Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



Fr. John Warfel

Originally from Maryland, Fr. John Warfel completed high school at The American Community School, London, England. In 1980, he received a B.S.F.S from The School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. Soon after graduation, he worked as a land agent and right-of-way specialist for MCI Telecommunications.

During a ten-year stint with MCI, John moved to San Francisco, CA and began a discernment process leading ultimately to the Priesthood. He received an M.Div. from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, CA and was ordained to both Holy Orders at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco in1993.

Fr. John began his priestly ministry as Associate Rector and later as Interim Rector of Christ Church, Las Vegas, NV. In 1998 he accepted a call as Rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Middletown, NY where he served for eighteen years. In 2016, Fr. John and his late husband relocated to Venice to take care of John's sister. Fr. John is canonically resident in the Diocese of New York and licensed to officiate in the Diocese of Southwest Florida.