

May 29, 2020

Dear St. Augustine Church Family,

I am pleased to announce that your vestry has elected the Reverend Anny Genato as the new rector of St. Augustine Church. Pastor Anny is blessed with many gifts. She has a heart and passion for leading and developing congregations and individuals, a true love of children, compassion for our senior members and being a part of a loving community of Christians. Pastor Anny believes a church is better with multiple people's ideas and voices represented.

I want to give special thanks to our awesome tireless groups that lead Pastor Anny to us. First would be the profile committee that compiled a wonderful heartfelt description of who St. Augustine Church is. I believe they represented all of us as a congregation of diverse thinkers and lovers of God. The next group is the applicant review team that compiled many hours of work virtually to interview candidates and finally a decision of who to present to the vestry for approval.

The vestry then had interviews and their own questions to discern how Pastor Anny would fit the needs of our congregation. This is not an easy process; much time, effort, and discernment has taken place and a ton of praying. We unanimously elected Pastor Anny, and are very excited for you all to meet this wonderful, energetic, and positive person.

Most of all, we wouldn't be where we are without the beloved transition team. Fr. Tom and Pastor Maryellen were the spiritual warriors that led us without skipping a beat. Their loving care and concern for this community is unbelievable.

The Junior Wardens job this year was one for the record books. Many repairs inside and out required endless hours of leadership on Chris Deering's part. Even though we think of our beautiful church as new we are well passed the 5 year everything goes at once point. Our church and grounds have never looked better.

It was essential to have Bob Deering's participation on this team as we continued to move forward in bringing us to a comfortable budget and property management. Many thanks for his ongoing commitment to the financial vitality of our church.

I also want to thank all of you for your love and support throughout this last year of me. Your prayers have carried me through. The vestry has been wonderful and we have a great leadership team to take the next steps.

I also wanted to thank all the hands from the Diocese who have helped and guided us through this process and especially Canon Andrea McMillin who held us not only in prayer but virtually held my hand.

This pandemic has literally taken the air out of us. We are such a loving congregation that feeds on not only our love of Christ but each other. I ask for your continued prayers through this difficult time in our world and pray for healing of those effected which is each and every one of us. God continues to give us what we need as always, this too will pass and we will survive.

I look so forward to the time when we can once again be one in the body of Christ.

Love and blessings,  
Kathy Dillon  
Senior Warden