

Get to Know, Father Tom:

Hometown: Fitchburg, MA

Member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church since: 1999-2004 – “Rent a priest”; 2004-2008 – Priest in Residence; 2014-present – Parochial Vicar and Parochial Administrator.

Ministry involvement (present and past): Pastoral ministry as a Franciscan Friar and Priest

Hope and direction for PAC: Nurturing the faith community

Usually attend the following Mass(es): Most of the Masses on each of the weekends.

When I’m not at Church, I’m: Committed to my life as a friar in prayer and fraternity.

Favorite Spiritual Author/Book: Saint John XXIII

Favorite Hobbies/Interests: Cooking, sharing a good meal with friends, time at the beach

Favorite Cuisine: Italian

Favorite Sweet Treat: Brownies

Favorite Sports Team: Red Sox

Fun Fact! In 2001, I had the blessing of meeting Saint John Paul II in a private audience for the newly elected General Council of the Franciscan Friars, TOR with 48 friars which included Fathers Edmund Carroll, TOR, Chris Dobson, TOR, Michael Higgins, TOR, and Jordan Hite, TOR.



Get to Know the Members of PAC:

Steve Anderson

Hometown: Washington, D.C.

Member of St. Joseph Catholic Church since: 2000

Family: Wife Nancy, daughter Emma, and dog Zildjian (Zilly, for short)

Ministry involvement (present and past): Choir member, cantor, parish finance council, Knights of Columbus

Hope and direction for PAC: The PAC is focused on the future of the parish and how to assist the Pastor in accomplishing the parish's mission statement. Therefore, I hope the PAC will provide input and offer advice to our pastor and to act as a conduit for unity and understanding within the parish. As the PAC supports the pastor, we will work with other council members to examine and consider pastoral matters, draw conclusions, and propose practical solutions.

Usually attend the following Mass: Sunday at 10 a.m.

When I'm not at Church, I'm: keeping up with the news. Aside from that, I'm probably cooking something delicious and flavorful on our charcoal grill or in our new wok.

Favorite Spiritual Author/Book: Stephen K. Ray/*Crossing the Tiber*

Favorite Hobbies/Interests: Reading multiple news sources, following pro and college sports, cooking.

Favorite Cuisine: French, Spanish, American, Mexican, Thai.

Favorite Sweet Treat: Pie, particularly rhubarb. I'm also partial to blueberry as well as to sour cherry.

Favorite Sports Team: Washington Redskins/Nationals/Capitals/Wizards

Fun Fact! – I have been to five Olympic Games (Lillehammer, Norway; Atlanta; Nagano, Japan; Sydney, Australia; and Salt Lake City).



Get to Know the Members of PAC:

Joseph "Joe" Boyle

Hometown: Boston, MA

Member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church since: 1993

Family: Daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren; they reside in Oak Hill

Ministry involvement (present and past):

Past: (1) CCD teacher (18 years); (2) Member of the SJMS' Golf Committee (2 years); (3) Catechist at Vacation Bible School (2019);

Current: (1) Eucharist Minister (7 years); (2) Discerning vocation in the Secular Franciscan Order, recently entered the Candidacy phase (TAU Fraternity); (3) Member of the St. Joseph Men's Society (SJMS); (4) Member of the Purgatorial Prayer Society

Hope and direction for PAC: Provide an honest and effective "sounding board" for Father Tom and a dependable resource for the Parish

Usually attend the following Mass(es): Saturday, 5:00 PM Mass; daily 8:00 AM Mass

When I'm not at Church, I'm: enjoying my daughter and her family; playing golf; traveling; working out, reading

Favorite Spiritual Author/Book: Fr. Richard Rohr, T.O.R.; "The Art of Letting Go"

Favorite Hobbies/Interests: family, golf, reading, travel

Favorite Cuisine: Mediterranean

Favorite Sweet Treat: ice cream with homemade hot fudge

Favorite Sports Team: Boston Red Sox

Fun Fact! bucket list: do pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago



Get to Know the Members of PAC:

Elizabeth Vargas

Hometown: Santiago, Dominican Republic.

Member of St. Joseph Catholic Church since: 2006

Ministry involvement (present and past): Spanish Mass Coordinator, Eucharist Minister (Spanish Mass), Volunteer Lector, Volunteer at the RCIA classes (Spanish), Volunteer for the Parish Picnic as well as Coordinator and Volunteer for the Hispanic Community booth at the Herndon Festival, and other.

