

2023 St. Malachi Parrish Council Elections

Meet the Candidates

Elections for St. Malachi Parish Council will begin at the annual meeting at 11am on April 23, 2023. Elections will continue through May 7th. You can vote in person at mass, place ballot in ballot box found at each door to the church, or online. Only registered parish members can vote. Please vote only one time. You can vote for no more than 5 candidates on your ballot. Winners will be announced in the bulletin on the weekend of May 13th.

Deacon Leo Bistak



Nancy and I came to St. Malachi in 2015 when I was assigned to the parish by the bishop. I served as a staff member until June of last year when I went on senior status, allowing me to slow down, something which only happens intermittently. After checking out a few parishes, we returned to the parish in December and I can continue to serve as long as fully able.

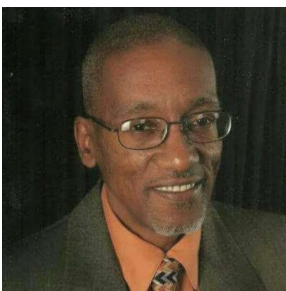
During my 81 years of life, 40 as a Deacon and 55 of married life, I have belonged to or served at 12 parishes in various dioceses and on council in 6 of them. Thoroughly Vatican II, Jesuit in training, and Pope Francis in leaning, I am still willing to serve. I have continued to do pastoral care at Malachi House, to assist with the Mother Theresa Ministry and to be attentive to the West Side Creation Care team and serve as a Spiritual director. Laudato S'i and Fratelli tutti are definitely my guideposts.

Matt Hils



I find joy and peace in serving others. As a Saint Malachi parishioner for 25 years and as a planning professional heavily involved in plans for the future of Lakeview Terrace residents and the surrounding area, I am excited for the opportunity to serve parishioners to not only continue Malachi's long history of helping the least of its neighbors, but to also assist the parish in moving forward into its next chapter. My years of experience with youth programs, homeless and refugee ministries, project management, and corporate leadership result in a well-developed skill set for parish guidance. My ever-growing faith calls me to help others discover and grow closer to God.

Hollis Johnson



"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it"
Proverbs 22:6

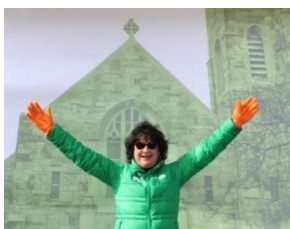
Born a "cradle Catholic", I attended Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament and then St. Adalbert's. I was an altar boy starting in 4th grade. I was one of seven who integrated St. Ignatius High School in 1968. I planned on becoming a priest until I experienced a miscommunication with my theology teacher concerning Dr. Martin Luther King. Unfortunately, I wanted nothing to do with anyone who would not accept Dr. King. I turned my back on the church. I am a non-graduate alumni of Dartmouth College where, Godless, my life spiraled downward into alcoholism and drug addiction....Fast forward...In 2017, two things happened, God rescued me in spite of myself and I connected with an old high school classmate, Patrick Cleary-Burns. I went through the RCIA program, embraced my Catholicism and currently via the twelve-step recovery program, spend much of my time trying to help individuals reestablish their relationships with God. This past year, I became a member of the RCIA team, a greeter, an usher and a member of the concert committee. Perhaps being a greeter has been most fulfilling because I think I know just about everyone at St. Malachi by name. It took a long time, but slowly I believe God is answering my

Terri Jungquist



I have been a member of St. Malachi's for 30+years. I belonged to the Parish at first and then participated in the merger of the Community of St. Malachi and St. Malachi Parish. Change is hard. The reality is that while the merger was successful, it was difficult at times. Our future has a lot of uncertainty in it. I expect it will have many challenges. I am willing to serve on Council because I believe that its role will be to create a means to face the issues that will arise. I think I have the positive attitude needed to help achieve that goal.

