

Vestry Candidate Statements—2019



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I would like to start out by saying that since coming to St. Francis 2 years ago, I found this community to be a very friendly and loving parish. I will do my best to continue to welcome and share the love I have received.

I was born, raised and brought 3 children into the world in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago, Illinois. In 1988 moved to Santa Clarita, CA, lived there for 4 years and attended St. Claire Parish after going through their RCIA Program and was Commissioned as a Eucharistic Minister. We then moved to Rancho Palos Verdes and lived there for 14 years while my children graduated from High School and went on to College. We attended St. John Fisher Parish. I served as the Eucharistic Commissioner and ran the CHIRP program and retreats for woman parishioners. In 1994 I starting working full time for the Palos

Verdes Peninsula Unified School District as the Office Manager/Secretary at Palos Verdes Intermediate School and 25 years later I am still there. In 2006 I moved to Cote D'Azur Villas in Redondo Beach, the condos across the street from St. Francis. I live there with my best friend, my rescue dog Brodie. My son introduced me to Scuba Diving in 2007. I am certified as an Advanced Open Water PADI diver. Every chance I get I go diving which takes me to a different, quiet, beautiful and amazing world. I started attending St. Francis over 2 years ago, which all started with going to have my dog blessed in October 2017. He has multiple health issues at only 4 years old. I met Paula+, and starting attending St. Francis. I am so blessed with the welcome and love that I have received from everyone at St. Francis. Through your community I have learned more about God's Love than I ever imagined.

Blessings,



Mark Frey

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I was born in Amsterdam, NY, 1975 graduate of Boston College followed by an MBA Graduate degree from Babson College.

Healthcare Executive for 35 years currently working for Kaiser Permanente.

Proud father of two wonderful teenage daughters, Hannah and Rebecca.

Married to Doug Vogel 2008.

I look to serving Saint Francis in anyway I can.

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Mike Spalding

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Mike Spalding has been a member of St Francis since 2010. He grew up right in here in Palos Verdes and now lives in Redondo Beach with his wife, Jen, and three kids (Maggie, Tommy & Lily). Mike loves being a part of the St. Francis community. He particularly enjoys cooking with the Friars for church events, and organizing St Francis' build days with Habitat for Humanity. Mike has been a high school science teacher for the past 22 years and is currently at Peninsula High School where he teaches physics and AV-ID. He loves his job and working with young people.



Dale Westervelt

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Dale Westervelt and his family live in Rancho Palos Verdes. He attended Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, where he earned an MA in Theology and in Church History. When he finished seminary, Dale served as Executive Director of The CS Lewis Institute in Washington DC. He has taught about the Bible and the Christian life hundreds of times at churches, colleges, and conferences. He also previously taught management and leadership to hospital executives and physician leaders throughout the US. He currently works with retirees and their investments. His wife, Kathleen, teaches science at The Chadwick School. They have four children (Jack, Anne, Grace, and Henley), who are in schools here in PV (nearly all of whom had Mr Sams!). He loves writing, baking artisan bread, wine, reading, running, and his family.

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Gatlin**



**Albert and Susie
Zimmerman**