



St. James Church Welcomes New Rector

Rev. Frank M. Goss is the new rector at St. James Church in Bradley Beach, filling the vacancy left by the retirement of its former rector.

Father Goss will begin his tenure on Sept. 5 and officiate for the first time at the 8 and 10 a.m. services. A reception will follow the 10 a.m. service. A formal ceremony of Installation will take place later in the year.

Father Goss comes to St. James from St. Luke's Church in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, where he has served as rector since May 1, 1998. Prior to that, he served at St. James Church in Montclair as assisting priest in 1997 and 1998, and as interim vicar of St. Gregory's Church in Parsippany in 1997.

Born and raised in Montclair, Father Goss has spent most of his ordained life in that area. Father Goss has a B.A. in Philosophy and Classical language and a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) in Pastoral Theology from Seton Hall University. Father Goss was received as a priest into the Episcopal Church on May 17, 1997.

Ordained as priest at Sacred Heart Cathedral on May 26, 1973, Father Goss served as a priest in the Roman Catholic Church for twenty-one years, serving at St. Andrew's Church in Westwood, Jersey City State College, Holy Family Church in

Nutley, Sacred Heart Church in Lyndhurst, and Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newark.

After the retirement of its former rector, Rev. Kenneth Gluckow, who is well known to the community, St. James embarked on a search for a successor, under the leadership of the Wardens, Ed King and Bruce Weiss, following the procedure prescribed by the Diocese of New Jersey.

The parish sought and obtained the services of an interim vicar, The Rev. Anne M. Wrede, who has special training at the diocesan level to provide parish leadership as a priest during a transitional search period. Mother Wrede will serve as interim vicar of St. Stephen's in Whiting following her stewardship at St. James.

Father Goss and his wife, Roseann, are relocating to the shore area from Phillipsburg and are looking forward to spending time with friends from "down the shore."

Established in 1911, St. James Church is an Episcopal parish in the Diocese of New Jersey. St. James has been designated by the National Episcopal Church as a Jubilee Ministry Center for its commitment to programs of outreach. St. James houses the Bradley Food Pantry, a joint outreach project with other area churches.