

Parish Council Elections – June 8, 2008

Bios for 9:30 Liturgy Candidates

Jay Brown –

I'm 48 years old, a scientist at Johns Hopkins, married to Dr Jacqueline Brown (Jackie), and father of Nicholas and Jessica Brown. I've been a member of St. Vincent's since completing RCIA being confirmed here in 1990 – eighteen years ago attending the 9:30 liturgy service. St. Vincent de Paul church is my place of worship, and oh so much more. My wife and I watched my children grow up here. For us all – it's home; its members – family. I've been a music minister, Lector, Eucharistic minister, and quite active in rest of St V life (Seder, Vigil, etc) too. During that time I've made deep and abiding friendships, grown and (hopefully) matured as a person - from being one of the "young 20-something people" to one year removed from being an empty nester with my wife. I'd like to believe that with those years has come wisdom. I love my faith – I love being Catholic. I love my church; St. Vincent's is like no other. I'd love nothing better than the opportunity to use some of that wisdom, that love of my faith and love of my church, to serve St. Vincent's and her parish, as a parish council representative for the 9:30 liturgy.

Jim Casey –

Bill Chase –

Ed Guy –

St. Vincent's has been my home since the late 1970's. I was married here, my wife and children and I received the Sacraments here, sometimes for the first time. In times of illness and death, particularly Dawn, the people of St V's have been a source of strength and inspiration to me. I consider us Family. I have also shared my gifts with the Family by serving in a variety of ways: Lector, Education Committee, Liturgy for Youth - Pre-K instruction, Fund Raising, Christmas & Easter set-up, and Cup-washing. (I also have a close relation with the Easter Bunny.) I have also served the Community at large: *National Alliance on Mental Illness* – Metropolitan Baltimore, (<http://www.nami.org/sites/NAMIMetroBaltimore>) – Member of the Board of Directors; Executive Committee, Secretary; Finance and Administration Committee; Investment Committee Chairman; Certified instructor for the Family to Family Education Course; Fundraising; - *Kiwanis Club of Reisterstown*, 11 years, (<http://www.reistertownkiwanisa.org/public/Index.aspx>) – President, two terms; Assistant Treasurer; Member of the Board of Directors, six terms; Program Committee Chairman; Community Service Committee Chairman; Fundraising Chairman; - *Gardens at Owings Mills* – Member of the Board of Directors, 2 terms. I have been employed for over 27 years in the commercial insurance industry, with the last 11 years as an underwriter and corporate trainer. My education includes an M.S. in Business Administration and M.B.A., both from the University of Baltimore. As a social moderate and a fiscal conservative, I look to support Parish growth and progress, protecting the historic nature of this building and its place in the Community as a structure and a stabilizing influence. The issue of The Park is of great concern to many people. This is an evolving issue that requires balance, the needs of the Park People and the needs of the Parish. We cannot sacrifice one for the other . . . everyone loses. I hope to continue to serve the family of St. Vincent De Paul Church as a Member of the Parish Council.

Peggy McMillan –

Peggy has been a member of the St Vincent's Church and Community since 1994. She attends the 9:30 Sunday service with her husband, Mark, and eight-year-old son, Matthew. At St Vincent's she is

active in the Education Committee, Women in Ministry, and Liturgy of the Word for Youth. Ms. McMillan works as a social worker in Baltimore County.

Dennis McMullin –

I have lived in Ellicott City, Maryland since the summer of 1969. Initially, I joined the St. Paul Ellicott City Parish. However, when the parish split in the early 1970s, I went with Church of the Resurrection. During my time at Resurrection I served on the Liturgy Committee for about four years, was an adult volunteer for the Youth Ministry for eight years and was named the parish Volunteer of the Year in 2002 by the archdiocese. As a two term parish council member for Resurrection, I have some knowledge, understanding, and experience of how a council functions. Furthermore, I served as a Eucharistic Minister for many years and frequently return to Resurrection on Palm Sunday to participate in the “Passion Play.” As a St. V parish member for only several years, I have been a member of the Education Committee and helped Rita with her many responsibilities while she was president. Recently, Rita and I became Eucharistic Ministers. Finally, I will strive to uphold the mission that the St. V’s family so strongly advocates, supports, and actively follows, as your council representative.

Rita Simon Miskelly McMullin –

I have lived in Maryland all of my life, and I have been a member of St. Vincent’s almost that long (since 1966). The only thing I keep changing is my last name. As a member of the Education Committee since my first child was about 3 (since ’81), I have been chair and co-chair of the committee and assisted my first husband (Wayne) in organizing the Spring Retreat for about 8 years. As a Mom and long after my children have grown, I have been volunteering during the Liturgy of the Word for Youth on Sunday mornings – also since Gregg was about 3 years old (since its inception, I believe). I have volunteered to teach during the summer Faith, Fun, Fellowship for a number of years. More recently, I organized the volunteer list for Coffee Klatch this year, and I contacted and organized the Speaker Series for the Education Committee (together with pot lucks) from October to May.

Kevin O’Reilly –

I’m Kevin O’Reilly. I’m also known as “Anne’s dad” – the little girl who likes to dance at the back of church during Mass. I’ve been coming to St. V’s for at least 14 years (the age of my oldest son). Over the years I have helped with Liturgy of the Word for Youth, the Peace and Justice Committee, and Habitat for Humanity. I come to St. V’s on Sunday because, while there, I find a sense of community and a sense of peace.

Mary Packard -

It is an honor to be nominated for the possibility of being a part of parish council. My husband, John Helie, and I, along with our three children, Colleen (15), Molly (13), and Aidan (10) have been in the parish for three years. It is a privilege to be part of this community with such vibrant and meaningful liturgy and charged with rich and compassionate relationships. In my professional work, my call to care is lived through 25 years as a nurse educator in the area of psychiatry and leadership—presently at Villa Julie College. My students and I have named our classroom meeting place, “The Listening Space.” I have enjoyed, also, the Listening Space created when the children at St. V’s and I gather for Liturgy of the Word for Youth. It is time for me to enter more fully into the life of the parish and to serve with care.