

## **PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINEES**

We are pleased to introduce to you four parishioners who have been nominated to fill the positions on the Pastoral Council. The Parish Pastoral Council acts as a major consultative body in the parish, advising the pastor to foster full participation of the entire parish in the life and mission of the Church, which reflects the mission of Christ. The St. John Fisher Parish Pastoral Council includes elected, appointed, and ex-officio members. Council members serve three-year terms. **This year, we are holding a parish-wide election for two council members. Voting will begin on October 25 and end November 2.**

### **Beth Albright**



“I've been a member of Saint John Fisher parish for over 15 years and my husband, Scott and I have been married for 28 years. We live in Garnet Valley and have two children in high school. I graduated from Penn State and worked in Human Resources until I retired three years ago to focus on consulting, board work, and philanthropy. Throughout my life, I have volunteered in youth programs, local community organizations, and educational institutions. In service to St John Fisher, I have been on the Pastoral Council for the past six years, and was a member of the capital campaign leadership team. Thank you to all who joined us in Raising the Roof! I would like to remain on the Parish council so that I may give my time and talents to help ensure St John Fisher continues to evolve and is a vibrant church community. I believe my background in business and human resources adds to the diversity of views in the overall make-up of the Council. Thank you, and God bless you.”

### **Deborah Benvenger**



“A native New Yorker, I relocated to Garnet Valley in 2005 for post in the admissions office at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM). Catholic education has been a part of my entire life - St Catherine's Grammar School, Pelham, NY, Academy of the Resurrection, Rye, NY, and Iona College, New Rochelle, NY. I retired in July after a rewarding 15-year career as Chief Admissions Office at PCOM. When I moved to Pennsylvania, it was important for me to find a parish community similar to the one I had at St. Rita's in Hamden, Conn. I feel blessed to have met Fr. Freeman and found a spiritual home at St. John Fisher for both myself and my Mom. I serve as Lector and Extraordinary Minister at Mass, as well as Eucharistic visits to the home bound at Lutheran Knolls. I served on the Heritage of Faith-Vision of Hope campaign as co-chair for St. John Fisher, as well as a volunteer on the Holy Family Board of Limited Jurisdiction for two years. I graduated from of Iona College with a BA in Mathematics and MBA in Management Information Systems. I believe my educational and academic training, along with my 43 years of working in higher education. and strong commitment to my Catholic faith, would be an asset to the Pastoral Council and hope my service would continue to support Fr. McDermott and enhance our parish community. I am humbled to be nominated. God bless you all!”

### **Jack Fitzgerald**



“My name is John Fitzgerald and I have been a member of St. John Fisher parish since 1977. I retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 2008 and have been volunteering in the Parish since then. I am the former Grand Knight of Council 14159 until our merger with Council 13710. As a Knight, I work on Faith driven programs, such as the presentations at Baptisms, attending and participating in the Mass of Remembrance, and teaching in the parish’s PREP program for the past 12 years. I presently serve as Recording Secretary on the Pastoral Council, of which I have been a member since its formation. I am an usher, Minister of the Eucharist and Altar server, and I make the Eucharistic visits to parishioners who can’t attend Mass, for Communion.”

### **Jeff Mlynarski**



“My wife Laura and I are celebrating our 20th anniversary this year. We raised our two sons in the Holy Saviour/St. John Fisher parish community; both attend Salesianum. I am a member of the Holy Saviour Knights of Columbus, served on the “Raising the Roof” capital campaign in support of the Church reconstruction, and continue to help support projects for the buildings and properties of the parish. I have been involved in the “ChristLife” program and assist at Mass as a Lector. I graduated from Father Judge Catholic High School and from the University of Delaware, with a degree in Civil Engineering. I currently am employed as a Site Manager at PHL International Airport and have worked in the field of engineering/maintenance my entire career.

I am an Eagle Scout, a Scout Troop Committee Member, and a Scout Leader focused on developing our youth in Christ through the Catholic Committee on Scouting program. I believe these experiences will help me to be a Pastoral Council member that will work with everyone to continue moving us forward in our journey to be the best dynamic Catholic parish that we are called to be!”