



PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINEE INFORMATION

Prince of Peace Parish is a community brought together by the Word of God, going forth as disciples in union with the Holy Spirit and one another to offer to others a reason for our hope.

A Prince of Peace Pastoral Parish Council member should be a person who is: open to the way God is leading, positive, future-oriented, joyful in the Gospel, creative, and co-operative builders of unity.

Next weekend, February 9th & 10th, Prince of Peace Parish will hold elections for our Parish Pastoral Council. There are 13 nominations for the 6 elected spots on the Council. Please take the time to read about these 13 parishioners so you will be prepared at Mass next weekend to cast your vote for your 6 choices.



Barry F. Burton

How long have you been a parishioner of Prince of Peace Parish?

I have been a member of our parish for 17 years, after attending mass a few times my wife and I were eager to join the parish, as we were made to feel a part of this new parish family immediately. This parish is different than any other parish we had ever been a member of.

Parish Ministries that you have been involved in?

I have been a member of the Men's Club for 15 years and originally joined the club to get to know the men of the parish and here I am just finishing my third year as president of the club. I have also been very involved with the Home Front project with our parish and when our parish stopped doing Home Front projects I continued to be involved with a church in Southbury for several years.

Your profession and other service activities?

I am a Landscape Architect and Horticulturalist and President of B. F. Burton Landscapes, Inc., a design build and nursery firm in Roxbury, just finishing my thirty sixth year in business. I have served as a board member for eight years and President of the Connecticut Nursery and Landscape Association. The Association also would also do a plant Connecticut project each year for a town or some nonprofit organization, where my company would donate manpower, equipment and plant material for the project. I am currently on the board of directors of the Connecticut Nurserymen's Foundation that has given 680,000 dollars in scholarships in the last twenty three years and manages over a million dollars in donation and monies from fund raisers.

What is your hope for our parish?

My hope for the parish is to work to achieve that sense of family for both churches now that we are one parish and build our new Prince of Peace Parish so that neither church ever has to be closed. My church is very important to me as I am sure the people of Bethlehem feel about their church, they are not just buildings, they are the places we feel closest to God!



Thomas Casteel

How long have you been a parishioner of Prince of Peace Parish?

Over 35 years

Parish Ministries that you have been involved in?

St Teresa's Men's Club

Pastoral Council

Knights of Columbus

Eucharistic Minister

Lector

Adult Choir

Stewardship Core Group

Your profession and other service activities?

Bank Teller

What is your hope for our parish?

Peace.



Suzanne Church

How long have you been a member of Prince of Peace Parish?

25 years

Parish Ministries that you have been involved in?

Lector

Eucharistic Minister

Care for Creation

Your profession and other service activities?

Clerk at Stop & Shop

Previously Flanders Nature Center, Evenings for the Engaged and Catholic Engaged Encounter

What is your hope for our parish?

That we grow in numbers, especially young people and that we be of service to the world at large



Michael Clemens

How long have you been a parishioner of Prince of Peace Parish?

18 Years

Parish Ministries that you have been involved in?

St. Teresa's Pastoral Council, Former President and Vice President

Men's Club, Former President and Vice President

Chairman, Men's Club Scholarship Golf Tournament

Eucharistic Minister

Nocturnal Adoration, Ministry leader

Brothers-in-Faith

Your profession and other service activities?

Director of Sales, Acuity Brands Lighting (2010 – Present)

Director of Marketing, Newell Rubbermaid (2004 – 2010)

Volunteer, Community Theater of Woodbury (Lighting controls)

What is your hope for our parish?

My main goal for being on the parish council will be to help Fr. Jim understand the voices of the parishioners. Our parish needs unity and to bring about the feeling of family. The main reason my family and I joined this parish 18 years ago was due to the overwhelming feeling of family that existed – it was physically present in the air. We all know that as the years go by, families change – and I welcome that. But if anyone walks through any of the doors of Prince of Peace, they should feel welcome and part of an unwavering commitment to spirit. I look forward to participating in the future planning of our new family parish. Further, I look forward to welcoming (or welcoming back) anyone in search of a parish family.



Louis DeLuca

How long have you been a member of Prince of Peace Parish?

46 years since 1972

Parish Ministries that you have been involved in?

Lector 15 years

Greeter

Member St. Teresa Men's Club

Your profession and other service activities?

Woodbury Town Moderator

Member Woodbury Lions 45 years

Retired State Senator

Retired Woodbury business owner

What is your hope for our parish?

To grow and be financially stable

Continue to be an asset and helpful to our communities



Joan Duncan

How long have you been a parishioner of Prince of Peace Parish?

22 years

Parish Ministries that you have been involved in?

Sister Marilyn's prayer a day for the world

Church Greeter

Anti-Abortion/ Ministry of Life

Former Parish Council member

Your profession and other service activities?

Fashion consultant- (self-employed) Work with fashion designers, companies & divisions.

College Professor @ Parsons School of Design-(NYC) & LIM College (NYC)

College Rep for FIDM (LA)

Mentor students as they navigate their careers.

Lecture, develop course material.

What is your hope for the Parish?

