

The Rev. E. Weston Mathews began serving as Priest-in-Charge of St. Francis in September of 2024.

A native Virginian, Weston grew up in the Northern Shenandoah Valley. Weston earned an A.B. in History in 2004 and an M.A.Ed. in 2005 from the College of William and Mary. Following his years at William and Mary, Weston was a high school history teacher at Nelson County High School in Central Virginia. In 2014 he earned an M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary. While in seminary, he served as a seminarian at St. Mark's, Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Weston was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia and, following graduation from seminary, served as an Associate Rector at St. Stephen's Church in Richmond, Virginia, where he focused on leading worship, providing pastoral care, serving in the Richmond Men's City Jail ministry, and teaching Christian formation classes in a parish of 5,000 members.

From 2017 until his arrival at St. Francis, Weston served as Rector of Grace Church in The Plains, Virginia. During Weston's years with Grace, the parish enjoyed increases in worship attendance, annual giving growth, a successful capital campaign, major renovation of the physical plant, and deeper engagement with the Piedmont community through the Peas and Grace Food Pantry and performances by local theater groups. Weston's focus on Christian formation included co-founding and developing Grace Montessori School for the spiritual development of children ages 18 months to 6 years old and empowering disciples in small groups. A lover of the arts, Weston expanded the Grace Concert Series and its Angel Donor Program and co-developed the Paragon Philharmonia in Residence at Grace.

In 2020, the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia awarded Weston and the Rev. Robert Dilday with the "Meet Me in Galilee Award" for their leadership of the Interfaith Alliance for Climate Justice, a mutual aid program for environmental justice that raised and redistributed more than \$1 million dollars to activists and front-line communities resisting fossil fuel infrastructure and environmental racism in rural Virginia communities. Weston currently serves as a member of the Standing Committee of Episcopal Diocese of Virginia.

Weston and his wife, Loriana, are the proud parents of cat children Noel and Camille and enjoy playing tennis, travelling together, and spending time at the beach in Lewes, Delaware.