

2020 VESTRY NOMINATIONS



TRINITY PARISH

—Est. 1821—

Mission
To love and serve God more faithfully,
To know Christ more fully,
To make Him better known to others
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hello Trinity,

You are about to read the bios of nine wonderful Christians who have agreed to stand for election to your vestry. Unfortunately, you only get to vote for seven (7) of them. You are called with the weighty responsibility of deciding who God wants to lead our church at this time. To help you make that decision I summarized the role of vestry in churches with attendance over 400 (which is what we are). In summary, in a "corporate size" church, vestry's function as vision leaders.

What does vestry as "vision leadership" do?

1. Financial Oversight
 - Approve Budgets (i.e., working with the treasurer, finance, and stewardship committees, approval of annual budgets created by the rector and staff, determining spending levels for outreach and mission, approval of grants)
 - Ensure income (i.e., Stewardship and the availability of financial resources necessary to support the vision and mission of the church)
2. Co-owners of the Vision
 - Serve as a sounding board for new initiatives or ministries
 - Give feedback and provide staff space and the resources to implement them
 - Help staff prioritize key strategies to achieve goals and objectives
 - Support the clergy and staff as they implement plans
 - Act as advocates, serving as a source of information and participating in key events
3. Oversight of the Physical Plant (i.e. Input and approval of changes to campus)
4. Ensure Good Governance, Communication, and Consultation...with standing committees and ministries of the church
5. Get Involved (actively participate) in programs or ministries we are passionate about as individuals (and/or to which we are appointed by the rector)

What is needed to serve?

- A heart for Jesus Christ and Trinity Parish.
- Willingness to be in community with other church leaders.
- Openness to hear God's word and to set aside personal agendas.

Thank you for prayerfully casting your vote. Your vote matters!
Father Matt



Charles Alston

Our family first attended Trinity in 2005 when we moved to St. Augustine. My wife and soul mate of 18 years, Margaret, and I were confirmed at Trinity in 2006 and our 3 children (Savannah, 16; Alex, 14, and Andrew, 12) have all been baptized at Trinity. I work for Bank of America as a Market Executive/ SVP leading a team of bankers covering the southeastern US focused on meeting the financial

needs of mission based organizations: Hospitals, Universities, and other large national Not for Profits. I have been at BofA for 19 years and in a leadership role for 16 years. I volunteer throughout the SE with my bank team in different habitat builds, food bank shifts, and special projects. In St. Augustine and at Trinity, I've volunteered with family at the St. Johns Homeless Coalition, CareFest and Trinity's work days and hurricane readiness over the years. I enjoy cycling, running, good food (especially dessert), and spending time with my family (they are growing up fast so savoring it).

I was elected and served on the vestry for a 3 year term from 2009-2011. My commission was Christian Formation which involves our Christian Education offerings. This is when I became a Sunday school teacher teaching the youth at the time as well as recruiting others to teach. In 2013, we added a Sunday adult class called the Connections Class which my wife and I have co-facilitated for 7 years. I have been through the Christian formation experience known as Cursillo (122) and gave back as team member (125).

Along with Alex and Gina Wilson, my wife and I were co-chairs of the 2013 Capital Campaign at Trinity that achieved its target of fund raising (\$1.5 Million) for the renovations of Hindry Hall, heating and air upgrades, lighting and sound upgrades in the sanctuary, and stained glass window restoration. The last 3 years, I've had the blessing of being an adult chaperone on the Trinity youth group mission trip for 1 week to Copper Hill, Tennessee. With all of the above experiences, I have grown closer to Christ, deeper in my faith, and more focused on serving to help others grow closer to Christ. Trinity is my spiritual home and my Christian family.

I'd like to serve, if selected by the Trinity members, to honor Christ and bring others closer to Him. I understand our church's history, how Trinity has grown, but most importantly see our potential for making Jesus Christ better known to others in our community. There is more work to be done and God has called and equipped us to do more. I will do my best to serve our church on the vestry if chosen.

I consider my spiritual gifts to be empathy, leadership, and service. I've seen my spiritual gifts evolve over time as God has worked in me, stretched me, grown me, humbled me, and nurtured me. I am focused on being the hands and feet in this world for Jesus and helping others, with the power of the Holy Spirit, be their best to do the same.



Ann Ashworth

I moved to St. Augustine with my daughter Victoria in 2017 following 17 years of working overseas on projects contributing to long term social change in the Middle East and Gulf Region at a time of exceptionally fast-paced development. In particular, I ran regional programs focused on national level strategies to meet socioeconomic deficits contributing to religious radicalization and civil unrest at a time of increasing incidences of terrorism, human rights initiatives, access to education for women, and relationship building through education and training across both public and private sectors. I have a BA in Intercultural Relations from Carroll University, an MA in Human Rights and Global Ethics from the University of Leicester, with additional Masters Certificates in Education from the University of Worcester, and multiple Masters Diplomas in Linguistics and Project Management from the University of Cambridge.

