

VESTRY CANDIDATES 2025

Jennifer Polon

Jennifer Polon is native to South Carolina. She moved to Charleston for Nursing school in 2000. She met Dan Polon and they courted often at the evening service at St. Michael's. The Polon's have two children, Maddelle and Adam ages 17 and 15. Jennifer has served throughout the years at coffee hour, shawl guild and the Security team. Jennifer has been a cardiac nurse for 22 years at Roper Hospital. On her days off, she enjoys cooking, hiking, gardening and tending to her chickens.



Clayton Taylor

I'm Clayton Taylor, and you may know me from my time ushering in the balcony at St. Michael's, where my mother Dorothy "Dottie Teeter" attends with me. I was born in Gordonsville, Virginia, and spent my early years in Orange, VA before moving to New Orleans for 13 years while I attended school. I graduated from the University of Kentucky with a BBA in Marketing and a minor in Communications. After college, I lived briefly in Charlotte and Columbia,

eventually settling in Mt. Pleasant in the spring of 1989. I'm married to Elizabeth Brooks Taylor, originally from New Orleans, and we have a wonderful daughter, Grace, who is currently a junior at Ashley Hall. My church journey began at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Orange, VA where my family has deep roots. I found my way to St. Michael's after being invited to attend Alpha in 2000, and I've been a member ever since, serving as an usher for over a decade. A few experiences that have strengthened my faith include my long-standing membership in the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant—where I've served for 31 years, including a life-changing water missions trip to Ecuador—and the challenges and joys surrounding the birth of our daughter Grace, who is truly a blessing. Additionally, I've been part of a Tuesday morning men's group for over 15 years. The Rotary motto, "service above self," resonates with me, and I would be honored to serve as a vestry member at St. Michael's.

John McElroy

John McElroy was born in Wilson, NC, and raised in Raleigh. His early years were shaped by a love for athletics, time at the beach, and a strong relationship with his church family at Christ Episcopal Church. After graduating from Wofford College in 2005, John moved to Charleston and began attending St. Michael's alongside his brother, Richard McElroy, who currently serves on the vestry. Over the years, John has participated in Alpha, small groups, The Gate (young adults ministry), and served as an usher at the 6 pm service. John's career began in



the real estate development industry, but has been working in real estate technology since 2010. In 2016, John met his wife, Alex Creason, a Columbia, SC native. They were married at St. Michael's in 2018 and are now the proud parents of two daughters, Capers (5) and Charlotte (2). As a family, they enjoy time outdoors—beaches, boats, bikes, and parks, but most of all, love spending time with family and friends. St. Michael's has been foundational in John's journey as a Christian, a husband, and a father. He is honored to be considered

for vestry service and is committed to supporting the mission and spiritual growth of the church community that has played such a meaningful role in his life.

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Jack Steele

I was born and raised in Statesville, NC. I attended Davidson College (Economics, BA) and Vanderbilt University School of Law, where I was the Associate Editor of the Law Review. I served 8 years in the US Army Reserve. I worked in business litigation for law firms in Winston-Salem and Charlotte, NC. Prior to moving to Charleston, I attended several churches in NC and in Bluffton, SC, where I volunteered as a Sunday School class leader, outreach volunteer, and on the finance committee. My wife Melanie and I began attending St. Michael's in 2019. In that time, I have served as the John's Island PODZ host, been a reader at the 11 am service, and am active in the Mustard Seed Ministry. I enjoy competition sporting clays shooting and showing greyhounds at American Kennel Club shows.

Richard McElroy

I was born and raised in Raleigh, NC, and was a member of Christ Episcopal Church. After finishing school, I moved to Charleston in 2005, engaged to my now wife Katherine, and took a job in real estate development. We would marry in the fall of that year and quickly found a home at St. Michael's in the 6:00 service, which as we both admit, unequivocally brought us back to church. In our effort to fully reengage, we became deeply involved with ALPHA, which led us into a cherished Life Group, and eventually into leadership roles in The Gate and Financial Peace. Katherine and I have three children, Mac, Gray and Eve. We enjoy spending as much time as we can on the water and traveling together as a family. After a short career in real estate, I began working for Marsh in 2008, in the commercial insurance industry where I remain employed today.



