

Organist / Music Director

Status: Full-Time, Exempt

Reports to: Priest-in-Charge

Location: St. Boniface Episcopal Church, Sarasota, FL

Compensation: Commensurate with experience, includes benefits

About St. Boniface

St. Boniface Episcopal Church is a thriving parish located on Siesta Key in Sarasota, Florida. Known for its strong liturgical tradition and commitment to musical excellence, the parish supports a vibrant and diverse worship life. Our liturgy is rooted in the Episcopal tradition, with a strong choral heritage, frequent special services, and a spiritually rich environment. We are committed to inclusive community, artistic integrity, and spiritual depth.

Our mission is to live and reflect God's love through worship, teaching, healing, and outreach to all creation and we envision that our Church community will transform the greater community through action and unconditional love. St. Boniface welcomes every person as a beloved child of God regardless of age, race, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, family structure, faith history, or life experience.

As part of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida, we are committed to justice, stewardship, hospitality, and a collaborative approach to ministry. Our parish is sustained by a talented staff and vestry, and generous parishioners who support a broad range of ministries, outreach efforts, and music programs.

Position Overview

The Organist / Music Director will lead and shape the musical life of the parish. This person will serve as principal organist and choir director, overseeing all aspects of music ministry including Sunday liturgies, seasonal services, concerts, and other musical offerings. The ideal candidate is a collaborative liturgical musician with a passion for excellence, creativity, and spiritual leadership through music.

Key Responsibilities

- Provide organ and choral music for all principal services, including:
 - Weekly Sunday Eucharists (typically 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM)
 - Holy Week and Easter services

- Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
- Special services (e.g., Evensongs, funerals, weddings, civic liturgies)
- Direct the auditioned Parish Choir and other vocal/instrumental ensembles as well as hire and supervise paid singers and choral scholars
- Direct handbell choir (Schulmerich handbells recently renovated),
- Plan liturgically appropriate music in collaboration with the Rector
- Schedule and lead weekly rehearsals
- Maintain and grow the choir's repertoire of sacred music, including Anglican chant, spirituals, classical, and contemporary works
- Recruit, train, and pastorally support volunteer and professional musicians as well as coordinate substitute musicians and soloists as needed
- Manage the parish music budget and maintain the music library
- Oversee care and maintenance of church instruments, including the organ, grand piano, and handbells
- Coordinate occasional concerts and musical events, including guest musicians, and provide leadership to the St. Boniface Friends of Music, which sponsors and finances a concert series and otherwise supports the mission of the church music program.
- Foster intergenerational and inclusive participation in music ministry, including leadership of the Young Artist Showcase, which awards scholarships to and offers performance opportunities for promising young artists in our area
- Collaborate with other staff on parish events and communications

Qualifications

- Master's degree in Organ Performance, Sacred Music, or a related field
- Demonstrated excellence as an organist and choral conductor in a liturgical setting
- Knowledge of Episcopal/Anglican musical and liturgical traditions, preferably as a practicing Episcopalian

- Strong leadership, planning, communication, and administrative skills, as well as a keen understanding of the role of technology in music ministry
- Ability to collaborate pastorally and professionally with clergy, staff, and laity, as part of a faith leadership team
- Familiarity with the Hymnal 1982, Wonder, Love & Praise, and other Episcopal resources

Instruments

- **Pipe Organ:** Built in 1979 by M P Möller of Hagerstown, Maryland, as their Opus 11334 and updated in 1997 (Weiler-Ambrosino) and 2011 (Stradtman); 49 ranks and 3180 pipes; More info at www.bonifacechurch.org/organ
- **Grand Piano:** Steinway, Model D (2012); recently renovated with new hammers and regulated action
- **Additional instruments:** Handbells, chimes, harpsichord, and available space for instrumental ensembles

Benefits

- Competitive salary based on qualifications and experience
- Health insurance and pension (through Church Pension Group)
- Generous paid time off
- Continuing education allowance
- Relocation assistance as needed

To apply, please submit:

- A cover letter expressing your interest and vision for music ministry
- Résumé/CV highlighting relevant experience
- Links to audio/video performances (if available)
- Contact information for three professional references

Send materials to: **office@bonifacechurch.org**.

Website: www.bonifacechurch.org

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