

St. John's Church Lafayette Square

2020 VESTRY CANDIDATES

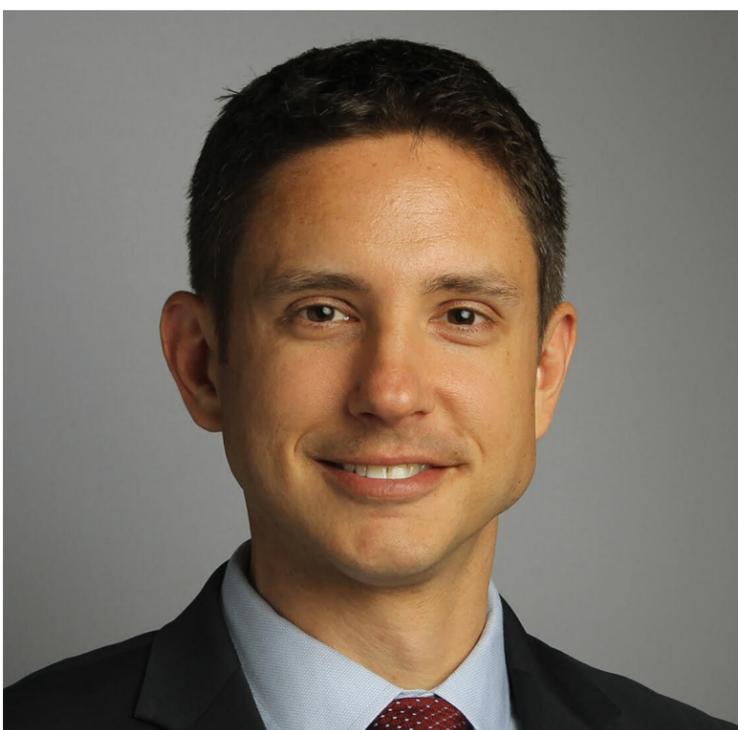
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Paul Barkett
SENIOR WARDEN

A member of St. John's Church since 1984, Paul has served as junior warden since 2018 and previously served on the Vestry from 2005 to 2007 and as warden from 2007 to 2012. Over the years, Paul has served as a crucifer, lay reader, chalice bearer, Lay Eucharistic Minister and as a member of the Church Growth Committee, the Flower Committee and the Music Advisory Committee. Paul is a past chair of the Flower Committee, and most recently a co-chair of the Bicentennial Planning Committee. Paul currently serves on the Human Resources Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington.

Paul earned both Bachelor's and Master's degrees from The George Washington University and is employed as the Director of Administration at Christ Church, Georgetown Parish.



Jeff Hantson
JUNIOR WARDEN

Jeff Hantson and his wife Katie have attended St. John's since 2012. Jeff was born and raised in Jefferson Township, New Jersey, and moved to Washington, DC, to attend law school in 2007. He and Katie came to St. John's shortly after purchasing their first home in search of a church to call their own. They were quickly drawn in by the thought-provoking sermons and St. John's commitment to the local community. In the ensuing years, Jeff's involvement with the church has grown. He has been a member of the Vestry since 2018, is an usher at the 9:00 a.m. service, serves on the Outreach Committee, and—together with Katie—organizes the annual Angel Tree Gift Drive. His daughter Charlotte was baptized at St. John's in 2018.

Jeff is a Counsel in the office of Sen. Mazie K. Hirono, where he supports her work on the Judiciary Committee. He is a graduate of Cornell University and Georgetown University Law Center.

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Laurie Adams

Laurie and her husband Matt Bode joined St. John's more than 30 years ago and have been active members ever since. Each of their three children - Bill, Nicholas, and Stephanie - were baptized and confirmed at St. John's. During her years at the church, Laurie has served in a variety of capacities. She is a frequent chalice bearer and reader. Laurie is serving or has served on the Care of Creation, Refugee, Education, Outreach and Seminarian's Committees, the last of which she chaired. She has also taught Sunday school and participated in the parish lunch program and the sandwich-making ministry. Laurie served on the Vestry more than two decades ago, and is honored and excited to be considered for the Vestry for our new Rector.

