



Dear Ones of Christ Church Somers Point:

Grace and Peace be with you from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ. I have not ceased praying for you in this time of discernment. I am Mother George Anne McDonnell and I am privileged to be your next Rector and Priest. I am deeply excited by what I've learned and experienced of your community.

To tell you a little bit about myself, I have been a priest for almost 21 years. I have lived in 8 different Episcopal Dioceses, and throughout my life, have always been active in the church. I discovered the Episcopal Church as a teenager and fell in love with the warm reception I received. I grew up in New Jersey just north of Atlantic County—in Ocean County. I hail from the town of Lakewood and grew up in All Saints Episcopal in Lakewood.

I am thrilled to be coming home to New Jersey after living all over the country and in the United Kingdom. I have much family here in New Jersey including a sister and several nieces and nephews. I have a lovely sweetheart—Steve who lives in Minnesota and at some point, in the future, will make a home here in New Jersey. My constellation of family also includes a 19 year-old daughter who lives on the west coast, a pet rabbit and a German Shepherd named Aslan.

In my spare time, I enjoy cooking, reading, walking, yoga, photography, scrapbooking, cycling and seeing live music. I am moving from Minnesota at the end of December and will be starting my time with you in mid-January. I look forward to meeting you all.

In the meanwhile, I have given Bill Snyder, your amazing Senior Warden, some homework and I need your help. I'd love to know you by name and pray for you ahead of my starting in mid-January. You can help me do that by sending me an email with your picture and name. If there is something you need prayers for, you can also tell me that if you want.

My email is: revgeorgeanne@gmail.com

If you aren't great with email and picture taking, have no fear! I know that Bill will take your picture and send me your name and photo.

This little bit of getting acquainted will help me out tremendously as I will make prayer cards for me to help me know your name and face before even coming into the parish!

I look forward to getting to know you, love you, and care for you as a congregation. I ask your prayers as I get ready to move across country in December. Please pray that the weather cooperates as I move, then set up my household in the rectory and office.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you soon!

In Christ I remain faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Anne" with a small plus sign at the end. The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

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