While overseas I was also the Dubai based Director of PR and Development for a Global NGO that supported victims of human trafficking in the maritime industry, USA Girls Scouts Overseas Coordinator for Abu Dhabi as well as a girl scout troop leader, and in Qatar I was the Sunday School Coordinator for the Church of the Epiphany, while supporting a clinic at Christ Church in Aden, Yemen, and a missionary run orphanage in Ramallah.

I now work at Flagler College developing the Adult and Continuing Education program by day and teach classes on international politics, socioeconomics, and conflict in the evenings. Since moving to St. Augustine I've also joined DKG Key Women Educators, where I chair Global Outreach, and I frequently speak to church groups and organizations on the work of the church and life of Christian communities in the Middle East.

My daughter Victoria and I are relatively new to Trinity but have come to feel that St. Augustine has become our home, very much because of the warm welcome and home we have found in Trinity. She enjoys participating in worship as an acolyte and looks forward

to youth group every week. Since moving here I have become involved with Episcopal Relief & Development at Trinity and hope to see that grow.

Spiritual gifts that I can bring to the vestry include servant leadership, faith that stems from witnessing God's steadfastness through conflict and persecution, perspective on the role and life of the church in the big picture, the experience of responsibility for leading the most diverse teams of people made up of multiple nationalities and religions towards a common goal, a background in HR that involved change management, responsibility for resources and facilities, and security for staff and premises under active threat, and more. It would be a blessing to have the opportunity to use my experience and gifts to support our church, its leaders, congregation, and community.



Bruce Belmont

I have been married to my wife, Mary Lou, for 26 years, we have a daughter Suzanne and a son Nicholas and his wife Maureen who just gave birth to our first grandchild, Natalie Lynn Belmont. I have been a Realtor for Sunshine Realty & Appraisal Services for the past 6 years and President of Belmont Property Services for a year. My passions are Surfing, Golf and now my granddaughter!

I have served on the Stewardship Committee at Trinity for the past five years, am a member of The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, was very active with our youth group and served on the Vestry previously. I am active in Cursillo and my wife, Mary Lou and I, co-chaired and chaired our Discovery Weekend for three years. I have had the privilege of being a delegate to the convention and will be a delegate in the coming year

I have been in prayer about serving on the Vestry again for the past three months and during that time I was asked by a Senior Member of our Staff if I would consider putting my name forward to serve again. My first term on Vestry was one of the best three years of service I have ever had. I have and continue to feel that to serve each member of this congregation is my duty and all the decisions I made were in the shoes of each member no matter what.

My spiritual gifts include discernment and having the ability to see opportunities for serving the Lord and the Church. I have run my own businesses for the past 15 years and spent most of my career in Strategic Business Development.



Ray Johnson

This December, Judy and I will celebrate our 47th wedding anniversary. We have two daughters, Sally & Katie, and eight grandchildren. Both our daughters were raised at Trinity and married at Trinity.

I am a managing principal of Caldwell Butler & Associates, a mentoring and consulting firm that focuses on the development of middle managers and margin improvement for acute-care health system along with senior living organizations and post-acute care health systems.

From 1990 – 2013, I was President and CEO of Life Care Pastoral Services Management Company, which managed two life planned communities in St. Johns County. Prior to this I was the CEO of St. Augustine General Hospital from 1983-1990.

I have a B.S. Degree in Recreational Therapy from the University of Florida and a Master of Business Administration from the University of North Florida.

As to my charitable activities, I have served on a number of boards at the local, state and national levels, and am a past president of The Rotary Club of St. Augustine, and past Chair of St. Johns County United Way.

I enjoy golf, walking, reading and being at our mountain home.

I served on the Trinity Vestry twice, and have been the Senior Warden three times, once with Fr. Walter Saffran and twice with Fr. David Weidner.

For the past 15 years, I have scheduled the Lay Readers and Chalice Bearers for the 9:00 AM Service. I have also served on the Stewardship Committee and the Finance Committee for Trinity.

Trinity is at a crossroad as to its growth and position in St. Augustine and St. Johns County. It is an exciting time at Trinity, and I believe that my background and experience will allow me to assist in the strategic growth of Trinity Parish.

I believe that my spiritual gifts are strategic visioning, mentoring individuals, and managing organizations.



Deven King

The Lord Jesus Christ has blessed me with a wonderful and caring family. I have been married to Erica (sings in Trinity's choir) for almost one year; she is an amazing blessing to me and gift sent from God. My mother, Pamela Selema, and father John King, have been and are truly inspiring mentors in my faith. My younger brother, Tanner King, and my late brother, Kalen King, are also so dear to me. The Lord has held my family in His hands through the years, and it is His comfort and goodness that have carried us through great suffering; in the midst of all, His Peace has overcome.

