serve to extend and complement the pastoral care ministry of the rector. Lay Eucharist Ministers visit St. Peter’s parishioners who are at nursing homes, are hospital patients or are shut-ins. St. Peter’s also has a very active Prayer Circle. This ministry is comprised of seven devoted members and is available to anyone in need.
St. Peter’s Today

“St. Peter’s allows me to vent with my prayers which allows good communication with God.”

A St. Peter’s Youth

Resilient and Committed to the Future

The self-study Spiritual Genealogy exercise identified several important points in the history of the church. Most significantly was the retirement of the former rector in September 2012 after a twenty-four year tenure at St. Peter’s. Individual relationships and encounters with this rector varied wildly among parishioners and members of the Cazenovia community. While some felt deeply inspired, others left the church in angst. This was a difficult period for all involved. In the years close to the rector’s retirement active ministries became inactive. Over that tenure the parish recognized that their faith and determination sustained them through significant challenges and opened their hearts to the Holy Spirit. The parish sees itself united with a common purpose and communicating as never before as we move to call a new rector.

As part of the self-study, the parish was asked a series of questions to help articulate where we are as a faith community. We discovered that the parish has very powerful memories of worship services. These include the youth citing confirmation as memorable because they felt that they had “gone further in the church” and “learning how important God’s values are in our lives.” Special services at Thornfield, singing in the Children’s choir and communion because “it is an example of what the disciples did with Christ,” also were mentioned as highlights. Adults reflected on the importance of sermons and the familiar cadence of the liturgy. The Christmas services are widely mentioned as particularly significant for their remarkable music, beauty and sense of community.
"I enjoy the welcome smiles; Sunday morning humor. I appreciate the peace."

What ministry is important to you?

- The Parish is blessed with the Holy Spirit. That was clear as we discussed the strengths and resources to overcome any challenges.

- The diversity of professionals who attend St. Peter’s reflect a highly educated parish with depth of leadership.

- Our music program is remarkable and we are blessed with the talent and dedication of our music director.

- The Vestry leadership is cited as a strength of the parish. We are fortunate that we have volunteers that are so committed to St. Peter’s during this important time of change and opportunity.

- We recognize that our physical infrastructure, including The Key, are important resources as we work to build our parish membership and continue to spread God’s word. Financially, The Key is strong and offers opportunity for growth.

- We are an inclusive and welcoming congregation. We are highly committed to St. Peter’s and our faith and have been resilient when facing our many challenges. It is notable that attendance at the Sunday services has increased in 2012-13. We currently enjoy 95 active households as members. We are particularly heartened by the number of parishioners who have begun attending services after a hiatus and the strong attendance during the summer months. Increased attendance for Christmas, and Easter reflect the promise of building the church to a level of membership that will create a more sustainable financial environment. Attendance overall is up 13% as compared to a year ago.
The Key 2012 Expenses

Consignments costs 40%
Payroll 20%
Loan & Mortgage 12%
Operations 10%
St. Peter's Pledge 9%
Outreach 2%
Capital Project costs in reserves 7%

The Key Operations 2008-2012

Total Sales Consignment Cost Outreach
St. Peter's
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Average Increase over last year 13%

Parish Challenges
“For St. Peter's to come together as a parish in hope, strength and unity of purpose.”

What are your wishes for St. Peter's?

❖ Through the frank discussions held in our small group meetings, a number of challenges were identified by a significant number of parishioners. Many people identified an aging membership, the small number of young families attending and the need to reach out to families with children. We are focusing more attention on Sunday school opportunities to attract new families and bring the teen members of the church back on a regular basis.

❖ There was strong agreement that St. Peter’s needs to resist the impulse to stay the same and take advantage of the possibilities before us. The vigorous participation by an overwhelming number of parishioners in this self-study process is testimony to our desire to embrace change.

