

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT VESTRY NOMINEES

MICHAEL HIGGINS

Michael and Jennifer were married at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, Boynton Beach. They have five children, Patrick, Daniel, Andrew, Katherine, and Matthew, and seven grandchildren, Justin, Mia, Charles, Edward, Mariah, Hayden, and Emma. Michael has been in the Construction Industry for 42 years.

Michael is a lifelong Episcopalian. He was baptized, confirmed, served as an Acolyte, and married at St. Joseph's, Boynton Beach. He served 2 terms as a Vestry member and 1 term as the Junior Warden and was the Chairman of the Young Couples Club, Men's Club, and Parish Campers. From 1998-2018 he was a member at All Saints', Jensen Beach and was the Chairman of the Search Committee that called Fr. Frisby Hendricks as the Rector. Michael and Jennifer joined the Church of the Advent in the fall of 2018.

JIM LAMMIE

I am a mechanical engineer with many years of high speed automated machinery design and project leadership. I have been an engineering manager and managed tooling and maintenance groups.

I have been a member of Church of the Advent for several years. I have been a member of the choir and currently serve as a Eucharistic minister. I have served on various ministry teams and am working towards becoming a Verger which involves supporting the church services and the priest for many of the church activities. I have been a member of the Christian Motorcycle Association for twelve years, having served as an officer and lay minister. I am currently filling a vacated Vestry position and feel led by the Holy Spirit to continue on the Vestry to serve our church and community.

ELAINE LAVALLEE

I have been a member of our church since 2014. I'm excited by what I see happening in our church under Fr. Paul's leadership, and am committed to helping our church to grow and prosper in every way. The skills and experience I would bring to the vestry could make a positive contribution toward that goal.

I have extensive experience negotiating contracts and invoices, seeing projects through to completion; strong written and verbal communication skills; creative thinker; honest and reliable. I work well with others and enjoy contributing to the successful achievement of individual and collective goals.

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After graduating from the University of Connecticut, B.S. degree, I was employed by several companies in the financial printing industry, 1980-2003. My customers were executives from Fortune 500 companies, attorneys in corporate law firms, and investment bankers. Worked closely with customer service and production teams on behalf of my customers to facilitate the process of producing documents required for public offerings, tender offers, mergers and other SEC-regulated transactions, often under extreme time and production pressures. Regularly negotiated work/cost proposals and final invoices that exceeded \$1 million.

My volunteer activities have consisted of weekly miscellaneous office chores for Beth Shires, (2014-2017); Prayer Shawl Ministry; Fashion Show; Vacation Bible School; Reader; Greeter; Oblation Bearer; visits, calls and cards to the sick/lonely. In February, I will begin serving as a member of the Altar Guild. In my community, I have been a member of the Resident Aid Committee since 2015 and facilitate a weekly Bible Study Group. While attending St. Mary's Church in Clinton, CT, I led a monthly Bereavement Support Group and served on the "Ways and Means" Committee.

VICTOR LUGO

Victor left his native Cuba with his family at a young age soon after the Castro regime took an actively hostile attitude towards those who practiced religion. He settled in Miami and went to school in South Florida, becoming an engineer twice [civil (MDC), and electrical (FAU)] and also attended Nova Southeastern U for his MBA.

An 11-year stint with Florida Power & Light lead to executive positions with Burger King Corp and Carnival Cruise Lines overseeing all corporate construction. He left the corporate world to become a consultant, offering internationally his services to upscale clients as an expert problem solver for large developments. His travels took him to a diversity of places; from Bangkok, Phuket and Paris, to idyllic Caribbean islands like St. Bart's, Vieques and Anguilla, to many places throughout the great United States. He truly enjoyed the different cultures and learning from them and marvels at how close to each other the internet brings us.

A fairly recent transplant to Port St Lucie, he enjoys sharing all the good things that life brings his way with his lovely wife, Ruby, and granddaughter, Annette. Among these are going to church, listening to different types of music, working out, watching movies and Jeopardy, and meeting people. He is also a keen photographer who, through his camera lens, finds beauty in everything.

One of his favorite quotes: "God bless us, everyone!"