

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINEES FOR 2019 / 2020—Elections will be held the weekend of May 18/19.



Kevin Berkel has been a parishioner at St. John Parish since 1996. He has been married to his wife Joan for 1 ½ years and has a step daughter and son in law Alexis and Shawn Luke as well as two grandsons Southern and Silas Luke. He serves as a Eucharistic Minister and Lector at the 7:30 Mass. Kevin is a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus currently serving as the District Deputy for District 4 and a District Marshall for the Georgia State Council. He has been involved with the Boy Scouts of St. John Parish as both a Troop Committee Chairman and Scout Master since 1997. Kevin has been serving as the secretary for the Parish Finance Council since 2013. Kevin retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2007 and currently works as a Civilian Health Technician at Moody AFB. Kevin would enjoy serving the St John community as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council.



James Dunleavy is a retired military veteran with 22 years of service in the Air Force in the field of law enforcement. He and his wife, Ellen, originally came to Moody AFB on assignment in 1986 and decided to make Valdosta and St. John their home. They have a daughter, Jamie, and two grandchildren plus one on the way. James worked at St. John's for 13 years in grounds and building maintenance and is very familiar with the facilities of the church and school campus. He has many ideas to contribute regarding stewardship within our parish. He is very security minded and concerned about the safety of our children during school hours and our parishioners and visitors who are attending Mass or parish activities. James looks forward to representing you as a council member.



Beverly Kindley has been a member of St. John's since 1972 and has served the parish in many committees and numerous leadership roles. She is the proud recipient of the coveted Diocesan Bishop Gartland Award. In addition, she has been a St. John's Eucharistic Minister for over 30 years and took an active role in every USAF base parish we lived. Mrs. Kindley is also an accomplished businesswoman by holding positions in retail and architecture firms. She is also responsible for establishing Birthright of Valdosta within our Parish. Mrs. Kindley stays active in our parish through many organizations including the Knights of Columbus, Eucharistic Ministry, and Alzheimer outreach.



Kathy Register has been a member of St. John since she moved to this area in the late 70's. She grew up in a military family and was one of eight children. Her family life and her Catholic faith have taught her that it is important to participate in parish activities and share your time and talent with others. Kathy has a son Zachary and daughter-in-law, Annika. She was married to her husband, Bill, for almost 35 years when he passed away in November. Together they taught the parish Confirmation class for almost 15 years. She has continued teaching this class with her son Zachary taking Bill's place. Over the years Kathy has been very involved with the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary holding officer and committee chair positions. Kathy is also a Eucharistic Minister and recently became a lector as well. Kathy and Bill were recipients of the Bishop Gartland Service Award in November of 2019 (Zachary received the award posthumously for his father). She owns and operates a dental lab business. She hopes to serve our church in a new capacity through the Parish Pastoral Council.



Dr. Shirley Serini is a tenured associate professor at Valdosta State University where she teaches public relations in the Communication/Public Relations Program. A cradle Catholic originally from Chicago, she has been teaching for more than 30 years, the last nine at VSU. She holds degrees from the Universities of Iowa, New York and Kentucky. She also earned a Diploma in Family Life Ministry from Creighton University. She has served the Catholic Church at the parish, diocesan, and national levels through ministries that include campus, Pro-Life, communication, and stewardship. She is currently a member of the Valdosta Rotary, the Valdosta/Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce, and the Public Relations Society of America, and is the advisor to the VSU Public Relations Student Society of America.