



The Christ Church Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the slate for the upcoming Annual Meeting election that will be held on Sunday, January 26 after the 10:00 am service. This meeting elects a Warden, three Vestry members, a Delegate to Diocesan Convention and an Alternate Delegate. It also provides an opportunity to hear how things are going at Christ Church, shares information regarding the plans for the future and gives thanks to our retiring Vestry members and committee leaders. Proxy ballots will be sent out to all eligible voters. Proxy ballots can be mailed or put in the locked mailbox off the rectory driveway at the back door. Ballots must be received by January 26 at 11:00 am. Floor nominations can be submitted in addition to the slate.

We continue to use the process known as a single slate. The Vestry adopted this process in July of 2009 after a 3-year trial. Even with a single slate of candidates, your vote is needed: It is your way of endorsing our Wardens, Vestry and Diocesan Delegates. Each of the nominees has committed him or herself to serving our parish for terms that range from as much as 3 years for a Vestry Member or Diocesan Delegate, to a single year for the Alternate Diocesan Delegate. They will be making decisions that affect all members of our parish and knowing that they have your support is important.

Qualifications to Vote at Parish Meetings

“Persons of eighteen years of age or more, belonging to the parish, who have been baptized and are regular attendants of its worship and contributors of its support for at least twelve months prior to such annual or parish meeting or since the establishment of such parish, shall be qualified voters at such annual or special meeting unless the Charter of By-Laws shall specify otherwise.”

Diocesan Canon 17, Section 2(c)

Nominations from the Floor

Should any member of the parish wish to nominate further members for the parish of any of these positions, nominations from the floor can be submitted up to and including the opening of the Annual Meeting on January 26.

The process for making a nomination from the floor is as follows: a person who has been a member of the parish for at least one year and actively supports the parish may make a nomination. The nominee must meet the requirements for the office (criteria may be obtained from Suzanne Lee, Chair of the Nominating Committee or through the church office) and the nominee must agree to stand for election. Five additional members of the parish (in attendance for at least one year and actively supporting the parish) must second the nomination. Anyone planning to make a nomination from the floor is encouraged to do so early in order that the additional nominee(s) can be included in the proxy ballots.

Meet the Candidates, Sunday, January 12 after the 8:00 and 10:00 am services, in the Fellowship Room.



Nicole DeBraul: Candidate for Warden (2-year term)

Having been a member of Christ Church Pittsford for 13 years, I've had the pleasure of serving on the Vestry, Stewardship Committee, assisting in Sunday School, and most recently on the Rector Search Committee. Our welcoming community, spirit of inclusivity, and deep faith in God's love for all constantly inspire me to carry those same principles into all my interactions beyond our church walls.

As a parish, we have an exciting new chapter ahead, as well as challenges to overcome. My background in health and wellness, communications, change management, and non-profit development all provide unique skills to apply to the role of warden. I'd be honored to serve as warden to ensure Kevin Gore has the support he needs during his transition and to help us grow in both faith and reach.

My son, Nathan (16), and I reside in Brighton. Outside of church, you'll find me volunteering with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, enjoying nature with my dog, or on the side of a tennis court cheering Nathan on!



Jeff LaBarge: Candidate for Vestry (3 year term)

Jeff began attending services at Christ Church Pittsford in 2023 and was confirmed in 2024. Jeff is a Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Constellation Brands, Inc. Prior to joining CBI, Jeff was a partner at the law firm of Nixon Peabody LLP.

Jeff grew up in Blue Point, NY (Suffolk County, Long Island), received a BS from SUNY Stony Brook and a JD from Rutgers Law School. Jeff and his wife Kristen live in Pittsford, NY with Kristen's two children Ella (20) and Brendan (17). Jeff has two children from a prior marriage: Madison (24) and Sasha (21). In his free time, Jeff likes to exercise, read and play drums.