❖ Our parish is not immune to the fiscal challenges found in most small parishes today. St. Peter’s financial challenges are significant but we as a parish believe that through a new rector’s strong leadership and the renewed commitment in our current membership, that we will meet the financial needs of the church and sustain its growth.
St. Peter's Income 9/1/12 to 8/31/13

- Endowment: 8%
- Facility Use: 1%
- Donations: 1%
- Apartment Rental: 5%
- Donations & Gifts: 18%
- Pledge & Plate: 58%
- Other: 10%

St. Peter's Expenses 9/1/12 - 8/31/13

- Salaries & Assoc. Exp.: 34%
- B&G (inc. utilities): 15%
- 66 Albany Street: 2%
- Rectory: 15%
- Capital Projects: 6%
- Educational/Ads/Past Care: 1%
- Worship (inc. Music): 9%
- Diocese Pledge: 7%
- Insurance: 3%
- Other: 8%
Our deferred maintenance on buildings has been identified as a critical challenge that needs to be addressed. This past year the first step towards significant repairs included the successful installation of truss rods to prevent the nave from spreading and causing additional structural damage. The next step will be to stabilize the nave foundation and have a new roof installed over the nave and organ pipe area. The stained glass windows are in need of repair and refurbishment. Recently the altar window and one window in the nave were the first to be addressed; however all of the windows need to be addressed to preserve their beauty. In addition, windows in the administrative offices and basement need either replacement or repair.

Future critical projects include repairing the organ resulting from water leak damage and planning for a complete refurbishment. Windows and doors need to be replaced with more energy efficient ones. Wall repair and painting, perhaps including new stencils on the nave walls must be considered. The entire exterior of the church will need to be restained or painted soon. On the exterior there is some drainage work to do.

Estimates for all the work described above ranges between $300,000 and $500,000. It is likely that St. Peter's will mount a capital fund campaign as well as secure grants or other sources of additional income to complete this work.

St. Peter's has made the most of the self-study process to bring us back to a unified parish, “mend fences” and “heal many wounds.” Many opportunities for open dialog revealed an acceptance of each other’s opinions and experiences with the former rector and an overwhelming desire to work together as a community to continue to grow strong in God’s spirit.
Cazenovia New York is a rural community located in the rolling hills of Central New York. Because of its people and creator’s blessing, the township and village are rich in abundance of natural and man-made beauty. The town proximity to Cazenovia Lake, dense wood lands, and abundant wildlife give Cazenovia that Adirondack feel. Quaint pre-Civil war and Victorian buildings supporting unique shops, restaurants, and services along a simple appointed Main Street, san franchises. A tree town, Cazenovia's streets and properties are rich in majestic pine, ash, maple and fruit trees producing a vivid spectrum of color during the fall.

The town was established in the early 19th century by Cazenovia Founder John Lincklaen. Because of the town’s location along a large fresh water lake, nearby creeks, dense wooded hills, and fertile lands, John Lincklaen envisioned the town to grow into a great commercial city. In reality, the development of the Erie Canal built at some distance from the town coupled with westward settlers’ preference for inexpensive low lands, halted development of its founder’s vision. The village’s layout to this day is appointed with a public square, parade ground, well planned streets, quaint buildings and a passionate citizenry true to its town and country.

Today the village is home to approximately 2800 residents with the majority of adults attaining bachelor’s degrees and beyond. The village is economically diverse with approximately 63 % of households earning between 35K to 150K. The median home value of a house in Cazenovia NY is $195,500. A commutative 62% of residents work between the following shared industries; Education, Healthcare and Social Assistance-34%, Professional, Management, and Administrative services-11%, Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate-9%, and Manufacturing at 8%.
The village of Cazenovia is situated along scenic US Route 20 along the south eastern edge of Cazenovia Lake 20 miles east of Syracuse, New York. Driving distance from Cazenovia to major cities as follows: New York City-260 miles East, Buffalo NY-171 miles West, and to Montreal Canada- 268 miles North. Cazenovia is located near the cross-roads of interstate 90, crossing New York State East to West, and Interstate 81 bisecting the state North to South. Syracuse’s Hancock Airport serves Central New York and provides service by several major airlines.

