

## *Reverend Father John Slavin*



Father John Slavin is the Rector of St. Gabriel's Anglican Church in Springdale, Arkansas. He was born and raised in New York City. While attending Catholic schools he grew up in the apostolic faith, serving as an Altar boy from age nine. After high school Fr. John began his formation for the Roman Catholic Priesthood, but after his father suffered a stroke he was asked to put his vocation on hold to help care for his ailing father. It was during this period that Fr. John discovered what would become two great loves in his life, science and the Anglican Church. After completing his degrees in Biology, teaching and researching as a professor, Fr. John still had that ache in his heart calling him to the Priesthood. Once again he began investigating a possible vocation to the Priesthood, this time in the Episcopal Church in the USA. It was not long before he realized that the attitude of modernization concerning morality and ethics prevalent in the Episcopal Church were not compatible with what he felt the Scriptures and the

Early Church Fathers taught concerning the Faith. While sorting this out he discovered the Traditional Anglican movement. Here he found the Orthodox Beliefs and Ancient Faith he fell in love with when first studying Anglicanism. Fr. John fulfilled his lifelong dream when he was ordained to the sacred order of Priests on April 6th 2008 Good Shepherd Sunday!

Father John is a 2002 graduate of Canterbury University (BSc. Biology). Graduate studies include a Doctorate in Biology (PhD) and is currently pursuing an advanced degree in Pastoral Theology through the Anglican School Of Ministry, a seminary of the Anglican Mission in America (AMiA).

Father John has served in various ministry capacities as a Prison Chaplain, as well as a Pro Life Chaplain at a woman's crisis pregnancy center. He also serves on multiple committees concerning social justice and bio-ethics.

Father John is passionate about sharing the love of Jesus Christ through his preaching and in building relationships with others. His vision for St. Gabriel's is inspired by the Church of the Acts of the Apostles: a place of relationships based not only on a "Church" model but also on a "Family" structure. He desires St. Gabriel's to become a place where all can grow in the love of Christ and then radiate that love to a broken world.

He also loves spending time with his wife, Pamela, and their children Johnny and Gianna!