

# Get to Know the 2019 Pastoral Council Nominees

Elections May 18-19

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**RAY DIETZ:** My wife, Margie, and I have been parishioners for 39 years. We have three grown children and two grandchildren. I owned my own insurance agency for 44 years and just recently retired. We enjoy traveling and spending time with our grandchildren. I am a 15-year member of Long Green Valley Knights of Columbus.



**PAT MARTINO:** I am honored to be asked to run for the St. John's Pastoral Council and I am very excited for the opportunity to serve the parish and contribute in any way I can. My wife Cindy, son Jimmy – who Cindy and I are so proud of and, honestly, is much more recognized in the parish than I through Altar Serving, Teens in Ministry,

and Eucharistic Ministry – have been St. John's parishioners since we moved to Fallston 16 years ago.

In the category of "you never know how things will work out," I recently became a lector in the parish after filling in at 7:30 Mass during one of our snow storms this winter. Father Pete asked if I would mind lecturing, so I said...well, I can read, so let's give it a shot. In hindsight, I am thankful that the roads were slick that day and that Father asked, as I have very much enjoyed this opportunity. I am a civil engineer and director of the transportation design group at RK&K in Baltimore. Cindy and I grew up in western Massachusetts and moved to Maryland following college in the mid-1990's, where we have been parishioners at Good Shepherd Parish in Glen Burnie, St. Margaret's in Bel Air, and now St. John's. We normally attend 7:30 Mass except in the spring and summer months where we attend 5:00 Mass so I can chase my major league dreams while playing old man baseball on Sunday mornings. I am very grateful and look forward to the opportunity to broaden my service to St. John's through the Pastoral Council.



**DALE EDMUNDS:** My wife Debbie and I were married in 1971 and we both retired four years ago. We have two children, and two wonderful grandchildren. While Debbie was born into the faith, I was raised in a loving but non-religious home in southern California. I became a Catholic in 1997 and it was the best decision I have ever made. We were members of the Church of the

Annunciation since 1979 and joined St. John five years ago. While at Annunciation, I was a Eucharist Minister, a lector, a member of the contemporary music group and vice president of the Parish Council. Additionally, my wife and I taught Religious Education and we were also a sponsor couple for the Archdiocese marriage preparation program. Since we came to St. John, I have joined the Evangelization Committee and the Knights of Columbus. Outside of my parish life, I have been a volunteer at Stella Maris Hospice at Mercy Hospital, and I was also a volunteer at Stella Maris' children's bereavement program. Currently, I am a ships visitor for the Apostleship of the Sea, and I work directly with clients at the Franciscan Center. I have been a professed Secular Franciscan since 2010.



**REGINA MILLER:** I've been a parishioner at St. John's for 35 years, and I am the proud mom of four wonderful adult children, and a Nana to almost nine grandchildren (seven years old and younger!) Previously, I was a medical assistant, and started a family business in 1990. I was a volunteer at

Calvert Hall High School from 2004-2012, and I'm also a volunteer at Maryvale Preparatory School from 2003 til the present. I attend daily Mass here at St. John's in addition to being a Eucharistic Minister, and a member of the Bereavement Committee and Homeless Lunches. My faith and my family are everything to me! It would be a privilege for me to serve on the Parish Council.



**GINNY FRANKE:** I have been an active member of St. John's Parish since 2010. Prior to St. John's, I attended St. Bernadette's in Severn. I retired from BGE after 34 years of service, and after a period of time, I decided to return to work as a contractor for BGE as an Analyst. I routinely assist St. John's Youth Director, Colleen Sisolak, with preparing candidates

for the sacrament of Confirmation, helping shape our next generations. I am married with two grown children and four grandchildren. I enjoy spending time with my family, camping, hiking and time at the beach.

