

Episcopal Mission of Warren County



St. Francis Of Assisi



May 4, 2020

My sisters and brothers in Christ,

Six years ago I was given an incredible opportunity to join with the community and ministry of Trinity Memorial Church. For most of my teenage years, and for the last twenty years, I have been a member of St. Francis. During that time, because of the support of both communities, I was able to achieve a Master's in Divinity degree and become an ordained priest in the Episcopal Church. There is no denying the significant role each and every person has played in shaping and forming the person and priest I am today. For that, I am forever grateful. At the root of a Christian community are the relationships founded on the love of Jesus Christ. You have exemplified what this means by sharing with me the love that is in your hearts and building an incredible bonds with Noreen and me. Even in this time of physical distancing, this bond is evermore present. Because of the wonderful relationships that have been built, it is with mixed emotions that I share the exciting news with you that I have been offered and accepted a call to be the Vicar at Grace Church in Ridgway. I am thrilled at the prospect of this new ministry and very excited to begin serving with the community at Grace Church on June 1. I invite you to celebrate with me in the excitement of this incredible opportunity since you have been a part of shaping my ministry.

While my ministry with you will come to an end on May 31, I am comforted by the fact that our connection as sisters and brothers in Christ will not end. While I will be ministering with Grace Church, we all will still be working together in the greater mission of sharing God's love with the world.

I want to thank everyone for being part of my faith journey and sharing with me the love you carry in your hearts and teaching me even more of what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Since I will not be leaving our diocese, it is my hope and prayer that once we are able to gather in person that I will see many of you at diocesan events.

I would like to especially thank Father Matthew. I cherish all that you have done for me and I hope to continue to learn from your wisdom and experience, but most of all the example you set by sharing the love of Jesus with all you meet.

Yours in Christ,

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