The Appeal of Cazenovia
Cazenovia appeals to its residents in a combination of ways. Most appreciate the lure of quiet and slow paced country living. Others see the town with its high rated schools, well cared for parks, friendly neighborhoods, minimal crime rate and tranquil surroundings as a great place to raise a family. Residents are truly fortunate to have three major hospitals with specialty services only thirty minutes away and an ambulance service right in the village. Cazenovia boasts a first class public library with education programs, a museum, and computer access. Our public school system is highly regarded and local colleges provide expanded opportunities for a village our size. Some residents are attracted to
Cazenovia’s year round and diverse social activities such as Thursday Concerts in the Park, or a Winter 5K Chili Run that define our community and appeal to all age groups. Hungry residents salivate over the spectrum of Cazenovia’s diverse restaurants from World Class Gourmet variety, popular ethnic favorites, the classic Ma and Pa diner, to Specialty Coffee Shops. Others appreciate the intellectual appeal of Cazenovia Counterpoint Speakers, Music events, Theater, and Art Exhibits. Finally outdoor enthusiast and sport buffs relate best to the topography and what it has to offer such as boating, fishing, golfing, hiking, horseback riding, skiing, etc. In all, Cazenovia is truly a place to satisfy expectations. Below are some highlights of the area and links to discover more about each.

Cazenovia Chamber of Commerce  http://www.cazenoviachamber.com/

Excellent Health Care  - Upstate Medical University, Crouse Hospital and St. Joseph’s Hospital all provide significant top-notch services in Syracuse. Upstate Golisano Children’s Hospital in Syracuse serves the unique needs of pediatric patients. Cazenovia is fortunate to have its own ambulance service (CAVAC) to tend to the emergency needs of our residents. http://cavacambulance.org/  http://www.upstate.edu/  http://www.crouse.org/  http://www.sjhsyr.org/

Public School System  - Cazenovia is fortunate to have excellent public schools and a highly academic system. The school has been rated at 20% above the state’s average for English Language Arts and Mathematics test scores for grades 3 through 8. They also rank among the top schools for academic performance at the high school level. While academics are important, the school system also boasts of a strong sports program. Several of the varsity sports teams have made it to the state level for competition.  http://caz.cnyric.org/

Higher Education  - Cazenovia College, located in the heart of Cazenovia and just a couple of blocks from St. Peter’s, is an old and storied institution. As an undergraduate baccalaureate college with an enrollment of about 1,000, Cazenovia College creates educational experiences that are individualized for students, matching skill sets with
available programs and co-curricular offerings. The village is fortunate to have this lively and important resource in our community. http://www.cazenovia.edu/

Morrisville State College is located 10 miles east of Cazenovia on route 20 in Morrisville NY. Morrisville State College is one of the original 6 Agricultural and Technical Colleges in NY and is part of the 65 campus State University System. Morrisville offers 75+ programs of study. Most of the programs require the use of a Laptop Computer and Morrisville is a ThinkPad University College. The College offers both 2 and 4 year degrees with 23 of the 75 programs offering the 4 year degree. http://www.morrisville.edu/

Cazenovia Points of Interest and Community Involvement

Catherine Cummings Theatre at Cazenovia College - Presents cultural events, lectures, plays, musicals, meetings, theatre camps, fundraisers, the Jazz ‘N Caz jazz fest, and many other public events. The Catherine Cummings Theatre continues to grow and is a vital historic landmark. The college and surrounding communities continue to benefit from this vital cultural facility. http://www.cazenovia.edu/art-and-theatre/catherine-cummings-theatre

Cazenovia Forum – a regularly scheduled public affairs lecture series that offers citizens from the village, town and surroundings areas an opportunity to hear nationally and internally known experts on a variety of key issues. http://forumtestserver.wordpress.com/

Cazenovia Preservation Foundation- Hiking Trail Network in Cazenovia - Established 43 years ago the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation is an unusual organization because it works in the fields of both historic preservation and land conservation. In the 1980s, farsighted members realized that preserving buildings in the Village would not mean much if the surrounding countryside and farms were degraded by development. This group has worked diligently to maintain the rural character and architectural integrity of our Village and Town. http://cazpreservation.org/

