

THE NEW YORK LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY AWARDS 19 SACRED
SITES GRANTS TO HISTORIC RELIGIOUS PROPERTIES
THROUGHOUT NEW YORK STATE

St. John's Episcopal Church in Canandaigua Receives Sacred Sites Grant

The New York Landmarks Conservancy has announced 19 Sacred Sites Grants totaling \$260,000 awarded to historic religious properties throughout New York State including a \$6,000 Sacred Sites Grant to St. John's Episcopal Church in Canandaigua, New York to help fund repair and restoration of the stained glass windows and installation of new protective glazing.

"Maintaining these remarkable buildings for their congregations, social service and cultural programs, and history is one of the most important things we do," said Peg Breen, President, The New York Landmarks Conservancy. "Religious structures really do anchor their communities." St. John's Episcopal Church in Canandaigua, New York was awarded a Conservancy Grant of \$6,000 to help fund repair and restoration of the stained glass windows and installation of new protective glazing. Designed in High Victorian Gothic style by Philadelphia-educated, New York-based architect Emlyn T. Littlel and constructed in 1872, St. John's Episcopal Church was built of rusticated, polychrome stone. The church features a square tower engaged at the southwest corner of the façade, buttresses, a polychrome slate roof, Gothic-arched window and door surrounds and trefoil window tracery. The church incorporates windows from the congregation's original 1816 church, including windows imported from Europe, with one by Scottish born, London based Aesthetic period designer Daniel Cottier, considered an important influence on Tiffany. In 1908, new hardwood floors, choir stalls, and an organ were installed and a parish hall and chapel addition constructed. The parish hall was enlarged in 1964-1965. The church is among five historic church buildings in this downtown Canandaigua historic district.

Besides congregational activities, the complex hosts AA meetings, mental health support groups, and scout troops. The church also hosts the Gleaner's Community Kitchen, a soup kitchen that serves 16,000 to 18,000 meals annually. The church operates a community garden and offers cooking lessons. Volunteers mend clients' clothing and create hats and afghans for clients. The food pantry distributes 860 bags of food annually. Volunteers collect childrens' books and meet with incarcerated parents to record books on CDs. Books and CDs are sent to 340 to 500

children of incarcerated parents annually. Altogether, outreach programs serve over 3,500 community residents.

The New York Landmarks Conservancy

The New York Landmarks Conservancy has led the effort to preserve and protect New York City's architectural legacy for over 40 years. Since its founding, the Conservancy has loaned and granted more than \$40 million, which has leveraged more than \$1 billion in 1,550 restoration projects throughout New York, revitalizing communities, providing economic stimulus and supporting local jobs. The Conservancy has also offered countless hours of pro bono technical advice to building owners, both nonprofit organizations and individuals. The Conservancy's work has saved more than a thousand buildings across the City and State, protecting New York's distinctive architectural heritage for residents and visitors alike today, and for future generations. For more information, please visit www.nylandmarks.org.