

The Rev. John A. Weatherly is the Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Virginia. He is also Colonel in the United States Army, and Joint Force Command Chaplain for the State of Virginia. John was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania in 1951 and raised in Covington, Kentucky and Moorestown, New Jersey. He attended the University of the South and graduated in 1973 with a B.A. in American History. After graduate work at Duke University and earning a Master of Arts in Teaching degree, he taught Exceptional Children in both Portsmouth and Charlottesville, Virginia. Following a journey of discernment for three years, in 1978 he was received as a Postulant in the Diocese of New Jersey and entered the Divinity School at Yale University. Upon receiving his M.Div in 1981, The Rt. Rev. Albert Van Duzer ordained him to the Diaconate and appointed him as Vicar to both St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and Christ Episcopal Church in Trenton, New Jersey. He was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests in 1981 by the Rt. Rev. G.P. Mellick Belshaw and the Rt. Rev. John Burgess. John was on the founding board of the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen and served as President of the Board for three years. In 1986, he and the Rev. Beverly K. Weatherly were married and appointed as Missioners to Igreja Episcopal do Brasil, serving in Brasilia, Brasil from 1986 to 1989. Their daughter, Kathryn was born in 1987 and their son, Andrew, in 1988.

Returning to the United States in 1989, The Rev. John A. Weatherly was elected Rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Hampstead, North Carolina, a church plant in Pender County. While in the Diocese of East Carolina, John served on the board of the Episcopal Farmworker's Ministry in Newton Grove, North Carolina; the Executive Board of the Diocese; Commission on Ministry, and Dean of the Lower Cape Fear Deanery. He also completed Basic and Advanced Army Chaplain School, and was appointed Chaplain to the 362nd BN, U.S. Army Reserve. Their daughter Maegan was born in 1990. In 1993 John was called as Associate Rector to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Darien, Connecticut. He completed his Th.M in Pastoral Care and Counseling through New Brunswick Theological Seminary. He was also appointed as Chaplain to the 1/102nd...CTARNG. In 1995, Beverly was called to Christ Church, Alexandria, Virginia, and John was assigned as Priest in Charge at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Washington. He was also appointed Chaplain to the Regional Training Institute for the District of Columbia Army National Guard. In July, 1997 John was elected Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and Vicar of Iglesia Episcopal de San Marcos. He transferred to the Virginia Army National Guard, and has served as Battalion, Brigade and Division Chaplain in the 29th Infantry Division. In 2001 he served in Bosnia with the 29th Division on a Peacekeeping mission, and then to Iraq in 2006-2007 with the 2/224th Avn BN, a helicopter unit with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Unit, Forward. In 2008 John was asked to serve as Joint Forces Command Chaplain in the Virginia Guard, where he oversees the work of Chaplains and Assistants in the Air and Army Guard. Along with many other duties, he coordinates training and support for Unit Ministry Teams who are deploying or mobilized. John has served in the Diocese of Virginia on various committees including the Hispanic Church Plant committee and the Executive Council of the Diocese. What continues to draw his life together is his strong faith in Jesus Christ, his wife Beverly, three children, and the congregation of St. Mark's who have supported his ministries.