

The Reverend D.A. “Andy” Olivo

Ridgewood, NJ (Diocese of Newark)

EDUCATION

The School of Theology, the University of the South, Sewanee, TN; Master of Divinity, May 2011

Milligan University, Johnson City, TN; Bachelor of Arts in Religion, May 2008

CURRENT MINISTRIES

St. Elizabeth’s Church, Ridgewood, NJ; Rector; September 2019-present

- Serve as senior pastor and priest at one of the largest parishes in the Diocese of Newark
- Successfully led a capital campaign that raised over \$1 million dollars more than initially anticipated
- Manage a staff of 12 full and part-time employees
- Elected member and Vice President of Diocese of Newark Standing Committee
- Instructor of Diocese of Newark School for Ministry for Lay Leaders
- Served as member of Diocesan Sesquicentennial Planning Committee
- Served on Diocese of Newark’s COVID-19 Parish Response and Re-Opening Committee
- Sustained and increased giving and membership to the parish during and after the pandemic
- Developed communications plan for live-streaming services and eventually developed and raised funds to install a seven-camera audio and visual system for the parish
- Worked with the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness to obtain their largest grant to increase safety and security measures at the parish
- Preaching Samples: [Christmas Eve Family Service, 2023 \(sermon starts at 42:10\)](#), [The Last Sunday after the Epiphany, 2024 \(sermon starts at 19:38\)](#), [The First Sunday in Lent, 2024 \(sermon starts at 31:39\)](#), [The Third Sunday after the Epiphany, 2024 \(sermon starts at 19:16\)](#), [The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: September 29, 2024 \(sermon starts at 26:44\)](#), [The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost: October 13, 2024 \(sermon starts at 29:03\)](#), [The Third Sunday of Lent: March 8, 2026 \(sermon starts at 38:20\)](#), [The Third Sunday of Easter: April 19, 2026 \(sermon starts at 28:05\)](#), [The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: June 28, 2026 \(sermon starts at 20:03\)](#)

PAST MINISTRIES

St. John’s Church, Lafayette Square, Washington, DC; Associate Rector, June 2014-August 2019

- Clergy coordinator for all outreach ministries
- Coordinator of the Latrobe Fellowship, the active and growing young adults ministry which meets monthly for service and fellowship
- Organizer and moderator for monthly Theology on Tap gatherings
- In charge of all parish communications, website development, and social media content
- Responsible for pastoral care and communicating pastoral needs to other priests and lay ministers
- Regularly lead staff meetings and supervise staff in the absence of the rector/interim rector
- Trainer of lectors, chalice bearers, crucifers, and Eucharistic visitors
- Preach and teach regularly throughout the year
- Clergy coordinator for adult and youth confirmation classes
- Strategize ways that we can reach out to the community

Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes Conference Committee; Member 2012-2017

- Assist in the planning of the annual conference which draws participants throughout the Episcopal Church
- Assisted in the planning of the 2013 San Diego Conference, the 2014 Atlanta Conference, and the 2017 Washington, DC Conference

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, TN; Associate Rector, May 2011-May 2014

- Led a vibrant young adult ministry
- Assisted in area college ministries
- Planned regular inter-faith gatherings with local Jewish congregation
- Worked closely with parish outreach committee
- Volunteered with Family Promise, Metropolitan Ministries, and Habitat for Humanity
- Coordinated and taught an eight-week adult inquirers class every spring
- Education for Ministry mentor

Project Canterbury, the Episcopal/Lutheran Campus Ministry; Board Chair, 2011-2014

- Supported the lay campus minister with area college ministries
- Preached and led Wednesday evening worship services throughout the academic year
- Planned and chaired monthly board meetings
- Coordinated fundraising opportunities with the local Episcopal and Lutheran parishes
- Mentored and counseled college students regularly

Diocesan Young Adults Task Force, the Diocese of East TN; Member, 2013-2014

- Served as a resource to parishes seeking to develop and strengthen their young adults ministries
- Facilitated conversations across the diocese for young adults seeking further involvement in the church

Bishop and Council, the Diocese of East TN; Member, 2012-2014

- Elected member of the "Convention between Conventions"
- Assisted in preparing the diocesan budget, approving grants and loans, and served as a council of advice for the bishop

Bishop's Committee on Inclusivity, the Diocese of East TN; Member, October 2011-February 2013

- Planned and facilitated classes throughout the diocese on topics related to sexuality and same-sex unions before General Convention 2012
- Developed diocesan policies with the bishop regarding the blessing of same-sex unions

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, TN; Field Education Seminarian, 2010-2011

- Assisted in worship services and liturgical planning, preached, attended vestry and staff meetings, made pastoral visits, and worked with outreach, endowment, and investment committees
- Called to join the staff following graduation from seminary

Johnson City Medical Center, Johnson City, TN; Chaplain, 2007-2008

- Youngest Volunteer Hospital Chaplain in a 400-bed, Level 1 Trauma hospital

St. John's Episcopal Church, Johnson City, TN; Director of Children's Ed., 2006-2008

- Taught approximately 30 children (K-5)
- Trained new Sunday school teachers and implemented a new curriculum in a program-sized parish
- Preached, made pastoral visits, and strengthened young adults ministries
- Parish diocesan convention delegate

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem: Member, 2025-present

The New Jersey Office of Homeland Security Interfaith Advisory Council: Member, 2025-present

Diocese of Newark School for Ministry: Instructor in Preaching and Pastoral Care, 2025-present

The Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem: Assistant Chaplain, 2024-present

Seamen's Church Institute at Port Newark: Volunteer Chaplain, 2023-present

Community Meal: Weekly Volunteer, 2022-present

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND MINISTRY TRAINING

December 2022: Lombard Mennonite Peace Center Certificate in Conflict Management and Mediation Skills Training: Training designed to equip church leaders with skills necessary to deal effectively with interpersonal, congregational, and other forms of group conflict

September 2020-June 2021: Villanova Certificate in Church Management: 12 sessions on Church Management Literacy taught by professors from the Villanova Center for Church Management.

September 2019: Lake Institute Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising — Conference sponsored by the Lily Foundation and focused on stewardship and philanthropy in faith communities

September 2018: Prepare/Enrich: Facilitator training for clergy working with engaged and married couples

October-December 2017: Financial Management for Episcopal Parishes: Online course taught through the Episcopal Church Divinity School of the Pacific

2015-2016: Genesis: Diocese of Washington program for new diocesan clergy

October 2015: Compass Rose Society: Anglicans from around the world working to support the mission of the Anglican Communion and the Archbishop of Canterbury

May 2015: The Preaching Excellence Program II: Conference for clergy to further improve preaching

January-April, 2015: Celebrating the Liturgy in Spanish: Semester long class at Virginia Theological Seminary

2011-2013: Fresh Start: Diocesan program for newly ordained clergy

October 2011: Education for Ministry: Mentor training; October 2011

June 2010: Gamaliel Foundation: Training for faith-based community organizing

June 2010: The Preaching Excellence Program I: Seminarian preaching conference

February 2009: The Kaleidoscope Institute: Diversity awareness and training seminar