

# The Rev. Michael Way

Here's a little background on our new priest-in-charge, The Rev. Michael Way, aka Michael or Father Michael:



Father Michael is an Ohioan, who attended Miami University of Ohio, did graduate work at the University of Virginia and Indiana University, and attended seminary at Bexley Hall in Columbus, Ohio. Before entering seminary, he had returned to his home town to serve as the primary care giver to his frail, elderly parents at the end of their lives.

Michael has been a priest for about 9 years, first as curate in New Albany, Ohio, then rector in Minnesota and most recently as rector of Trinity, Asbury Park. He has the gift of listening with his full attention, works well with children and youth, and preaches a good sermon. He approaches his role as priest armed with a passion for hospitality, a love for

liturgy, a commitment to social justice, a desire to offer pastoral care and, above all, a commitment to helping others discover the personal gifts and talents they can bring to the service of God and their neighbor.

The priesthood constitutes Father Michael's second career. He spent 20 years directing special events for corporate sponsors at major New York City cultural institutions – the Metropolitan Opera, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Brooklyn Academy of Arts among others – and then, in the sports world, at an array of "Grand Slam" tournaments, including the US Open, the Ryder Cup, the PGA Championships and the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

We believe this private sector experience, combined with having served as Rector, Transitional Deacon and Priest-in-Residence, equips Michael with the skills and experience to build strong relationships with our parishioners, help us grow spiritually, help attract newcomers and handle our organizational needs. With his events background, he'll also bring helpful insights and ideas to our fundraising efforts.

Michael is single and a dog-lover with two senior dachshunds. When he is not ministering to his parish, he enjoys the outdoors – hiking, camping and swimming; travel; the fine arts; watching and playing sports and cooking. He'll have more to share as we get to know him and as we grow together!

