

## The Rev. John Sosnowski

The Rev. John Sosnowski and his wife, Cynthia, moved to the Wilmington area in July, 2020. Prior to retiring in January, 2020, John served as Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church, Ithan in Villanova, PA for 4 years. John is a priest from the Diocese of New Jersey where he most recently served as Canon to the Ordinary, which means that he served as Chief of Staff of Diocesan House and worked most closely with the Bishop on all matters pertaining to the 148 congregations that constitute the Diocese of New Jersey. He became Canon to the Ordinary in February, 2012, having been called by Bishop George Cuncill, and served two years with his successor, Bishop William "Chip" Stokes, until October, 2015. Previously, he was Rector of St. Mary's Church in Stone Harbor, NJ for 14 ½ years. There he helped grow the congregation and expanded the outreach of the church, began a collaborative ministry with St. Barnabas Church, Villas, and together with St. Barnabas, launched a storefront ministry in Rio Grande called The Branches. That ministry has expanded exponentially and is now a well-known and well-resourced outreach center in Cape May County.

John is originally from Connecticut, born and raised in Torrington. Ordained in 1980 as a Roman Catholic priest, he served two congregations in New Britain, CT. He was received as priest in the Episcopal Church in 1995 in the Diocese of CT. John and Cynthia have been married for 34 years. A trained family therapist, he served as Director of Treatment Services at The Children's Home of Cromwell, a residential treatment center for children/youth in Cromwell, CT before moving to New Jersey in 1997. He has two stepchildren, Will (who lives in St. Louis) and Abby (who lives in Pittsburgh, PA) and an eighteen-year-old grandson, Sebastian, who is currently deciding his choice of college for next September, with the support and guidance of his proud Nana. John and Cynthia have delighted in yearly trips with Sebastian to National Parks across the country to hike and explore since he was six years old. John enjoys golf, the beach, traveling to new places, spending time with good friends, and did we mention, his grandson, Sebastian! John & Cynthia are so very pleased to have found Church of the Servant and enjoy being a part of this church community when John is not serving as supply clergy in area churches.