



Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

BRIDGEPORT • PENNSYLVANIA

CHOIR DIRECTOR (PART TIME or FULL TIME)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

SJB seeks a choir director to lead and develop the parish choral program. Our choir currently consists of a small number of interested volunteers, but we are a parish with strong congregational singing and great choral potential. In other words, we want someone who is excited about building a choir from the ground up, who can see the beauty of our patrimony and find ways to develop its expression. This can be either a part-time or a full-time position depending on the needs and abilities of the applicant.

The Choir Director should ideally be a practicing Catholic. He or she will report directly to the Pastor but will necessarily work closely with the parish organist.

ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Recruiting choir members (including potential hired section leaders)
- Planning suitable choral repertoire
- Running regular choir rehearsals and training amateur singers in choral technique
- Directing the choir at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days

OTHER POSSIBLE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Developing a children's choir/schola
- Developing additional ensembles (e.g. men's or women's schola)
- Evensong and other regular offices
- Assisting the parish in other areas (as a small parish we are open to creative solutions)

ESSENTIAL SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

- Appreciation for and/or desire to learn the Ordinariate/Anglican/English choral tradition
- Ability to sing and cantor with a clean, uncluttered tone
- Ability to recruit, train, and direct both volunteer and professional singers with the full range of choral technique
- Understanding of the basic principles and norms of sacred music in the Roman Rite; experience with or the desire to learn the specific norms and traditions of Divine Worship

DESIRABLE SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

- Experience singing or directing in the English choral tradition
- Proficiency with organ accompaniment and improvisation or the willingness to learn

COMPENSATION

\$25,000-\$35,000 part-time

Candidates should send inquiries or applications to Fr. Keyes at pastor@sjbbridgeport.org