Sharon Lowe Chapman



St Malachi has been my faith home for over 30 years. I originally started attending St Malachi for three reasons, the ministries, the people, and the music. Since I've been at St Malachi, I've been involved and two major fundraisers. I started the We Give Catholic fundraiser and ran it for 3 years. I am also the race director for the St Malachi Church Run/Walk and under my leadership over \$300,000 has been raised. In addition to being a fundraiser, the Run supports a YMCA program that allows intercity children to participate in our event. I also got the Run involved in our ministries by hosting the Saturday Morning Breakfast on regular intervals. Volunteers from the running community volunteer to serve on the Saturday's that the Run host the meal. I have had the opportunities to get media exposure for our ministries through television and radio. Professionally I am a certified public accountant and will bring my financial skills to Parish Council. I look forward to serving our Parish and being a valuable member of Parish Council as we look to the future and carry out the Strategic Plan that Bishop Malesic chooses for us. Thank you kindly for considering my candidacy for Parish Council and God bless!

William Meaney



I am a long-time member of St. Malachi's, this past Palm Sunday I celebrated my 23rd anniversary as a parishioner. For many years, I served as a sacristan and volunteered in the parish office helping with answering the phones and supporting the parish secretary. For the past several years I have been an active member of the hospitality committee, coordinating the Second Saturday Supper. More recently, I have joined the RCIA team supporting adults who are preparing to join the church. In my free time I like to travel and dine. I consider St. Malachi Parish as my second "family". It is important that we continue to build our parish community through providing activities. My contribution would be to connect with those in our parish who might be regular attendees but might not be able to be involved with activities.

Michael Pellegrino



My name is Michael Pellegrino, I have been a parishioner at St. Malachi for approximately 35 years. My wife, Carol Schiro, and I were married at St. Malachi in 1992. Our three children received all of their sacraments at St. Malachi, and my parents were buried from St. Malachi.

More than a decade ago, I served two separate terms on council. In addition to lecturing at the 10AM Mass, I serve on the Buildings and Grounds Committee, taught middle school Christian Formation for several years, and assist with the church decorations at the change of liturgical seasons.

Edward Shemo



I have been a parishioner at St. Malachi and the Community of St Malachi for over 25 years. I have spent most of my life in service to others. My wife and I were a presenting couple with the Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement and Parish coordinators for Pre-Cana Days at Holy Family Parish. I was President of Parish Council at Holy Family Parish and Treasurer of the Community of St. Malachi. I have been and am a Eucharistic Minister. I served on the Options Committee and would like to see the Strategic Plan through to its implementation.

Peter Toomey



I try to help where I can. And retain a sense of humor?

May 1991. Friend got me into set building for the Center Fundraiser "Miracle On 25th Street" at Music Hall. One Saturday afternoon, cleaning paint brushes, Ed Eliason and Tony DiNardo asked (well, no: said!) "See you at Mass in the morning". I did. Heard Paul preach. Met you folks. Been here since.

Co-Chaired Communications Commission. Edited "Communio" and the Community Calendar. Still provide photos for website, social media, Mass programs and some layout help. - Celebrant for Children's Liturgy Of The Word. - Emceed Soup For The Soul a dozen times, Chaired the committee one year. - Identity Task Force for Parish, House, Center, implemented Graphics Standards. - Wrote and maintain the Parish Style Manual. - One of founding Producers of the Mass livestream. - Archives Committee. - Altar Server on special events. - 17-year member of the post-men's-retreat "Tuesday Circle". Secretary to the Retreat Planning Team. - Cleveland representative on the Board, Shem Center For Interfaith Spirituality, Chicago. - Produce videos for Passion Sunday, Lent, 150th Gala, etc. for in-church or online. - Editor of "Malachi Matters" newsletter to donors. - Cantor Saturdays, holydays, Funerals, Taizè, and sing Mass of Remembrance and Christmas/Easter. - Lector. - And the huge black sack you see me lugging out is to recycle Bulletins, other papers, and yearly the ton of outdated Breaking Bread hymnals!

Gifts are given to be shared. I'd give you my best ideas and energy.



Directory Update

Starting this weekend, we are asking members to fill out a brief form to assist us in publishing a new directory. We are asking that **all** complete the form, to update parish records. If you do not want your information in the directory, you can indicate your preference on the form. Please return completed forms by May 31st.



Do you want to complete the form electronically?
Use QR code above or
<https://bit.ly/STMALDirectory>