



# ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

February 27, 2017

Dear St. Mary's Family,

It is with joy and excitement we announce The Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson has accepted our call to be the next Rector of St. Mary's.

Ann was first drawn to St. Mary's as she reflected on our discernment materials and listened to who we are: "We have learned that the church is the people of God and that we are at our best with a rector who walks side-by-side with us on our shared faith journey." We believe Ann is the rector "God had already chosen for us" who will walk with us and help us discover what God is up to.

Ann currently serves as Priest in Charge at Trinity, Torrington, where she has led the parish through a transformative time during her tenure with them. As you'll read in her enclosed letter and biography, Ann brings to St. Mary's extensive leadership experience, ministries development, spiritual joy and energy, and a good sense of humor. Ann and her family will join us on May 15.

We want to express our deep gratitude for the faithful work of all the Teams: Discernment, Hospitality, Prayer, and Recruitment; for the encouragement, patience, and prayers of all the people of St. Mary's; and for the spiritual leadership of The Rev. Lynne Grifo, our Interim Rector. Together we have engaged in the Transition Process with integrity, love, and hope, guided by the Holy Spirit. We offer special appreciation for The Rev. Virginia Army who has been our Transition Consultant, our wise shepherd along the way.

Thanks be to God!

Yours in Faith,

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