



The Rev. John West - Fr. John is 48 years old and a native of Augusta, Georgia. He graduated high school in 1981 from the Academy of Richmond County. He attended the University of Georgia and graduated in 1986 with a BFA in Art, Drawing & Painting. He graduated from the University of Georgia again in 1988 with a BA in History. After living in Augusta and working in a few sales positions, Fr. John finally acknowledged a deep and sincere call to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church, and left to attend Virginia Theological Seminary in 1997, graduating in 2000. In 2000 Fr. John returned to the Diocese of Georgia already ordained to the Transitional Diaconate (February 5, 2000 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Augusta). He served as Curate at Christ Church, Frederica, and St. Simons Island for 10 months before being called as Vicar to St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Richmond Hill, Georgia. During his first year as priest and spiritual leader at St. Elizabeth's, Fr. John was asked by the Diocese of Georgia to serve as Diocesan Youth Director along with his regular duties in the parish. Fr. John undertook this diocesan ministry for one year, and then was elected rector of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church (their very first as they had been a mission for 20 years). In April of 2004, after serving at St. Elizabeth's for 3 years, Fr. John was called to serve as Rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Richmond, Virginia where he has served for the past 7 years.

Fr. John is married to Sallie Shuford West. They were married April 26, 1997 and almost immediately left for seminary in Virginia in the late summer of the same year. Fr. John was approved as a Postulate and given permission by Bishop Louttit and the Commission on Ministry of the Diocese of Georgia to attend seminary on April 19, 1997 and was married the very next weekend. His wife Sallie often jokes that on their honeymoon John filled out seminary applications while they lounged on the beach! Fr. John Was ordained to the priesthood on September 5, 2000.

Fr. John has three children: Conner 22 years old (from a previous marriage); Jack 10 and Annabel 8. They are a very close knit family and Fr. John deeply values and loves his wife and children. Sallie has been with him from the very beginning of his discernment process to the priesthood, and she is a most supportive and an integral part of his life, mission and ministry.



Fr. John has a strong and sincere passion for his ministry, and call to serve God's Church as a priest in the Episcopal Church. He grew up in the Episcopal Church and attended Good Shepherd, Augusta, Georgia for most of his life. His Great Uncle and God Father, the Rev. Chaffe Croft was an Episcopal Priest in the Diocese of Georgia and encouraged Fr. John to enter the priesthood throughout his life.

Fr. John enjoys University of Georgia football games, reading Historical Fiction, writing, playing golf, hunting, running & fitness as well as mountain biking. He has a deep appreciation for art and a loves teaching – especially the younger children. He has friends and colleagues around the world and has been on mission to Tanzania, studied in Israel and participated in several continuing education programs throughout the United States.

Sallie Shuford West – Sallie is 38 years old and a native of Augusta, Georgia. She grew up on the Hill and graduated high school from Davidson Fine Arts School in 1991. Sallie attended and graduated from Wofford College in 1995 with a BA in Art History and German. Sallie has travelled all over the world with Trinity on the Hill United Methodist Church's Love Unlimited Youth Choir. She did a study abroad program during college and lived in Freiburg, Germany for 10 months. She traveled all over Europe (Fr. John often wonders when she attended classes!). Sallie studied and speaks the German language. She has a deep passion for art and music. She is most creative and entrepreneurial. Sallie has experience working with non-profits and currently is employed by the Martin Agency (a nation Advertising Agency) in Richmond, Virginia.

Sallie loves art, reading as well as running and fitness. She enjoys fine wines (and some not so fine) and loves cooking (often trying new recipes when hosting guests!). It has taken a while, but Sallie is learning to appreciate University of Georgia football! Who says miracles still don't happen?!



Conner West – Conner is 22 years old and Fr. John’s son by a precious marriage. Conner is a native of Augusta, Georgia. Conner and Fr. John are quite close and both share a passion for University of Georgia football. Conner enjoys fixing up his 4x4truck, hunting & fishing, college football (especially UGA and GA Southern football) as well as other sports. He currently attends Georgia Military College in Augusta and is in the process of transferring to Georgia Southern University. He aspires to become a Civil Engineer.

Jack West – Jack is 10 years old and was born in Rockville, Maryland in 2000 while Fr. John was finishing seminary. Jack is in the 5th grade and attends St. Andrew’s Episcopal School in Richmond, Virginia. He is Student Body President, loves Star Wars, Lego’s and Poke’ Mon. Jack sang in the Richmond Children’s Choir and loves art – especially drawing (he also loves to talk – nonstop!). At the age of 10 he is already an outspoken political activist, always finding a cause! At one time Jack told his father that he decided he didn’t want to be a priest when he grew up. He said it was too hard. Instead, he told his father that he would rather be a bishop! Jack sings in the church choir, attends Sunday school and enjoys acolyting.

Annabel West - Annabel is 8 years old and was born in Savannah, Georgia. Annabel loves animals and would adopt every animal in the world if allowed! She plays the guitar, sings in the choir and acolytes at church. Already at the age of 8 Annabel love Fashion Design and enjoys dressing herself in often “unique” ways. Annabel is in the 3rd grade and attends St. Andrew’s Episcopal School in Richmond, Virginia where she consistently makes the Honor Roll and receives the Principles Award for academic achievement.

Family Home Movies

God Save the People

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RXwo7OORuLU>

Summer 2010

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLqtT19iPJ8>

Wild Rumpus

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=um_YJlcYQSU