

# St. Patrick's Episcopal Church



## Vestry & Convention Delegate Nominees 2026

This publication was produced by St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. The following individuals have been nominated to be on the vestry or serve as diocesan convention delegates. Each candidate was asked to answer these three questions:

- What has been your involvement with St. Patrick's and why are you interested in serving on the vestry?
- What skills and insights do you bring to the task of serving on vestry?
- What do you envision for the church in the next three to five years?

# Vestry Nominees

## Tom Jones

### **1. What has been your involvement with St. Patrick's and why are you interested in serving on the vestry?**

I've been involved in a variety of activities at St. Patrick's as well as for the broader Diocese of Southern Ohio. They include Bishop Search Committee (Diocesan), Commission on Ministry (Diocesan), Men's Group, Pledge Drive, Senior Warden, Usher, Vestry Member, Welcome Ministry, Choir, Garage Sale, Check Signer, and Youth Group. I'm interested in serving on Vestry as our church is entering a very exciting phase. As St. Patrick's continues to grow, a focus on furthering the development of small groups is critically important for helping members feel valued and connected, as well as supporting our ministry leaders so that there are others available to step in before burnout takes its toll. Finally, we must champion the funding needed for us to continue to do God's work here in Dublin and the surrounding community.



### **2. What skills and insights do you bring to the task of serving on vestry?**

I combine strong analytical abilities with empathy. Over the past five years as a consultant, I have leveraged these skills to drive successful growth for a start-up organization. Each new ministry can be likened to a start-up, requiring clear vision, deliberate planning, commitment, and thoughtful guidance. A concerning insight is that as successfully as we welcome new members through the front door, we lose some existing members through the back door. Enhancing connectedness within our community, particularly through improved small group engagement, can play a critical role in retaining members and fostering long-term involvement.

### **3. What do you envision for the church in the next three to five years?**

I anticipate a vibrant church consisting of members who care for each other as well as the communities in which they live. I see growth commensurate with our ability to fund it. We will function in a world of continued political strife, both abroad but also within our own country and locale. We'll need to respect each other's differences of opinion while relying on Christ's requirement to love one another. Our strength will come from our collective commitment rather than individual leadership, as we aim to embody the best version of a beloved community.

# Eryn Kindelin



## **1. What has been your involvement with St. Patrick's and why are you interested in serving on the vestry?**

My involvement with St. Patrick's began in 2017, when my husband John and I started attending the 4pm services on Sundays. At the time, we were newly engaged and looking for a church home. Since then, we have grown to regularly attend worship, participate in parish events (such as Fish Fry dinners, and VBS), and have built meaningful relationships within the congregation. Through these experiences, I've come to appreciate the strong sense of community, faith, and service that defines St. Patrick's. I'm

interested in serving on the vestry because I care deeply about the future of the parish (particularly growing with young families) and want to contribute my time, skills, and perspective to support its mission. Serving on the vestry feels like a natural way to give back, help with thoughtful decision-making, and ensure St. Patrick's continues to grow as a welcoming and faithful community.

## **2. What skills and insights do you bring to the task of serving on vestry?**

I bring strong listening, communication, and collaboration skills to serving on the vestry, along with a thoughtful and organized approach to decision-making. As a mother to young sons, and an elementary school teacher, I'm eager to help foster a community for our young families. I'm comfortable working with different perspectives to arrive at solutions that serve the best interests of the parish. I also bring a willingness to learn, a sense of responsibility, and a genuine commitment to supporting the mission and ministries of St. Patrick's.

## **3. What do you envision for the church in the next three to five years?**

Over the next three to five years, I envision St. Patrick's continuing to grow as a spiritually grounded, welcoming, and engaged community. I hope to continue and build upon our vibrant, well-supported children's and youth ministries that help young people build a lasting relationship with God and feel a genuine sense of belonging in the church. I also envision the parish investing in leaders, resources, and programs that ensure these ministries are sustainable and responsive to the needs of today's families, strengthening the church for generations to come.

## Caroline S. Wagner

### 1. What has been your involvement with St. Patrick's and why are you interested in serving on the vestry?

During my nine years as a member of St. Patrick's, I have served across multiple ministries: most recently on the Stewardship Committee 2025, where I helped organize the church dinner celebrating 25 years of worship in our beautiful sanctuary. As a longtime member of Bread Ministry, I have welcomed many visitors seeking fellowship. I have been pleased to serve on the Newcomers Committee and to have led the creation of the Newcomers' Corner in the Narthex. I also served on the Discernment Committee and the Wellness Committee, helping to maintain the bulletin board in Smith Hall.



This breadth of involvement has given me a view of how our parish ministries interconnect—and also where they might be strengthened through more intentional coordination. I am drawn to vestry service because I feel called to move from supporting individual programs to helping discern the direction of our parish as a whole. Vestry work offers the opportunity to think prayerfully about how our resources, facilities, and people can best serve God's purposes in this community.

