

The Rev. Susan B. Fortunato

MINISTRY OBJECTIVE: To be a faithful steward of God's church through wise administration of her gifts, loving care of her people, engagement in mission, and enthusiastic evangelism.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Christ Episcopal Church, Poughkeepsie, New York

Rector: 2015-present

Rector of an urban parish. Created a committee structure and instituted yearly vestry retreats. Created an on-site homeless shelter. Oversaw the year-long sescentennial celebration of the parish, culminating with the visit of the Presiding Bishop. Supervised a staff of eight.

Episcopal Church at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York

Interim Spiritual Advisor: Fall 2022-Spring 2023

Met with Episcopal students in campus for weekly worship. Participated in planning faith experiences for college students at Vassar College.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Pearl River, New York

Rector: 2001-2015

Rector of a suburban parish. Created adult and youth education and fellowship programs. Intergenerational education programs. Managed stewardship, budget, and capital renovations and repairs on church and six-acre property that included columbarium and Food Cupboard.

St. Thomas Aquinas College, Sparkhill, New York

Adjunct Professor: 2006-2015

Undergraduate instructor for Religious Studies Department of small, liberal arts college.

St. James Episcopal Church, Upper Montclair, New Jersey

Assistant Rector: 1999-2001

Led adult and youth education. Coordinated pastoral care for ministry team of both lay and ordained leaders. Began alternative worship service on Sunday evenings. Created "Fisher Kids," an after-school program that continued for twenty years.

All Saints Episcopal Church, Hoboken, New Jersey

Seminarian & Director of Religious Education: 1997-1999

Responsible for overseeing Godly Play and Journey to Adulthood classes: teacher training and recruitment, student registration. Created after school program for middle school students.

NATIONAL & DIOCESAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Deputy to General Convention (2022, 2024)

Member, Governance & Structure Committee for General Convention (2024)

Member, Churchwide Ministry Committee for General Convention (2022)

Member of the Board of Directors, Episcopal Charities (2019-present)

Member, Commission on Ministry, Diocese of New York (2017-2023)

Chair, Leadership Development Committee, Diocese of New York (2015-2023)

Vice-President, Standing Committee, Diocese of New York (2013-2016)

Chaplain, New York Summer Youth Conference (2010-2014)

Dean, Rockland County Clericus (2004-2009)

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Chair, Dutchess/Poughkeepsie Landbank (2021-present)

President, Hudson River Housing Board of Directors (2019-2022)

Transformation Team, Clinton Elementary School (2015-2020)

Orangetown Substance Abuse Committee (2012-2015)

President, Pearl River Interfaith Council (2005-2008)

Rockland County Human Rights Task Force (2005-2008)

EDUCATION

M.Div. Drew Theological School, Madison, New Jersey *magna cum laude* (1999)

Dorr Diefendorf Homiletics Prize, 1999; Tipple Scholar (1996-1999)

CPE Clara Maas Hospital, Belleville, New Jersey (1998)

B.A. Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey (1996)

Sweet Briar College, Amherst, Virginia (1985-87)

PERSONAL

I enjoy kayaking, jogging, cooking, and genealogy. I have been married to Dr. Catherine Gorlin, a hospital chaplain, since 2015. We have an adult son who is married, and two small dogs, Buster and Xavi.