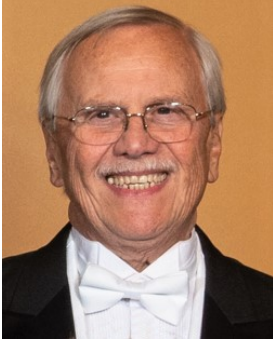


PARISH COUNCIL AT-LARGE CANDIDATES 2019

Profiled below are seven Parish Council candidates for At-Large Representative positions. There are (3) three-year terms and a 1+year term to complete Fran Lissemore's term. Voting begins Sunday, April 28 at the Annual Meeting and continues through Sunday, May 12. Ballots are available at the church doors and also on the parish website: stmalachi.org. We are most grateful to our candidates for their willingness to serve on Parish Council. Nominating Committee: Linda Wilson, Gary Pritts and Pat Masterson



Deacon Leo Bistak

I have been a member of the parish staff since August 2015. A deacon for 36 years, I served on parish staffs in 7 parishes and on council in all of them. I provide Pastoral Care at Malachi House in addition to here at the parish. For couples planning to marry at St. Malachi, I administer the Prepare-Enrich material as I have done for more than 30 years. I am also a trained spiritual director.



Terry Jungquist

I have been a member of our parish for 30+ years. In that time I have seen how we have evolved as a parish. I believe that we need to deepen our relationships and become a more unified faith community to best meet the challenges of the future. My priorities to listen and consider the common good would be the strengths I would bring to Council.



Catherine Graham

I have served in several capacities over the years but recently have been working with the Sunday Morning at Malachi planning group, serving as a catechist, and participating in the Stewardship Commission. Over my years at St. Malachi's, I have grown to appreciate the theology of stewardship. I feel that in serving on council this would be the primary value that I would bring to the group. In reflecting on the history of our parish, I believe that by being open to the Spirit we have many opportunities and will be a beacon of hope for many years to come.



Judy Stowe

Purely by chance, in the early 90's, my husband, Nick, and I discovered Fr. Hritz's famous Saturday afternoon 30-minute mass. Although non-members, we continued to attend for years while developing a fond appreciation for the parish's role in the community. A while after Nick's sudden death on Christmas, 2004, in his memory, I decided to formally "sign up." Noting my job as an Addictions Counselor at Cleveland Clinic, Fr. Tony immediately enlisted me to be part of the team to re-activate (after a brief hiatus) the Samaritan Ministry's Addiction Awareness Workshop started in 1978 by Fr. Hritz and John Miclea. Since 2009 we have been presenting an all-day workshop twice a year. Being a part of The Samaritan Ministry, along with being a Eucharistic Minister on Saturdays, has provided a way for me to become a part of the parish mission and, as a person in long-term recovery, to help addicted individuals and their families find help. I am grateful to be a part of the St. Malachi family and would love to have the opportunity to contribute further as a Council Member.

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Joe DiGiacomo

I have been a member of St. Malachi since 2005. I am married to Fran and we have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. I am a Saturday 4:30 Mass Lector, Sunday offertory counter & part of the team that picks up donated bread for the Back Door & Monday Night Meal ministries.

I will bring business and engineering experience to the Parish Council which will be useful as we deal with our aging church facilities.



Patrick Cleary Burns

I am excited about our future! In the next few years we will have so many new neighbors who can become new parishioners! We need dreamers on Council and I fit the bill! As a spiritual director and retreat leader, my gifts are Welcome and Hope. I have been a member of St. Malachi for 18 years. I have served on Council twice, the Vibrant Parish Life Committee, the Merger Committee, and a variety of Ad-hoc planning commissions. My wife Jeannie and I are also active in Christian Life Community, an international Ignatian apostolic prayer community. I am a leader in CLC on the local, regional and national levels. I look forward to joining with other Council members in dreaming and planning to open all of St. Malachi's doors and windows and let the light of the Holy Spirit flow through us and lead us to do all we can build up this community of God's People!



Marianne Kerr

With a lot of encouragement from a family member, I came to St. Malachi's 20 years ago. The liturgies, the music, the vibrancy, the fellowship and the ministries filled my heart. I had finally found my spiritual home. Monday Night Meal was the first ministry I got involved in. I was moved by the love and compassion that the volunteers showed to the people coming for meals and the enthusiastic involvement of St Malachi's parishioners, whether serving the meal, cooking, cleaning or providing monetary contributions.

I continued to involve myself in other ministries and activities: back door, peace walk, social justice activities, liturgy commission, finance council, parish council, Lector and Eucharistic Minister. These activities have helped my growth as a spiritual person.

St Malachi's has changed over the last 20 years. I see the parish facing many challenges and working to resolve these challenges. I want to be involved in this new chapter of St. Malachi's by serving on parish council. Some gifts I bring to council are enthusiasm, commitment, prior council and board experience, and the ability to think out of the box.

I truly believe in St Malachi's, its mission and future. By serving on parish council, I can help shape the future of St Malachi's