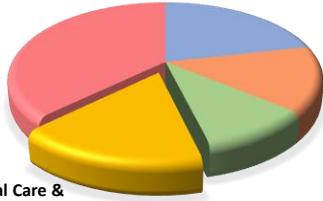


we have received on Sundays in worship and fellowship and share it with our members who can't physically be with us. We are committed to reaching out in compassion and care with those who are ill, suffering, or in any kind of need in our parish. Our ongoing care of each other helps us to truly experience Christ in community. 17% of our sacred gifts supports our care for each other and helps provide a welcoming experience.



Pasoral Care & Fellowship  
\$65,204

### Property & Parish Administration

The buildings and grounds of St. Peter's are integral to our worship, fellowship, and outreach activities. Significant treasure and time are required to manage, maintain, repair, and improve these assets. We must continually ensure the accessibility, safety, and structural integrity of our buildings and grounds so that we may reach out to all. 37% of our sacred gifts supports the health and viability of our property and the personnel to keep the lights on and to be a place where all feel welcome and honored.



Property & Parish Admin  
\$146,114

### Prayerful Thought

At St. Peter's Church our mission is "rooted in love, growing through God's grace, and reaching out to all". We live into this mission through our ministries of worship, education, outreach, pastoral care, fellowship, administration, and care of our physical property. When you generously share your blessings with St. Peter's, you are helping us to live out our mission and making a real difference in people's lives. Thank you for all you do for St. Peter's and for the mission of the Church "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ" (BCP 855).

Creator God, at Baptism, we accepted the call to follow Jesus. Be with us as we move along on our faith journey. Send us your Holy Spirit, that we might have wisdom for the journey. Help us to develop and share our gifts as good stewards, that we may use them in love and service in your kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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# St. Peter's Episcopal Church Glenside, PA

## Sacred Gifts for a Sacred Mission

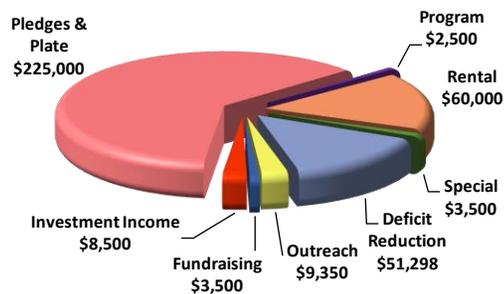
How does the sacred mission of St. Peter's relate to our finances?

Each year the Vestry prepares a carefully planned operating budget for the following year. The budget lists the church's income and expenses in detail for the work God calls us to do. It provides us with a financial structure and is our guide for making financial decisions.

This narrative budget is designed to add to your understanding of the mission of St. Peter's in relation to our finances. It highlights our activities and accomplishments, showing how our income is gathered and how it is spent to further our mission.

## Our Sacred Gifts

How are all the good works of St. Peter's accomplished? St. Peter's Church is funded mainly by our own generosity, as is true for most churches. Nearly 85% of the money in our annual budget comes from our own pledges, gifts, and special donations, and from legacy funds gifted by church members who came before us. The remainder of our income is from rental revenue for the use of the church buildings. Even the rental income is made possible by our dedicated staff and volunteers who maintain the church buildings and grounds, which are our greatest financial assets. All of God's work we strive to do is made possible only by our own commitment and gifts.



The percentage each income category contributes to the total contribution:

Fundraising	1%
Investment Income	2%
Pledges & Plate	62%
Program	1%
Rent	16%
Special Offering	1%
Outreach Donations	3%
Deficit Reduction (from endowment)	14%

## Our Sacred Mission

Our sacred mission is “rooted in love, growing through God’s grace, and reaching out to all”. Our income supports living into this mission through **worship, education, outreach, pastoral care and fellowship, and our physical property.**

### Worship

When we gather at Christ’s table, we bring all that we are and all that we have to be blessed and shared. Every time we come to worship, the experience is lifted up by beautiful music coming from the choirs, folk group, and congregation. What we accomplish on Sunday morning empowers and encourages us to live our lives generously, passionately, and freely. 21% of our sacred gifts funds our glorious worship experiences.



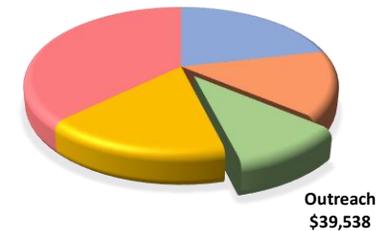
### Education

We are all on a journey of discovery. Both young people and adults have opportunities to wonder together about the ways that God is calling us forward in life. In our bible studies, book studies, listening circles, children, youth and adult classes, we learn about God, ourselves and our world. This wondering continues when we leave church and take up God’s work in the world. 15% of our sacred gifts funds our education experiences.



### Outreach

*And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.* All are welcome here. We have a special community at St. Peter’s, and we joyfully invite others to join us in our faith journeys. We want to share our blessings with the world and are eager to partner with those in our wider community, our Diocese, and throughout our country and world in doing God’s work. 10% of our sacred gifts finds its way to the needy.



### Pastoral Care & Fellowship

Pastoral care is the ongoing support by our clergy and lay people for the nurturing of our parish. In this way, we express the meaning of Christian community by sharing with each other our time, talent, and treasure. We gather as community to worship and also to “check-in” with each other. Fellowship on Sundays and special events builds the bonds of relationship and enriches our life of faith. We also take what