

Stewardship Walk

We are Joe and Olivia Tramontana and we came to the Lehigh Valley as we downsized into retirement. We are most thankful to our God and the Lord Jesus Christ for the life we have been given. We have been blessed with a loving marriage and family, rewarding careers, a spiritually fulfilling church life and a happy retirement. We love God deeply for these blessings and as devoted Episcopalians our first priority in our new town was to find a church family. During our first services at Nativity, we felt warmly welcomed by clergy and congregation members. In the weeks that followed, we felt inspired by the challenging yet exciting ministries we found supported here.



We transferred to Nativity knowing this was the place to steward our many blessings to reflect Jesus' love of us and our love of Him. Last December, we began sharing our treasures, time and talents by joining The Room at the Inn team, and this summer, we joined the Resettlement Committee. Both of these ministries were definitely outside our comfort zone. In reflection, we realize we have learned much from this work. We learned about the realities of being homeless and financially challenged. We understand there are many situations here and around the world that cause families to be separated and forced to live a life path they did not imagine for themselves. We have learned that a smile, a conversation or the small gestures of our daily life can make a huge difference in the lives of others. To see people happy from the small work we have done is encouraging and motivating.

Through these ministries we have learned that our love of God grows and we look forward to continuing our work at Nativity sharing God's grace in the whatever ways we can.