

## 2015 Leadership Bios

**Vestry Officers:** *The following list of names will be presented to be elected to a one (1) year term.*

### **Senior Warden: Beverly Giarusso**

Bev is a lifelong Episcopalian and has been a member of St. Francis since the days when services were held in the yellow house. During her years at St. Francis she has taught Sunday school, shopped for Mustard Seed, worked annually on the Church Mouse Fair, served on the vestry, and helped a group of teenagers build the labyrinth in the back yard of St. Clare House. Currently she is co-director of the Altar Guild, is involved in the nursing home ministry, ushers at the Saturday service and has completed a two year term as Junior Warden. She is now retired after 35 years as a Middle School math teacher in the Worcester Public Schools. Bev lives in West Boylston with her husband Vincent – also a WPS retiree. They have one grown son, Richard.

### **Junior Warden: Brian Gemborys**

Brian has been a member of St. Francis since 2009. He is a software engineer in Waltham and lives in Shrewsbury with his family. Brian has served on Vestry for two years and serves as an usher. Brian's wife Meagan co-chairs the church nursery. Their children, Henry, age 5, and Hazel, age 3, attend church school. Brian is excited about this opportunity to serve the St. Francis community.

### **Clerk: Dawn Rooke**

Brian and Dawn have lived in Holden for 24 years and have attended St. Francis for 22 years. They feel blessed to have been able to raise their three children, Kiersten (25), Connor (24), and Jonathan (21), in this wonderful church that places such a strong emphasis on supporting, nurturing and honoring its youth. During her years at St. Francis, she has been involved with the Meal Connection, Newcomer/Fellowship Committee, and served four years on the vestry. She is currently serving a third term as a convention delegate and has been the clerk of the vestry for the past seven years. She looks forward to continuing to serve this parish as clerk of the vestry.

### **Treasurer: Roz Glanville**

Roz & Pete Glanville have been attending St. Francis for the past 40 years. I have served on the vestry before and am a member of the altar guild for many years. We raised our family in this church and now enjoy bringing our grandchildren to church.

**Vestry:** *The following list of names will be presented to serve 3 three-year terms*

### **Lucy Nowak**

Lucy Moved to Jefferson over 30 years ago when she married her husband John, a native of Holden. She currently works at Umass Memorial Hospital in the outpatient pharmacy as a technician. Lucy and John joined St. Francis 32 years ago. They have two grown sons, Josh and Alex who were baptized and confirmed at St. Francis. They also served as Acolytes during their youth. Lucy taught Sunday School and served in the nursery over the years. She now serves on the Alter Guild and ushers at the 5:00 service with John. Lucy feels blessed to part of the St. Francis family and is honored to be considered to serve on the Vestry.

### **Luanne Westerling**

Luanne and John joined St. Francis in 2010, were confirmed in spring, 2011 and they were married by Jill in July, 2011. Luanne is the Associate Dean of Business at Nichols College, Dudley, MA and John is the Director of Public Works for Hopkinton, MA. Luanne served on the Pastor Search Committee, and both she and John serve as ushers and have enjoyed becoming more involved at St. Francis by participating in various mission events, as well as the annual "Guess Who's Coming for Dinner". Both are both long time Holden residents and reside in Holden with their two daughters Despina (23) and Deanna (19). St. Francis has been a welcoming and positive addition to our lives, and Luanne looks forward to providing continued support to St. Francis' mission, and is honored to serve with the Vestry team.

**David Williams**

David Williams is a retired school teacher and a life-long Episcopalian. Having grown up in Worcester he was baptized at St. Matthew's and confirmed at St. Michael's-on-the Heights where he was an acolyte and active in youth groups. After he and his wife Susan were married, they moved to Rutland to raise their four children. In the mid 90's they attended St. John's Episcopal Church where they administered the Interfaith Coalition Program "Hope for Housing" food cards until that parish sadly closed its doors. Five years ago Sue and Dave joined St. Francis's and one of their more special moments came when the hands of their children and grandchildren were placed on Sue as Bishop Scruton welcomed her into the Episcopalian family. Sue and Dave are regulars at the 8:00 service. They continued their work in the "Hope for Housing" program. They have suggested and participated in several book studies. Sue participates in the Prayer Shawl Ministry and soon will be a member of the Altar Guild. As a couple they hope to continue their service to the Lord by being active members of the Parish of St. Francis.

**Diocesan Convention:** *The following list of names will be presented to serve 1 year terms*

**Beverly Giarusso:** see bio above

**Dawn Rooke:** see bio above

**Dick Delorme**

My wife and I have been members of St. Francis for 23 years. I was Junior Warden and then Senior Warden during Rich's first four years at St. Francis. I then served as Treasurer for four years. I participated in the election of Doug Fisher as our Bishop. The ministry-oriented culture and spiritual aliveness of St. Francis are what make me want to continue serving in my current capacity. I also want to participate in guiding the diocese in the direction that Bishop Fisher wants to take us.

**Diocesan Convention Alternates:** *The following list of names will be presented to serve 1 year terms*

**Brian Gemborys:** see bio above

**Kathleen O'Connor**

Kathleen E. O'Connor and her family have been members of St. Francis since 1992. She has served as Junior and Senior warden: a variety of property and stewardship committees; coordinator of Senior luncheons for 16 years; chair of Capital Campaign committee which raised over \$310,000 in 2008 to renovate the worship space, Memorial Garden, repairs to buildings, and tithe to the El Salvador mission project; delegate to the former Ecumenical Council; member of the former Covenant Commission (Episcopal, Lutheran and Roman Catholic). She is currently serving as a Lay Reader/LEM; chair of the Memorial Garden Committee; and, the Diocesan Disciplinary Board. Kathleen lives in Holden with her husband, Tom Ritacco, and has two adult children, and five adult step children. Kathleen is an estate planning/elder law attorney in Worcester.