



## St. Thomas Episcopal Church Welcomes New Rector

The Rev. Carol D. Gadsden has been called as rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Mamaroneck, NY, effective September 15th, 2014. Before she was the rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Sparta, NJ. This call takes the Rev. Ms. Gadsden back full circle, returning her to Westchester County in the Diocese of New York, where she was sponsored by Christ's Church, Rye, for the priesthood 32 years ago. Her first Sunday will be September 21st.

A cradle Episcopalian (she was born and raised in the Episcopal Church), Carol brings nearly thirty years of ministerial experience in a variety of settings and roles, including rector, priest-in-charge, interim, vicar, chaplain, and youth minister, in the dioceses of New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania. Her ministry is characterized by the deep and abiding belief that her role is to equip the lower case "s" saints by providing opportunities for education, formation, nurture and support in expectation and hope that parishioners become comfortable and secure in facing the challenges, joys and uncertainties of this world.



When asked about her new call, Gadsden remarked, "I am delighted to be called to St. Thomas. It is a congregation filled with energy and vision, and I am excited about the journey we will be making together. It holds the promise of being a strong and holy partnership in ministry."

A native of Syracuse, New York, she received a B.A. in English from Keuka College, both an M.A. and Ed.M. in Applied Human Development and Counseling from Columbia University Teachers College, a M.Div. from the General Theological Seminary, and a graduate certificate in Management from the Radcliffe Seminars at Harvard University. Gadsden is married to Linda March, who is a project manager for a Boston-based leadership and training development company. She has two adult daughters, Hilary Nieu Kirk, who lives in Boston, and Courtney Mandell, who lives in Brooklyn.

*The Members of the Vestry, with the parishioners of St. Thomas, warmly welcome the Reverend Gadsden and her family to the church, and to the Mamaroneck community.*

St. Thomas is located at 168 West Boston Post Road in the village of Mamaroneck, just south of Mamaroneck Avenue. Service times are at 8am and 10am, with Sunday school and nursery care starting at 9:45am. The church is open for prayer and contemplation every day from 9AM to 3:30PM. All are welcome.