Chris Sosnowski

My life at St. Michael's began longer ago than I want to believe - suffice to say I was about 6 years old at the time! I attended Sunday School religiously, so to speak, sang in the children's choir, and served as an acolyte and crucifer. I enjoyed being a member of youth groups and weekend retreats for young people. As an adult, I have gone through Cursillo and been on team several times, attended Alpha and other programs, served as usher and now am on the Safety Team. When, as a teenager, I was given a choice, I turned away from regular church attendance, and grappled with questions of faith. Having children brought my attendance up, as I wanted my daughters to experience church so that they could make educated decisions of their own. Eventually, I had a lightning strike experience at a Men's Conference at Camp St. Christopher, and have been walking with my Savior ever since! All good things that have happened to me since came from that moment. My faith since has sustained me through the worst events in my life. If called to serve, I will do so gladly and with a whole heart to protect the sanctity of the man-written but God-inspired truth of the Bible.

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Mikell Scarborough

St. Michael's Member since 1993, Usher Chairman (1995-2007), Lay Eucharistic Minister since 2006, Vestry Member, 1998-2001, Senior Warden, 2016-2018, Alpha, Financial

Peace University, Cursillo #139, Cursillo #151 Team Member, Kanuga Parish Weekend coordinator with Mary in 2010, Small Group Member, Men's Ski Trip, VBS Mission Trip with Ross to Dominican Republic in 2007, Participant in St. Michael's Christmas Pageant. Married to Mary LeMacks Scarborough since 1986, Three Children: Ross, Elizabeth & Thomas, Charleston County Master in Equity since 2003.

Joe Good, III

Joe Good, III is a native Charlestonian and long-time member of St. Michael's church. Joe serves as the acting solicitor for the church. A practicing attorney in Mt. Pleasant, Joe is



married to Dr. Elizabeth Good who teaches high school history at the Porter-Gaud School. Aside from his solo practice, Joe is a part-time public defender both in Berkeley County and on the Isle of Palms. Recently, Joe was awarded the lawyer-scientist designation by the American Chemical Society. The Goods have two children, Joe IV and Caroline. In his spare time, Joe enjoys playing golf, playing the drums both in contemporary church services and with friends, and spending time with his family.

Laura Gruber

A cradle member of St. Michael's since 1970, I enjoyed the unique perspective of seeing our Sunday School, Children's Choir, and Youth Group as both participant and parent. Robert and I are the proud parents of Laura, Cecilia, and Axel. It was my privilege to serve on the vestry as Junior Warden and Senior Warden, Communications Task Force Chairman, and member of the Strategic Planning Task Force. I have also served as Team Captain for the 10:30 Chapel Service, LEM, Adult Sunday School Teacher, and Confirmation class assistant. I have attended the last two (virtual) diocesan conventions as delegate.



Hal Frampton, IV

I am blessed to have grown up at St. Michael's and to continue worshipping there today. Growing up, I attended Sunday School, acolyted, sung in the children's choir, participated in EYC,

and went on a mission trip to Honduras after my senior year in high school. Since moving back to Charleston in 2008, I have served as Alpha coordinator and on the Alpha team, as director of the 6:00 p.m. service teams, and on a discernment committee for an individual heading to seminary. I am a member of a life group that began during the Alpha course in the Spring of 2009, and I have participated in Beta, the parenting course, and an Alpha leadership conference in Texas. Perhaps my most rewarding involvement to date has been helping to start the 9:00 a.m. service. I served on the Vestry from 2015 to 2020, as Secretary of the Vestry from 2016 to 2020, and as Chair of the Family Ministry Task Force from 2018 to 2020. My wife, Ashley, and I have four children.

Reeves Howard

I am the 5th generation of my family to belong to St. Michael's. Even though we didn't live here until I was 12 years old, my mother made it clear that this was always my home. This church has been the only constant in my life. I was baptized and confirmed here. Billy and I were married at St. Michael's in 2005. We have two children, Liam and Samantha who were both baptized here. Although I was raised going to church and participating in church community, I did not have a personal relationship with Christ until after the loss of my sister in 1999. God used this painful experience to reveal himself to me. I attend church regularly, read Scripture, pray daily, and seek to glorify God. I feel called to minister to people who have lost their faith, been hurt by people in the church, and those who are not personally connected to Christ. I do this primarily through my counseling practice, but also in my interaction with family and friends. We teach our children about Christ daily and practice our faith as a family. I help teach Sunday school. In the past, I have volunteered during VBS, been a Bell Ringer, and an usher. I would like to see the St. Michael's children's program grow. I am excited about the programs in place, and look forward to supporting its growth. I want St. Michael's to become even more a place of peace, community, and fellowship, where members all feel connected to and supported by one another.



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Hal Frampton, IV
Senior Warden

Reeves Howard
Junior Warden

2022-2025

Jack Steel
Richard McElroy
Chris Sosnowski

2023-2026

Robert Burnett
Mitch Watford
Reiley Jacobs
(2024-2026)

2024-2027

Pat McKinney
Caroline Riley
Anne Schaffer