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**KATHY PHILLIPS:** My husband Chris and I have been married for 33 years and we have two grown sons, Ben and Andrew (AJ). Last summer, we welcomed a beautiful daughter-in law when AJ was married. We grew up in the Hamilton area, attending St. Dominic's and St. Anthony's churches. In the fall of 2000, we moved up to the tiny little town of Fork, and soon became members of St. John's parish. Chris joined the Knights of Columbus, and is very active with that group. I attend many of their events and volunteer at some of their activities. I was a stay at home mom for many years, until my boys were in middle school. I then took a part time job at a florist, enjoying my love of flowers while learning the trade. When the flower shop decided to close, I came across a little note in the Sunday bulletin, stating that the school was looking for a Pre-K aide. It sounded like the perfect fit for me, and I've been working there for the past eight years. I love working with the 4-year-olds, and I love that we can teach them about God and the Holy Family, Saints, and the rest of our Catholic faith. Some days get a little crazy as you can imagine, but most days are full of smiles and hugs. I love when I see the little ones in church on Sunday when they give me a little wave and big smile.



**JOSHUA PIPPIN:** A parishioner of St. John the Evangelist for over 30 years, I am a current Pastoral Council member running for re-election. I have a BS in Mechanical Engineering from UMCP and am currently self-employed. I am also a member of the Knights of Columbus and I volunteer in the Music Ministry as a choir member and cantor. If I have the privilege to continue serving on the Pastoral Council, I will advance the mission to "Love God, love others, proclaim the good news, and make disciples"; to encourage more people to attend and volunteer at our parish, while respecting and honoring the established community.



**JESSICA RHOTEN:** I have been a practicing Catholic all my life and a parishioner of St. John's for the past 27 years. I have served as the Religious Education secretary and as a member of the Bereavement Ministry. I enjoy volunteering at Spring Fling and making casseroles for Our Daily Bread. As the mother of two teenagers and the teacher of twenty-three 8 and 9 -year-olds, I strive to model for young people the positive impact my Catholic faith has had on my life. I look forward to celebrating Mass each week and feel nourished by the Gospel, Eucharist and my church family. I care deeply about St. John's parish and the present and future it promises for our youth and their mature role models. I welcome the opportunity to engage with fellow parishioners and those in our surrounding community searching for a faith-filled life.



**RICHARD SIEJACK:** My wife Pat and I have been married for 56 years and have been parishioners at St. John's since 1976. We have three grown children, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. I owned and retired from my own insurance agency after 25 years in business. I was a charter member of the Long Green Valley Knights of Columbus, and have served as Grand Knight, Star District Deputy, Membership Director, and other roles at the state council level. For St. John's, I enjoy serving as lector, Eucharistic Minister, and also served as a Pre-Cana facilitator and Parish Council member in the past. I would be truly honored, if elected, to serve on St. John's Pastoral Council.



**JACOB SNYDER:** I have been a member of this parish for almost seven years after going through RCIA. I quickly became a lector and have been very active in the Church ever since. My wife and her family are very deeply rooted in St. John the Evangelist, and I have become just as committed to our Church Community. I am a member of the Knights of Columbus and recently joined the Catholic Charities Alliance Group for Young Professionals. Most of you have seen our son, Finnegan, growing up at St. John's and I look forward to continuing to involve the younger folks in our Parish Community. They are the future of the Catholic Church!



**SUSAN WHITMORE:** I am a lifelong Catholic, educated in Catholic schools and approaching 48 years of marriage to my husband, Bill. Together, we are Mom & Dad to two, Gram & Pop to five grandkids and members of St. John's for 22 years. I love to read, do gardening and most of all my special love is sewing. My mother taught me at a very young age, and I went on to sew window treatments for 25 years. Since 1984, I have been a Eucharist Minister in this parish, assisting at our Saturday Mass. I am a member of the Altar Society, where I love taking care of the altar linens and, just like you, have volunteered for and participated in many of our parish offerings. I recently joined Bible Studies with a wonderful group of women of whom I am in awe, looking forward to our next read. Also looking forward to seeing what's next in our parish life. It is taking my "next step up a level" that I am asking for your consideration.

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