

Dear Parishioners,

We are thrilled to announce that the Parish has voted to elect The Reverend Patrick C. Ward as the next Rector of the Church of the Holy Spirit, and he has accepted the call. Patrick's first Sunday with us will be November 20, for Christ the King Sunday. He and his partner, Roger Lovejoy, will be moving into our rectory shortly before that date.

Patrick is coming to us from Trinity Church in Boston where he is currently the Senior Associate Rector for Programs, overseeing all non-liturgical programming and ministry teams, including Adult Christian Formation, Pastoral Care, Social Justice and Outreach. Patrick has been serving at Trinity Church since 2011 and before that at St. Anne's in the Fields Church in Lincoln MA. In the aftermath of the COVID lockdown, Patrick has "felt increasingly that both Trinity Church and my own call to ministry are suffused with new energies. With the support and wisdom of Morgan Allen+ (Rector of Trinity Church), my fiancé Roger, and other mentors, I've been in focused discernment that has led to a call that feels absolutely right to me: The Church of the Holy Spirit in Orleans, Massachusetts."

Patrick was called to the Ministry in 2005 and attended Yale Divinity School from 2005 to 2008. Before that, Patrick enjoyed a career in journalism and corporate media relations management for clients in the technology sector. Copies of his resume are available in the Church office, or online through the Constant Contact email version of this letter sent on Monday, August 22nd.

Patrick's partner, Roger Lovejoy, is Director of Marketing and Development at St. Paul's Cathedral in Boston. Patrick and Roger have enjoyed a relationship for the past twelve years and plan to marry in the spring. For the present, Roger plans to continue working for the Cathedral.

Your Wardens and Joe+ will be working with Patrick throughout the fall in preparation for his smooth transition to the role of Rector here at the Church of the Holy Spirit. A separate Transition Team is being formed to smooth the path for Patrick and Roger's move to the Rectory and their introduction to Orleans and the Lower Cape. Preparations are underway to welcome our new Rector to this Parish on November 20.

We will provide more information as it becomes available. If you have any questions, please call Brenda or Celia. We trust that you all share our excitement at this wonderful news.

Peace,

Brenda and Celia