

St. John Vianney Parish

Parish Council Executive Committee Nominations

Parishioners will have an opportunity to vote four candidates to the Executive Committee. Voting will take place in the church during the weekend of October 23rd and 24th.

Patricia Bernard

My name is Patricia Bernard and I have been a parishioner of Saint John Vianney Parish since 1996. Since that time, I have been involved in many of the parish ministries including Lector, Summerfest Committee 2021, Pre-Baptism Faith Formation classes for families wishing to have their children Baptized at SJV, RCIA Program, and an official Greeter at the 8am Mass on Sunday. My children both went through Saint John Vianney School from Kindergarten all the way through the Eighth grade. I have a vested interest in seeing my parish thrive to spread the Good News in our Faith Community.

Charlie Brown

My name is Charlie Brown. I am a lector at St. John Vianney as well as the president of the Knights of St. John. My father was one of the original founders. I went to school at St. John Vianney, Kindergarten through 8th grade, as did my brothers and sisters. I was also married at St. John Vianney. I am vested in this parish and am willing to do what it takes to bring the parish back to the dynamic and vibrant state that she once was.

Gene Jordan

My family has been a member of St. John Vianney Parish since 1995 having come here from Fourteen Holy Helpers Parish in West Seneca. Upon joining the parish, I became active in the Faith Formation program running parish retreats for the Confirmation program and acting as a teacher for the Eighth Grade from 1995 through 2019. In 2015, my wife and I were asked to act as Chairpersons for the Capital Campaign for St. John Vianney and we were able to raise over \$850,000 and are still involved in the administration of the campaign. We were actively involved in the Vitality Committee from its' inception until 2019. I have served as one of the four co-chairs of the parish SummerFest since 2017 and have served as an Extraordinary Minister and Lector for the Parish since 2016. In my professional experience, I have owned and operated a wealth management firm, Jordan Wealth Management, that is comprised of 40 advisors and 5 staff members and have been operating as such since 1990. I believe my business acumen in conjunction with my faith and parish commitment are a testament to my willingness to be of service to the family that is St. John Vianney.

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Joe Kren

My name is Joseph Kren, and have been married to my wife Karen for 30 plus years and have two grown sons. I work as an IT Specialist for an Amherst company that builds expansion joints for roadways. We live in the town of West Seneca and have been parishioners of St John Vianney for over 20 years. I am the head usher at our church, a member of the Holy Name and Knights of St John societies. In recent years I have helped to maintain the church by helping to cut the lawns and clear snow from the walkways.

Rob Kubiak

Since joining SJV in 2004, I've been involved as a catechist for 8th and 9th graders (2005-present) and one of four co-chairs of recent SummerFest events (2018-21). I participated in the Vitality Committee and helped establish both Mass on the Grass and the newly formed Men's Group. I currently serve as a Lector and Extraordinary Minister at the 10am and 12pm masses. I believe we can strengthen and grow through collaboration, shared faith experiences, and effective communication. It's humbling to be nominated with my fellow parishioners - all of whom are excellent candidates. Thank you for your consideration.

Nicole Zelasko

Hello, my name is Nicole Zelasko. My husband, Jeff and I have been parishioners at St. John Vianney parish for 23 years. We have three boys, Matthew 19, Kyle 17, and Jake 14 who have grown up in this parish and have experienced all of their sacraments here. I am a special education teacher in the Orchard Park Central School District. Over the last 13 years, I have had the privilege to teach in our faith formation ministry. I taught first reconciliation preparation for nine years and confirmation prep for the past four years. Four years ago I was part of the volunteer group who started up a youth ministry for our parish, where I helped organize and run a bible study, monthly community service, and monthly fun, faith, and fellowship gatherings. I have also been volunteering to help facilitate and witness at our baptismal ministry meetings the past six years. Outside of our parish, I have led a woman's bible study for the past sixteen years and organized and have overseen community service projects and events for my boys' sports teams. My true passion to bring to our parish is to encourage and create ways we can be in fellowship together through common interest groups, bible study, and prayer. I also feel very strongly about the importance that our parish gets out into the community to serve and care for others as Jesus would.

Bryan Zurowski

My name is Bryan Zurowski and I am the Regional Manager for Sun Environmental. My wife, Jennifer and I have five children and reside in West Seneca. I have been a Parishioner of St. John Vianney for 41 years consistently and made all of my sacraments with exception of my Baptism here. I am a co-chair person of our SJV Summerfest, former parent of a student of our great school, and a participating member of our new Catholic Men's Group. In my free time I enjoy attending my children's events, traveling, volunteering in our Parish, and spending time with my wife, family and friends.