Laurie is a career federal employee and currently manages the federal ethics program at the Office of Management and Budget. A number of years ago, Laurie served as the General Counsel for the Fair Housing Council of Washington, D.C., a civil rights organization. She is a graduate of Cornell University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.



Michelle Mangrum

Michelle has been a member of St. John's Church since 2003. She currently serves as a lay reader and chalice bearer at the 7:45 a.m. service and in the past has served as a Lay Eucharistic Minister. Michelle has been on the vestry twice - both one year appointed vestry terms to fill positions of elected members who moved away from DC. She also served as secretary to the vestry for two years, and was Chair of the Nominating Committee following one of those terms. Most recently, Michelle was a member of the Rector Search Committee. Michelle also does volunteer work at the Arlington Free Clinic.

Michelle attended the University of Missouri and graduated with a bachelor's degree in nursing. After working as an RN for five years, she attended the University of Missouri School of Law. Michelle is a partner at the Shook, Hardy & Bacon law firm - the firm that hosted the parish office during the Parish House renovation.



John More

John and his wife Livy became members of St. John's Church in 1980. He served as Parish Counsel for 14 years under Rectors Harper and León and on the Vestry from 2012-2015. He has been an Assistant Head Usher since 1990 and served on a variety of Parish committees. John was on the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Washington (2004-2007) and its President (2006-2007). Over the years, John has been involved in St. John's mission trips and outreach activities, especially as a trained community organizer with the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) (Director: 1996-; Co-Chair: 1998-2008; Treasurer: 2008-), of which St. John's is a founding member, and its affordable housing affiliate, Urban Matters Development Partners.

A retired corporate and banking lawyer, John remains active with the international Internet Society and its local chapter and with the Rachel Carson Council, an environmental activist organization. Before becoming a lawyer, he was a Professor of Classics at Brown University (1969-1976). John has degrees from Yale and Harvard (PhD of Classical Philology and JD).

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Anthony Pegues

Anthony is from Cheraw, SC and currently resides in Fort Washington, MD. He has been in the Metropolitan DC area since October 2012 and attending St. John's since November 2012. After joining St. John's in May 2013, he became a Reader, an Usher, (now serving as an Assistant Head Usher), served on the Latrobe Steering Committee, served as Liaison to Bishop Walker School for Boys, and assisted with Angel Tree, Grace's Table and Habitat for Humanity. Anthony is a member of the DC Winthrop Alumni Association and the 100 Black Men of Greater Washington, DC, where he serves as Secretary.

Anthony holds a BA, Winthrop University, an MBA, Strayer University and completed PhD studies at Capella University. He is a Senior Program Manager with Cerner Government Services, in Arlington, VA. In October 2018, former Assistant Rector Andy Olivo officiated the wedding ceremony of Anthony and his husband, Jason Munro.



Jack Reiffer

I am grateful for being nominated for a term on the St. John's Vestry. I have been an Episcopalian for 22 years, and a member of St. John's Church for about 8 years. I was born and raised in the Christian Reformed Church and served for 30 years as an ordained minister. A significant second track in my life has been music: church organist, many choruses, 10 years on a hymnal revision committee, and as a leader in the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington.

My roles at St. John's include music and worship, editing Pathways through Lent, bringing communion to those who cannot attend worship, and most recently teaching a new adult Bible Study.

My day jobs after leaving parish ministry were in administration in several arts and social justice organizations. Retired, I now enjoy even more time for my children and grandchildren and for my passions for Gay Men's Chorus of Washington DC and St. John's.



Carl Ward

I am asking to be your voice on the St. John's Vestry for the next four years. We are in an exciting period, having welcomed Rob to be our new Rector. I believe a lifetime at St. John's makes me an ideal candidate to help lead the church, being able to draw on experiences from the past and present to guide what is sure to be a bright future.

St. John's has been our family's home for more than 40 years. I was baptized here, grew up in the church school, and sang in the youth choir. I've been a church school teacher, youth group leader, parish choir member, reader, and crucifer. I am always excited to answer a new call from the church.

For the past few years, I've been on the steering committee of the young adults' group, the Latrobe Fellowship. If called to serve on the Vestry, I would continue my outreach with the vibrant young adult community of Washington.