



July 6, 2023

Dear Friends,

After a long process of discernment and prayer, the Search Committee and Vestry are pleased to announce that the Rev. Paul Frolick has accepted the call to serve as St. Andrew's next Rector.

Fr. Paul brings a rich background and deep experience in ministry. A Michigan native who grew up in Midland, he has been a priest for eleven years and has served two congregations in Central New York, most recently St. Matthew's in Liverpool, New York. Before his ordination he served as director of music in a number of Episcopal churches. His love of music and belief in its power to enrich worship shone through in the Eucharist he led during his visit to St. Andrew's.



*The Rev. Paul Frolick*

We were drawn to Fr. Paul's candidacy by his strong record of leadership. He spoke about the work he has done with his congregations, including growing the Sunday school, increasing attendance, and increasing giving. He also helped the Diocese of Rochester launch the College for Congregational Development, a national church program that uses the power of organizational studies to help lay and clergy leaders develop healthy, faithful, and effective communities of faith. He brings this robust organizational development background to St. Andrew's at a critical time for our future.

We have found Fr. Paul to be a thoughtful speaker and careful listener. He is humble and kind, providing leadership to support congregations in growing towards what God is calling us to be. We believe his kindness makes him someone you will be glad to find visiting patients in the hospital, performing weddings, baptisms, and funerals, and praying with you in times of trouble. A creative minister with a deep commitment to pastoral care, his preaching engages both the contemporary world and scripture. Fr. Paul is also deeply committed to the work of anti-racism, leading his current congregation through the Sacred Ground program and other explorations of social justice. His loving and Christ-centered approach makes him an excellent fit to lead St. Andrew's.

The Search Committee and Vestry thank you for your prayers and support throughout the process. We look forward to welcoming Fr. Paul to our congregation. His first Sunday with us will be Sunday, September 10, 2023.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Field  
*Senior Warden*

John Burhenn  
*Junior Warden*

Dave McCreadie  
*Search Committee Co-Chair*

Harry McLaughlin  
*Search Committee Co-Chair*

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