

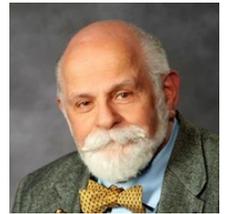
## SAINT BRIDGET PARISH COUNCIL VOTING BALLOT

There are 9 candidates, please vote for up to 3 candidates (there are more candidates on the back!). Any St. Bridget parishioner, who's received the Sacrament of Confirmation, can cast a ballot! When you're done, please return your ballot to any usher, or place directly into a designated basket in the cry room (in the back of the church) or in the Commons. Please leave unused ballots in the pews. Thank you!

↓ Make Your Selection(s) Below



**Pat Accardo:** is a retired pediatrician and Professor Emeritus at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine. He attended Catholic grade school, Catholic high school and Catholic college in Brooklyn, New York. During his fifty-year career in academic medicine, he spent twenty-one of them on the faculty of two of America's Catholic medical schools. He has published more than fifty books and hundreds of research papers and chapters, mostly in the field of childhood disability. He has also written on history, literature, and detective fiction and published several volumes of poetry that are best forgotten. With his wife, he moved to Richmond and they became members of St. Bridget parish twenty one years ago. He is a member of the Teresa of Calcutta conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a knight in the Francis X. Byrne council of the Knights of Columbus, and a Knight of the Apostolate of Common Sense as well as the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award of the American Chesterton Society. In the past he has sung in both children's and adult choirs and has been a Eucharistic minister. He spends his retirement reading, rereading and writing, and binge-watching K-dramas. He considers his diverse life experience, especially with participation on many hospital and university committees over the years, an asset for the parish council.



**Hampton Carver:** I am a life-long Richmonder and graduate of St. Bridget School, Benedictine High School and the University of Richmond. I am married to Honor Patch Carver, my wife of twenty-two years. Our daughter Emily attended St. Bridget School from Kindergarten through eighth grade, during which time I served on the School Advisory Board. I am also a commercial real estate consultant and broker, and business entrepreneur. We have two cats and a Golden Retriever. As a member of the Saint Bridget Church Parish Council, I will strive to enhance communication between parish members and its clergy, councils, and committees. I have participated in Exodus 90, the Alpha program, and served on the Parish's New Evangelization Committee. If granted the opportunity to serve on the Council, I hope to contribute to the Parish's efforts to enrich fellowship within the Parish to promote our Catholic faith and traditions.



**Jeff Hanna:** My wife and I moved to Richmond where we have resided since 2006. We have been parishioners at Saint Bridget since our move from California and have been blessed to welcome three children to the family, including two current Saint Bridget elementary students (with a plan to continue through middle school). In addition to being a Saint Bridget School parent and volunteer, I am an attorney in town who seeks to serve through pro bono work, most often assisting the underserved Hispanic population in and around Richmond, as well as non-profit organizations. I would welcome the opportunity to serve on the Parish Council to deepen my involvement with a Church that has given much to me and my family in the form of education and spiritual support and guidance, particularly in the wake of recent loss.



**Kristine Keeney:** My husband and I joined the parish when we moved our family to Richmond in 2017. As soon as we stepped foot into Saint Bridget's church we knew that this was the community we wanted to be a part of. From the welcoming community, to the clergy, and the activities offered for children, we felt a connection. As time passed and our oldest was getting ready for kindergarten we realized that an education that was grounded in faith and taught the importance of morals and values was what we wanted for our children. Saint Bridget has been such an awesome school for our daughter to learn in and we can't wait to see what each next year has in store for her. We are also looking forward to our son joining her as he starts in JK next year. As a mother of two Saint Bridget students and a member of the church I think I would be a good liaison between the two to help in the decision making processes. I would be honored to serve on the Parish Council.





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**John Rogers:** I moved to Richmond in 2019 from Northern Virginia with my wife Lindsay and our children. I've been involved with local parish ministries in one way or another for most of my life: altar serving as a child, choir and cantoring as a teenager and young adult, supporting youth ministry, cantoring again for several years, and teaching religious ed in the year before moving to Richmond. Here at St. Bridget's, I currently co-lead the Children's Liturgy of the Word for the 9am Mass. Lindsay and I also help lead marriage preparation retreats through the Engaged Encounter program for the diocese. We quickly grew to love the vibrant community and many young families at St. Bridget after we joined the parish in 2019. Lindsay and I have been looking for the most effective ways to be active participants to support and grow this community. Serving on the council would be a way to contribute to that, especially in this post-pandemic period as Mass attendance grows again and we have an opportunity to revitalize and recharge our ministries.



**Alan Serafim:** I have been a parishioner of St. Bridget parish before I went to school here. I actually knew Msgr. Byrne and Mother Presentation personally. I was baptized and confirmed here, tried my voice in the choir, became Monsignor Carr's chief cook and bottle washer (No Fish in the Rectory) for a time till the Zip Code dinners were started. I am a Charter Member of Msgr. Francis J. Byrne Council 5476 of the parish family and the 3rd Grand Knight. With food as my background and with help from the Knights we started themed dinners which became fund raisers for the Church, School and other projects, ie. Brunswick Stew, Super Bowl Chili, Jambalaya, and the Famous Fish Fry just completed. As an independent entrepreneur, chef, catering director, five great years as the foodservice director for the Gators and Cadets of Benedictine Schools of Richmond and the business sense that comes with those jobs, I believe that I can and will bring a sense of history to the Parish Council along with the need to move the Church forward to inaugurate and expand the Parish Family into the next decade.



**Bruce Slough:** I have been a member of Saint Bridget Parish for most of my life, including eight years as a student. The Catholic Church has provided countless blessings for me, my wife Ann, and our four children, and for all of this I am deeply thankful. I have found that serving this community is fulfilling, whether as an Altar Server, a Liturgical Minister, or a member of the Knights of Columbus. I also serve at Saint Francis – Manchester, an Assisted Living Community of the Diocese. My hope is that as a member of the Pastoral Council, I can help our Parish to continue a rich heritage of evangelization and Christian fellowship.



**Elizabeth Spach:** I have been a parishioner of St. Bridget's since 2019. I currently serve as a member of the Liturgy Committee and have been a Lector for the 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:30pm masses for the past four years. Every week I am in awe of the priests, deacons, sacristans, volunteers and families who work together to build such a welcoming, faith-filled parish. If elected to serve on Parish Council, it would be my honor to give back and continue the work of making St. Bridget's a reverent, responsive and service-oriented community.



**Steven Whittaker:** I have been a parishioner at St. Bridget since 2019 when we moved here from Falls Church, VA. My wife, Gayla, was born and raised in Richmond, attended St. Bridget growing up and also went to St. Bridget Catholic School, so we are very familiar with the church and how things have operated in the past. I was born and raised in Chesapeake, VA and attended St. Stephen Martyr Catholic Church. I have recently joined the Knights of Columbus and I plan to become more active as time allows (I have 4 small children!). I hold a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Longwood University and have been working in the financial services industry since graduating in 2011. I feel very strongly about my faith as a Catholic and my personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I believe I would add value serving on the parish council. I am 34 years old and have 4 children ages 7,6, 4, and 2. I think it is imperative to have some perspective/input from someone going through this stage of life and raising children in the church as well as according to His teachings. We attend mass every week and my older 2 children are currently in Children's Faith Formation. I really look forward to the opportunity to serve in this capacity, should I be selected.