That the Parish "come together", become stronger, more vibrant.

To grow the stewardship programs. Examine the existing ones. Develop new ones.

Encourage transparency, openness.



Marc Duncan

How long have you been a parishioner of Prince of Peace?

20 years

Parish Ministries that you have been involved in?

Catechist

First Saturday Marian Devotion

Men's Club

Nocturnal Adoration

Your profession and other service activities?

Regional Director of Sales – Financial Sales

What is your hope for the Parish?

That we may grow in Faith and Unity within the Prince of Peace Parish



George Murdock

How long have you been a parishioner of Prince of Peace Parish?

24 years

Parish Ministries that you have been involved in?

Past Council member

Usher for several years at the Saturday Mass.

Have helped with the setup and breakdown for many parish picnics.

Your profession and other service activities?

Retired IT manager.

Currently the Chairperson for the Bethlehem Christmas Town Festival Committee. Maintain the website and handle all publicity for this annual fund raising event.

What is your hope for our parish?

Increase Mass participation so the parish, consisting of two Churches (one in Bethlehem and one in Woodbury), can grow and flourish many years into the future.



Ann Okoski

How long have you been a parishioner of Prince of Peace Parish?

15 years

Parish ministries that you have been involved in?

Eucharistic Minister

Counter

Lector

Choir

CCD

Good Shepherds

Your profession and other service activities?

Handicap Horseback Riding

Task Force Treasurer

What is your hope for our parish?

That it remains peacefully in the tradition of faith.



Gail Rizzo

How long have you been a parishioner of Prince of Peace Parish?

50 years

Parish Ministries that you have been involved in?

Presently:

Eucharistic Minister

ELM

St. John Paul the Great Prayer Group

Good Shepherds

Upper Room Fellowship

Parish Nurses

Women's Guild

Past Ministries:

Pastoral Council

Lector

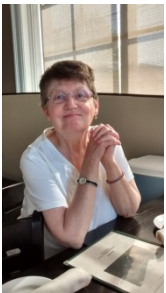
Catholic Woman & Prayer Group

Your profession and other service activities?

Retired Nurse

What is your hope for our parish?

My hope is to work on building trust in our capability to make this happen through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. With God all things are possible maintain a Roman Catholic presence in both the Towns of Woodbury and Bethlehem



Mary Anne Rockwell

How long have you been a parishioner of Prince of Peace Parish?

57 years

Parish Ministries that you have been involved in?

Present

Eucharistic Minister

Lector

Good Shepherds

Women's Guild

St. John Paul the Great prayer group

Past:

Catechist

Parish Council

Choir

Your profession and other service activities?

Retired Human Resource Manager

What is your hope for our parish?

To assist the parish to grow spiritually as well as develop into a strong and positive community presence.



Robert Taylor

How long have you been a parishioner of Prince of Peace Parish?

26 years

Parish Ministries that you have been involved in?

St. Teresa of Avila Pastoral Council (past president & secretary)

St. Teresa of Avila Men's Club (past president & secretary)

Knights of Columbus Council #13266 member (3rd degree)

Lector

Welcoming

Social Outreach

Communications ministries

Homefront Day volunteer

Your profession and other service activities?

Professional journalist for more than 40 years.

Current positions include:

President, Community Services Council of Woodbury (administrator & manager of Woodbury Food Bank, fuel & crisis assistance programs)

Editor & writer, Office of University Relations, Western Connecticut State University;

Bookkeeper, St. Mary Magdalen Parish.

What is your hope for our parish?

My prayer is that Prince of Peace Parish will always provide a spiritually uplifting home for members of our parish family to grow deeper and wider in faith, to join hands and hearts in service to our parish and community, to embrace each other's gifts and diversity, and to experience true peace through our fellowship as sisters and brothers in Christ.



Wesley Wensek

How long have you been a parishioner of Prince of Peace Parish?

10 years

Parish Ministries that you have been involved in?

Respect for Life

Care for Creation

Brothers in Faith

Small Christian Communities

Intentional Disciples

St. Teresa Men's Club

Your profession and other service activities?

My most important work is as a husband, father and grandfather of two young boys.

Former commercial bank executive, human resources director, risk manager; military service U.S. Army 1969-71

Previous volunteer work as VP of Waterbury Habitat for Humanity, Waterbury Literacy Volunteers, Youth Minister Our Lady of Fatima parish, Wilton, CT, Hospice volunteer, UN lobbyist for CFAM Catholic Family and Human Rights NGO;

Presently fundraising for Carolyn's Place and part time chaplain at Waterbury Hospital; undergoing initial formation for entry into the Secular Franciscan Order.

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What is your hope for our parish?

That Prince of Peace parish will grow, in faith and in the number of parishioners, into an energetic, vibrant and sustainable body of disciples who, united in peaceful community with each other, live a deep and joy filled spiritual life. This life, anchored by a substantial knowledge and profound love of Jesus Christ, His sacraments and the great traditions of our Catholic Church, will excitedly and joyfully bring that Spirit of Christ to other souls in order to care for their spiritual and material needs and journey with them toward final and complete unity in God's everlasting kingdom.