Hope and direction for PAC: Be a contact between our English and Spanish community, be a support and serve our parish, and help our parishioners.

Usually attend the following Mass: Sunday 3:30 PM (Spanish Mass)

When I'm not at Church, I'm: Sharing time with family and/or friends; attending classes, participating in church retreats and seminars.

Favorite Spiritual Author/Book: Holy Bible

Favorite Hobbies/Interests: Dancing, reading, cooking and traveling.

Favorite Cuisine: Mediterranean and Italian.

Favorite Sweet Treat: Cheesecake

Favorite Sports Team: Washington Nationals

Fun Fact! - For 16 years, I was conducting a Catholic TV program for the Catholic Archdiocese of Santiago in Dominican Republic. I was on the Catholic radio station for 4 years in my hometown as well. I love communication and helping those in need.



Get to Know the Members of PAC:

Anne Ezenwa

Hometown: Herndon

Member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church since: 1998

Family: Loving & supportive husband, 2 boys and 2 girls

Ministry involvement (present and past): Lector, Gabriel Angel, (Outbound ministry in the past), Respect Life Ministry, Nocturnal Adoration Society

Hope and direction for PAC: Helping the community grow in intimacy with Christ through my service according to God's will

Usually attend the following Mass(es): 7am

When I'm not at Church, I'm: Chilling at home with my family or at work

Favorite Spiritual Author/Book: Josemaria Escriva & Jacques Philippe

Favorite Hobbies/Interests: Hiking, traveling, watching movies & reading a good book

Favorite Cuisine: Nigerian & Jamaican Cuisine

Favorite Sweet Treat: Cake – Lemon/Coconut & chocolate chip brownie w/ vanilla ice cream

Favorite Sports Team: Nigerian Super Eagles, Steelers, DC United

Fun Fact! Per my husband, "I'm a prankster and joker"



Get to Know the Members of PAC:

Tony Pham

Hometown: Saigon, Viet Nam

Member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church since: 2013

Family: Parents, 5 siblings, 1 fish

Ministry involvement (present and past): Youth Ministry, Religious Education (CCD),

Eucharistic Ministry

Hope and direction for PAC: Supporting our faith community

Usually attend the following Mass: Sunday @ 5pm

When I'm not at Church, I'm: Work, family, gym

Favorite Spiritual Author/Book: The Sacraments: Discovering the Treasures of Divine Life, by Fr Matthew Kauth

Favorite Hobbies/Interests: Fitness, running

Favorite Cuisine: Vietnamese

Favorite Sweet Treat: Peanut M&Ms

Favorite Sports Team: Green Bay Packers!

Fun Fact! I get cranky if I go for more than 2 days without Vietnamese food!



Get to Know the Members of PAC:

Denise Rutledge

Hometown: Chantilly, VA

Member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church since: I am not currently a member of the Parish.

Family: One husband, five children, three grandchildren

Ministry involvement (present and past): Principal, St. Joseph Catholic School

Hope and direction for PAC: support the mission of the Parish.

Usually attend the following Mass(es): 5:30 Saturday Vigil Mass at my parish

When I'm not at Church, I'm: Working at St. Joseph School or spending time with my family.

Favorite Spiritual Author/Book: Elizabeth Foss, Take Up and Read series

Favorite Hobbies/Interests: cooking, reading, going to the beach

Favorite Cuisine: I like a lot of foods from a lot of different world regions.

Favorite Sweet Treat: peanut M and Ms

Favorite Sports Team: Washington Nationals or Philadelphia Eagles

Fun Fact! I got a hole in one on a par 3 course one time, which is a fun fact because I am awful at golf.



Get to Know the Members of PAC

Jeanne Nappier

Hometown: Arlington, VA

Member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church since: 1995

Family: Husband – Randy, Daughter and Son in Law John, Sarah 30 years old – 2 boys

Jaiden-11 and Johnny – 4, Daughter -Julia – 21 Junior at JMU, Son – Josh – graduated JMU and served in Army National Guard for 8 years

Ministry involvement (present and past): Ladies Society and Lector

Hope and direction for PAC: Help with whatever I can to make St. Joseph Catholic Church a better place – Love it here.

