

Our New Pastor Father John Gillespie

Fr. John was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA. He was ordained for the Diocese of Raleigh in 1995. He has a Master of Education degree from Villanova University, a Master of Psychology from Dayton University, and a Master of Divinity from Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, New York.

Previous priestly assignments were at Saint Thomas More in Chapel Hill, The Newman Center at the University of North Carolina, Holy Family in Elizabeth City, Saint Mary Basilica in Wilmington, Infant of Prague in Jacksonville and Saint Francis de Sales in Lumberton.

Father John has two brothers who are Jesuit Priests. One serves as Pastor of a parish in Georgia, and the other is President of Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. He also has three married sisters two of whom live in the Philadelphia area and the other lives in Connecticut..

In addition to being the pastor of Saint James, Father John is also the pastor of Saint Joseph the Worker Mission in Warrenton.