### 2. What skills and insights do you bring to the task of serving on vestry?

My academic background includes degrees in theology and public policy, and my professional work focuses on program evaluation and strategic planning—skills directly applicable to vestry responsibilities such as reviewing budgets, assessing ministry effectiveness, and planning capital improvements. I am a longtime reader of Christian philosophy and history, which grounds my understanding of how the church has navigated institutional challenges across centuries.

Insights from my life experience include understanding and helping families affected by addiction, especially through 12-step spirituality. This has taught me the importance of meeting people where they are and creating communities where vulnerability is welcomed rather than hidden.

### 3. What do you envision for the church in the next three to five years

St. Patrick's can help meet the spiritual hunger of this world by welcoming seekers of *all kinds*. My vision includes continuing our efforts to welcome newcomers and retain current members. Opening our doors to neighbors through contemplative offerings—meditation groups, discussion series, quiet days—would extend our reach while remaining true to our identity.

I would also like to see us expand aid to local families and enhance services to young families in our congregation. Achieving these aspirations will require careful stewardship of our physical plant and financial resources. I am prepared to engage with the temporal realities—budgets, maintenance, personnel—that make mission possible, understanding that faithful administration is itself a form of ministry.



# Diocesan Convention Delegates

## Mary Edwards



### **1. What has been your involvement with St. Patrick's and why are you interested in serving as a convention delegate?**

I've been attending St. Pat's for 10 (ish) years. For most of that I've been a member of the choir, helped organize Foyer groups, served at Coffee Hour and provided some special dinners (stewardship event and Way of Love). I'm honored to be nominated to participate in the Diocesan Convention, to represent the consensus vision of St. Patrick's as Diocesan leaders deliberate on issues facing the Diocese and the faithful.

### **2. What skills and insights do you bring to the task of serving on vestry?**

I place a high value on open-minded exchange of views to determine policies that will work best overall. As a writer/journalist, I try to use research, reason and consultation with others to arrive as close to the truth as possible.

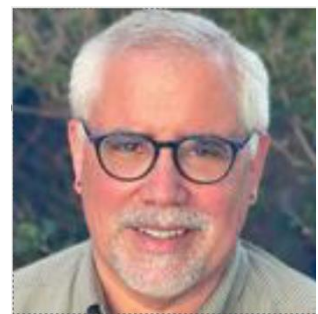
### **3. What do you envision for the church in the next three to five years?**

I'm thrilled and encouraged to see new young families come to St. Patrick's, even as so many founding members remain active and influential. I hope to see that growth continue. I also value our work for social justice and our willingness to speak and act on its behalf and hope that will continue.

## Randy Edwards

### **1. What has been your involvement with St. Patrick's and why are you interested in serving as a delegate to the Diocesan Convention?**

My wife, Mary, and I joined St. Patrick's 8-10 years ago, after many years in the Catholic Church. I was received into the Episcopal Church in 2020 by Bishop Price. I'm in my second year of a three-year term on vestry. I'm a lector and lay reader, serve at coffee hour, lead the Creation Care ministry and have helped in the past with the Newcomers' Ministry. After several years of serving at the congregation level, I'd like to learn more about the broader Episcopal Church, beginning with the Diocese.



### **2. What skills and insights do you bring to the Diocesan Convention?**

I've spent my career in journalism and communications, and my strongest skills involve facilitating communication and collaboration. Based upon the many ministries and the enthusiastic engagement in them, this congregation demonstrates a commitment to a

“community” that extends beyond the church’s membership. Bishop White has spoken a great deal about building beloved community through addressing issues of hunger and education and fostering civil discourse. I'd like to bring the St. Pat's experiences in these areas to the Diocesan conversation.



**Ginny Engel**-No information submitted.

**Sandy Wilson**

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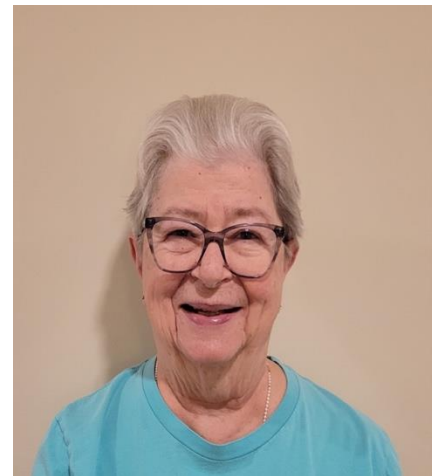
At St. Patrick’s I am a member of a Sacred Circle group and a member of the Altar Guild. I began in an altar guild in 1973, so my interest is long standing. I enjoy helping new members of the Altar Guild learn the ways of Altar Guild (and the sometimes-strange names for church items).

**2. What skills and insights do you bring to the task of serving as a convention delegate?**

I have been a delegate to convention in other dioceses, so I appreciate the opportunity to share experiences with people from other churches and better understand the workings of our diocese. I helped implement the Altar Guild for the service of installation of Bishop White, so I already have some contacts beyond St. Patrick’s that I hope to renew and expand.

**3. What do you envision for the church in the next three to five years?**

I hope we will continue to expand services for inclusion of people who cannot get to church on their own.



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