Usually attend the following Mass(es): 1:00p.m. and 5:00p.m. Sunday

When I'm not at Church, I'm: Exercising, Relaxing at the Beach, Hiking

Favorite Spiritual Author/Book: Jesus Calling by Sarah Young

Favorite Hobbies/Interests: Reading, Working Out, Hiking

Favorite Cuisine: Italian and Seafood

Favorite Sweet Treat: Dark Chocolate

Favorite Sports Team: Washington Capitals

Fun Fact! I have always lived in the Arlington Diocese



**Get to Know the Members of PAC:
Stephen D. Mundt**

Hometown: Originally from Mobridge, South Dakota but have been long time resident of Herndon, VA

Member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church since: 1998

Family: Wife Betsy and Two Miniature Schnauzers Tobi and Piper

Ministry involvement (present and past): Lay Eucharistic Minister and Lectern

Hope and direction for PAC: We will be led by the Holy Spirit in providing for our Parish Family and our Faith Community

Usually attend the following Mass(es): 5:00 PM Sat or 9:00AM Sun

When I'm not at Church, I'm: Spending time with family as I am pretty much retired

Favorite Spiritual Author/Book: God/The Bible

Favorite Hobbies/Interests: Golf and Biking

Favorite Cuisine: Mexican

Favorite Sweet Treat: Pecan Pie ala mode

Favorite Sports Team: ROLL Tide (Alabama) Denver Bronco's and Boston Red Socks

Fun Fact! Our Two Miniature Schnauzers (Tobi – 1 year old and Piper 12 Weeks old) are proving to me how old I am!



**Get to Know the Members of PAC:
Cheryl Eleise Homer-Wilson**

Hometown: Moved to Herndon, Virginia in 1996 from Flushing, NY

Member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church since: 2012

Ministry involvement (present and past): PAC member (2016 – 2018), Eucharistic Minister and the Rosary group

Hope and direction for PAC: I hope that we can serve as channels to quickly and responsibly communicate ideas and concerns from parishioners to church administrators and when appropriate convey a response to the individual/group. I envision the direction as being like a ring, circular, no beginning and no end. I envision a constant flow of communication between all parties interested in making St. Joseph Catholic Church a healthy thriving community!

Usually attend the following Mass(es): 8AM (Sunday – Friday). I love attending and participating at Mass. I consider it my spiritual vitamin “G”!

When I’m not at Church, I’m: (pre-COVID) I work for Fairfax County Public Schools as a Job Coach and Substitute Teacher. The work is very demanding but psychologically rewarding.

Favorite Spiritual Author/Book: Squire Rushnell/ When God Winks. His premise is that there are no coincidences!

Favorite Hobbies/Interests: Dancing, socializing and going to the theatre. I love musicals and comedies.

Favorite Cuisine: seafood

Favorite Sweet Treat: cookies

Favorite Sports Teams: The Washington Wizards, The New York Yankees and The Kansas City Chiefs

Fun Fact! I was born in Tokyo, Japan. Growing up, I preferred to be referred to as an “Army Angel” rather than an “Army Brat”!



**Get to Know the Members of PAC:
Gerri Ludwig**

Hometown: Born in Lawrence, MA; Moved to Herndon, VA in 1974

Member of St. Joseph Catholic Church since: 1974

Family: Daughter Vicki and husband Brandon and two grandsons and a grand dog in Madison, VA; Son Michael and wife Victoria and grand dog in Haymarket, VA

Ministry Involvement (present and past): Religious Education volunteer; The Closet volunteer; Daily after-Mass Rosary; Legion of Mary

Hope and direction for PAC: To be a useful tool for our pastor and friars in communicating the thoughts and concerns of our parishioners

Usually attend the following Masses: Daily at the 6:30AM, and Sunday 9:00AM or 5:00PM

When I'm not at Church, I'm: Retired! Since Covid-19, I am with my family, or outdoors with my walking buddy, plus reading, knitting and gardening...and walking the New England beaches. B.C., I was volunteering with the Herndon Woman's Club and travelling with my retirement buddy, and attending Fairfax Symphony concerts.

Favorite Spiritual Author/Book: Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, *The Life of Christ*

Favorite Hobbies: Reading, knitting, gardening, local travel, and crossword puzzles

Favorite Sweet Treat: Lemon Meringue Pie

Favorite Sports Team: Boston Red Sox

Fun Fact: My mom was the Parish Secretary at St. Patrick's in Lawrence, so I grew up in the shadow of the Church – St. Pat's "grammar" school, St. Pat's High School, Merrimack College (Augustinians), Assumption College (Assumptionists). Mom was the closest thing there was, then, to a PAC. She had the Pastor's (Fr. Burke's) ear. You might say I've come full circle after many, many years.