I grew up Southern Baptist, was baptized in January, 2000, and was then an active member of the Baptist church until I attended veterinary school in 2012. It was at this time that God began to lead me on a journey in faith into a precious and deeper walk in the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, a journey that led me to Trinity Parish. When I felt the overwhelming presence of Jesus in attending Trinity, I knew I had found where the Lord was leading me. Following God's call to move from Kentucky to Florida, I started attending Trinity regularly in 2017. I later officially joined the Episcopal Church November of 2018 through confirmation. God is so good, and He is always faithful.

I attended Eastern Kentucky University from 2008-2012 to obtain a Bachelor's in Biology, and then was awarded a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Auburn University in 2016. I am blessed to be able to serve as an associate veterinarian at Palencia Pet Clinic in Saint Augustine; it is truly inspiring to see the love that animals both share and receive with those around them.

As far as charities, I give to the Sulzbacher, Samaritan's Purse, ERD, Share the Feast bags, and sometimes blessing bags at Trinity.

My best friend is Jesus, for He is my world and my everything. It is my life's purpose and joy to bring Him glory and blessing, to love Him in everything I do through spending time in church, reading the Bible, prayer, playing sports and video games with family and friends, hiking and enjoying nature, and being blessed by the dogs, cats, and wildlife around me.

I have had the tremendous blessing of serving as a Children's Sunday School teacher since Fall of 2017, as well as helping teach Children's Church monthly and serving the past two summers in Vacation Bible School. I also regularly assist Jouana

Murphy with Youth Group on Sunday evenings. I have been a part of the prayer chain for the past 2 years. This year I have been blessed to begin serving as a Prayer Minister (11:15 Service) and Lay Reader (both services). I am also active in the Trinity Young Adults discussion group led by Father Matt and Kari. I attended Discovery weekend last year, and I am hoping to attend Cursillo with my wife Erica this coming spring, Lord willing. I have served in Dining with Dignity two times and enjoyed meeting everyone there.

It brings me great joy to be considered a candidate for Trinity's Vestry. The Lord has placed His beloved church on my heart since the time He led me down here to Florida to Trinity in 2017, and it would be a true honor and gracious gift from God to serve on Trinity's Vestry. I have a passion for this church, a passion to share the love of Jesus with our Clergy, Vestry, Laity, and newcomers through prayer, fellowship, evangelism, words of peace and encouragement, and ministry to all through the Holy Spirit. Where The Lord leads us as a church, I am eager to follow and to do His will.

I believe the Lord through the Spirit has given me the gifts of prayer, of understanding and proclaiming His Word, of sharing peace and comfort, and of teaching.

My faith goal is to have faith like a little child before its Father, one eager to spend time in the presence of the Lord and to welcome others to do the same. The Lord has placed His love for the children of our church in my heart, as well as the call to embrace this model relationship He has with all His children.



Dwight Miller

I have been married to Maggie for 38 years. We have 2 daughters and 3 granddaughters.

I graduated from Colgate University with a BA in History and was employed by Travelers Insurance for 43 years underwriting surety guarantees, specialty commercial liability and fidelity lines, and serving as Regional Vice

President in Chicago 15 years before retiring in 2009. I enjoy dinner with friends, attending concerts and plays, playing my guitar with old high school friends, and traveling—most recently, Aruba, Paris, Israel and Egypt.

My past and current activities at Trinity Parish include: Vestry: 2015-16, replacing a member who retired December 2014; Brotherhood of St. Andrew, including terms as Secretary, Vice Director, and two years as Director; Endowment Board member since 2015; CareFest Co-Chair with Maggie since 2017; Trinity Prayer Ministry; Ecumenical Food Pantry (Peggy Kelly's team); Monthly Trinity Dinners at St. Francis House; Worship Leader; Brotherhood weekly prayer worship service ministry at Bayview-Pavilion Assisted Living, as well as calling Bingo there twice/month with Maggie. I attended Cursillo and Discovery, with presentations during the last 2 Discovery weekends

I love Trinity. The last 7 years have been a glorious period of personal growth. Trinity's clergy, parishioners and Outreach ministries provided me so many opportunities to learn and develop my spiritual gifts. I believe Trinity is poised for an exciting new chapter that will be great for all of us ... both old and new to our church. Travelers gave me with a leadership opportunity following 3 mergers with other insurance companies. In spite of what some of our new colleagues believed, our primary concern was people ... we never had enough and never wanted to lose anyone. But we did, before they had an opportunity to experience what might happen. I learned that this is an understandable dynamic. Though we anguished over every departure, most people stayed ... and Travelers became stronger than ever, thanks to the shared experiences of people who were once our competitors. In addition, I have a personal passion for Outreach, which was my commission while on Vestry a few years ago. In summary, I want to do all I can to help us achieve an exciting vision for Outreach, as well as Trinity, while retaining everything we love about our present and past.