Cazenovia Public Library - Located in an 1830 Greek revival house, the library serves a population of approximately 6,500 people, and is a member of the Mid-York Library System, which serves Madison, Oneida and Herkimer counties. The Mid-York system provides access not only to its own holdings but can also access many other library systems for books, CDs, DVDs, and resource materials. Educational programs developed by the
library are used by more than 1,000 school children each year. The Museum is also visited by college students studying design and history.  http://www.cazenoviapubliclibrary.org/

**Chittenango Falls State Park** – A NYS park with a picturesque 167 foot waterfall, hiking trails, fishing and picnicking.  http://nysparks.com/parks/130/

**Lorenzo State Historic Site** - Situated on one of Central New York's earliest settled communities and majestically overlooking Cazenovia Lake, Lorenzo State Historic Site offers an opportunity to discover the imprint of five generations of the Lincklaen/Ledyard family. http://www.lorenzony.org/

**Stone Quarry Hill Art Park** - Inspired by the relationship between art and nature, the Stone Quarry Hill Art Park seeks to educate and engage the public through exhibitions, collection, interpretation, and community outreach programs in the arts. Set among 104 acres of conserved land and groomed trails, the Art Park is dedicated to providing a unique environment for the showcasing of art by emerging and established artists, in natural and gallery settings. Stone Quarry Hill Art Park is #2 in National Geographic’s top ten Sculpture Parks and Trails in Secret Journeys of a Lifetime 500 of the World’s Best Hidden Travel Gems.  http://www.stonequarryhillartpark.org/

**The Greater Cazenovia Faith Community**
The citizens of Cazenovia and surrounding communities are exposed to a good representation of Christian faiths. A new rector will find a welcome community to network and engage in professional collaboration with other church leaders. In the village one will find services at Presbyterian, Methodist, Catholic, Baptist and the non-denominational Summit church. Many residents also attend Eastern Hills Church in nearby Manlius. St. Peter’s has recently enjoyed greater participation with the ecumenical Cazenovia church group, for example the Prayer Walk sponsored by the village churches to pray for Newtown Connecticut.
Calling the New Rector to St. Peter’s Cazenovia

“A priest/leader who is dynamic and gives lively, relevant, and thoughtful sermons – who makes Sunday morning something to look forward to –”

“To call a priest who genuinely loves what she/he does and is not afraid to try new things and listen”

“That we call a rector that has a passion for growing the church”

What are your wishes for St. Peter’s?

Our future as a vibrant Episcopal faith community is in the hands of a devout and dedicated congregation whose leaders are facing the challenges of 21st century mission and ministry. These friends in Christ await the opportunity to meet you and share the world we are called to serve.

It was clear during our self-study period that our congregation’s biggest wish for St. Peter’s is that we grow our church and ministries, and thereby, regain our presence in the Cazenovia community. Toward that end we surveyed the congregation on priestly leadership qualities that our parishioners felt were needed in order to become a healthy, sustainable parish. In addition to calling a rector who seeks to build up and mobilize congregation to move toward a goal of growth, we recognized we also are looking for a pastor who will lead us on our journey, develop personal relationships, and contribute to pastoral care through presence, prayer, and assurance of God’s love through the highs and lows of life. We are seeking a teacher who will educate us to live into the baptismal covenant of the Body of Christ, thereby allowing us to find and follow our own ways to live into Christ.

Finally, because of our recent past, we recognize that our leaders, including our rector, will need to have good organization skills to allow St Peter’s to be an efficient and effective Christ-centered organization. This includes the ability to keep parish operations running smoothly in a goal-focused manner, establish a healthy decision making process, resolve conflicts, and evaluate congregational life with an eye for the planning for the future.

The next rector of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Cazenovia:

Will be a priest grounded in the Episcopal tradition who can lead our faith community to “grow in God’s image and to spread Christ’s kingdom through the power of the Holy Spirit.”