*Kathleen E. Adams-Shepherd*

Kathleen E. Adams-Shepherd, Kathie, is currently in her 18th year as rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Newtown, Connecticut.  Her spouse of 32 years is Shep Adams-Shepherd, a therapist who has spent the majority of his career as a sex offender treatment specialist.  Together they have two adult children: Sarah (28) a behavioral therapist in the Newtown schools and Myles (21) a student and a firefighter with Newtown Hook and Ladder since age 16.  Kathie is a 1981 Union Theological Seminary (NYC) graduate, was ordained deacon by the Rt. Rev. John Coburn, Diocese of Massachusetts and priest by the Rt. Rev. O'Kelly Whitaker, Diocese of Central NY.  While in seminary she served on the staff of St. James' Church, Manhattan, as curate and then priest-in-charge at The Church of the Resurrection, Oswego, NY, and rector of Christ Church, Clayton, NY, St. John's Church, Cape Vincent, NY and Trinity Church, Newtown, CT.

In the Diocese of Central New York she served as a Deanery Dean, member of the Commission on Ordained Ministry, Standing Committee, Bishop's Search Committee, Bishop's Committee of Advice, Benedictine Way leader.  In the Diocese of Connecticut she has served as a Deanery Dean, member of the Commission on Ministry as chair of the Committee on the Diaconate, the Diocesan Christian Formation Committee, Board of Trustees for the Bishops' Fund for Children and the Bishops' Fund Race Committee. Kathie's daily prayer life is drawn from a Benedictine rhythm.

Kathie enjoys reading, teaching, daily exercise, ministry with youth and adults, being by the ocean (especially Cape Cod where she has spent at least some portion of every summer of her life and where she and her family renew with one another each summer).  In June, Kathie gave thanks to God for 30 years of priesthood.  Kathie is known for her parish and pastoral ministry and her deep love for the people of God with whom it has been her great privilege and joy to serve our Lord.

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