My spiritual gifts include:

- Charity and giving — sharing what I have with others, whether material or the giving of my personal time and attention. I am genuinely concerned for the needs of others and seek opportunities to share what I have with them. Most of my best days are ones where I have been able to interact on the front lines and help those in need.
- Intercession — praying for others at Trinity, Bayview-Pavilion, Food Pantry.
- Faith — I am firmly persuaded of God's power and promises, confident in God, His plans for us, and His will to answer our

prayers. I understand how God wants me to live my life, and thanks to His love, grace and mercy, He always forgives me when I fail.



Dave Rossetter

Thank you for allowing me to introduce myself. I was born and raised in a small farming community in Michigan. After High School, I attended Central Michigan University. Fifty two plus years ago I married my wife, Nancy and we were blessed with 3 children, 6 grandchildren and most recently 2 great grandchildren.

While residing in Michigan, I was elected President of our Lutheran congregation, during which time we successfully called a second pastor and embarked on a drive to build a \$750,000.00 addition to the church, which was paid off in five years. For 30 years I was also a member of the church choir.

Prior to retirement, I worked for 45 years in sales for a large equipment company, both nationally and internationally, finally retiring in 2012. Since then we have divided our time between Florida and Michigan. However, in 2017 we decided to make our permanent residence in St. Augustine, a place that fully grabbed our hearts.

Our first experience at Trinity Parish was Easter Sunday 2017. What drew us that Sunday was the beautiful historic church. What brought us back was the sense of welcome we received on that first visit. Since being at Trinity, I have been involved with Habitat for Humanity, Dining with Dignity, Brotherhood of St. Andrews and appointed a delegate to the Diocesan Convention. In the short time we have been at Trinity, we have reaped so much and I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to give back.

I am a volunteer at Flagler Hospital and my hobbies include our family, reading and golf.



Tara Strickland

My husband Matt and I have been members of Trinity since 2006. We joined Trinity shortly after moving to St Augustine and have felt very blessed to call Trinity home ever since. We have raised both of our children here since birth. Matthew now 14 and Emma Campbell

11 serve as acolytes and attend youth group. They both attended Trinity Episcopal Learning Center as toddlers and I also served on the board for many years. I had the honor to serve on the vestry in the past and I felt like I received so much in return. Serving my parish in this capacity taught me so much about giving back to the home that has given me and my family so much. Along with serving on the vestry I taught Sunday school for many years and currently I oversee the nursery and our Little Followers program. Serving the youth and young families of our parish has been my passion. I truly believe if we teach our children how to have a relationship with God at a young age, that it will help mold them into adults with hearts for God.

I personally believe that everyone possesses spiritual gifts. Sometimes they are hard to define. I think I possess a warm and welcoming spirit. One that does not judge and is open minded about new ideas. Because of the work I have done for the last 20 years, I have learned to make the best out of new situations and greet change with a positive attitude. I truly believe that it takes a village to raise a family and I am so proud that my village is in Trinity Episcopal Parish.

Simply put, I love Trinity Parish and would consider it an honor and a privilege to serve God and our parish through work on the vestry.



Pat Williams

Though only a member of Trinity since 2010, I was confirmed in St John's Cathedral, Jacksonville, in 1958 at the age of 17. That is also the place where my husband, Bob, and I married in 1964. We have two children, Wendy Berger and Jeni Macomber, both of whom are members of Trinity and three of the most beautiful, smart and talented grandchildren known to man is Griffin,

Georgia and Addyson.

My final full time employment ended in retirement in 2016 after 30 years in the field of public relations and advertising. I now work part time as property manager for a small condominium complex for vacation rentals in Vilano Beach.

Personal interests involve my church, spending time with and meeting new friends, travel and vegging out with a good book.

Since becoming a member of Trinity I have been involved as

chairman of the wedding guild, office volunteer, usher, helping with "set up" at Wednesday night suppers, compiling the Trinity Cook Book and the Trinity pictorial/telephone directory, participated in Cursillo, Foyer suppers and group leader for Discovery.

Having had a husband and a daughter who served on the vestry I am well aware of the importance of the job to both the clergy and the parishioners as well as the dedication and commitment required. Being a person who listens, evaluates then decides on whatever issue is at hand, I have prayerfully decided to add my name to the list of candidates for the next vestry.

What are my spiritual gifts? This is a difficult question to answer. I think there are times when I have unexplained moments of wisdom as well as discernment. But, primarily, I believe my gift is one of hospitality in conjunction with service.