Laura Norris: Candidate for Vestry (3 year term)

One fine Sunday in 1999, my family started and ended our "church search" with one visit to Christ Church. This is where I found my first true church home. My life has been deeply enriched by the worship, music, wonderful parish community, and fellowship here. I've also learned a tremendous amount and made great friends serving in a variety of ways over the years: Outreach Committee, Sunday School, Altar Guild, Lay Reader, Greeter, Bell Choir, Usher, Diocesan Delegate, and Counter. This church is very important to me and our community, so I'm looking forward to serving Christ Church on the Vestry.

My husband, Ron, and I live in Pittsford; we have one daughter. Outside of church, by day, I work as a Sr. Project Director in Xerox Financial Services managing Capital Market Operations and I serve on the Finance Committee of Young Women's College Prep Charter School. By night (or very early morning), I like to exercise, read, knit, sing, and play the ukulele.



Maria Haar: Candidate for Vestry (3 year term)

I was raised in a suburb of Syracuse and moved to Penfield in 2001. My husband Patrick and I joined Christ Church Pittsford in 2011, after deciding to leave the Roman Catholic tradition. We have a wonderful adult daughter (Madeleine) and son-in-law (Nishant).

During my time at Christ Church, I have recently been a lector and previously was a member of the choir, which I enjoyed immensely. For the past ten years, I have worked for a local architecture and engineering firm, where I am currently a senior proposal coordinator. I enjoy reading, cooking, practicing yoga, and traveling to Europe. I am honored to be considered as a Candidate for Vestry, and will appreciate gaining insight into the work of the church. I look forward to meeting and working with my fellow vestry members.



Gay Greene: Candidate for Delegate to Diocesan Convention (3 year term)

“We all have many “families” in our lives...the ones we’re born into, ones we become part of via marriage, ones we “choose” due to special friendships, work “families”, parish “families”...and one we often don’t think about, the larger “family” of the Diocese of Rochester! I have had the privilege of serving as a delegate to the Rochester diocese on 2 occasions- once from St Michael’s in Geneseo (where we had to choose a Bishop like our delegates did this past year) and once from Christ Church. I thank you for nominating me again.

My husband, Bob Goeckel, and I have been members of Christ Church Pittsford since 1999. I served on the Vestry, am a reader, counter and a substitute usher when we are in Rochester, am a member of the Parish Life committee, have served on several discernment committees and assisted with Sunday School and Youth Group when our son, Andrew Goeckel, was involved in both activities. What a wonderful parish we have - our son calls Christ Church his spiritual home and we feel blessed that he continues to attend on his own! I am a lifelong Episcopalian and am even a “preacher’s kid” as my father was called to the ministry later in life and ordained when I was a junior in high school. So, the Episcopal church is part of my “DNA.” With Bob’s retirement, we find ourselves experiencing some lifestyle changes...we snowbird part of the year in FL. and also spend most of the summer in MI at a cottage built by Bob’s grandfather...but in between, we return to Rochester as this has been home for over 40 years!! Being nominated for Diocesan Delegate is a perfect fit time-wise for me to continue to serve the congregation of Christ Church and our Diocese Thank you for considering me for the position of Diocesan delegate.”

The Enlightener (Election 2025)



Kim Schaff: Candidate for Alternate Delegate to Diocesan Convention (1 year term)

I am a cradle Episcopalian. My husband, Cork Young, and I have two adult children. For close to 30 years, my family and I have been members of Christ Church, Pittsford. At Christ Church, I have been a Sunday School teacher, an adult leader of the Youth Group and a member of the Altar Guild. Currently, I am a member of the Outreach Committee, a Counter, and an Usher.

Prior to moving to Brighton, we lived in the South Wedge, and were members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (part of the Calvary St. Andrew's parish). At St. Andrew's, I was a Chalice Bearer, member of the Altar Guild, a member of the Vestry and then Warden. I have been a member of our Diocesan Council, and served multiple terms as a Delegate to the Diocesan Convention, including the convention where we elected Bill Burrill as Bishop. I have been the Warden of the Rochester Deanery. I have also been a member of the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Church Home. As I am recently retired, I am happy to serve as an Alternate Delegate to the upcoming Diocesan Convention.



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