

New St. Paul Parish Pastoral Council Members

Three candidates came forward to run for three open seats on the Parish Pastoral Council. Since a fourth (or more) candidate did not come forward, Father Drea has automatically appointed the three candidates who did come forward. Please meet our newly appointed Parish Pastoral Council members who will begin serving their terms in September 2011.



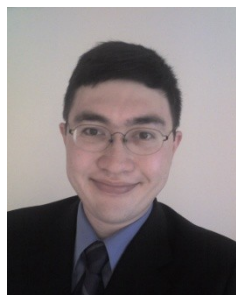
Peter Becker

Having grown up in an ecumenical household in Germany with a Catholic mother, a Lutheran and classicist father, and four vividly argumentative sisters, I came to the US in 1999 for graduate school at Harvard University. I began attending St. Paul in 2002, got married here to my lifelong-Catholic wife Christina in 2008, and came into full communion with the Catholic Church in 2010. After receiving my Ph. D., I have been serving as adjunct faculty for an honors program in History and Literature at Harvard and have recently started a brokerage company. As a result of my intellectual, familial, and religious life, I have become interested in creating spaces that would bring people of different age groups together, intergenerational communities that provide a more intimate structure of caretaking and approximate the interactions of the traditional extended family. I would like to bring these interests and passions to the Parish Council.



Marisa O'Boyle

Marisa Murphy O'Boyle grew up in North Cambridge and has been a member of St. Paul Parish since she joined the youth group in the mid 1990s. After graduating from Princeton in 2004, she returned to Cambridge and the St. Paul community, volunteering for the youth group and becoming involved in the Earthen Vessels summer camp. While completing a masters at the Harvard Graduate School of Education in Human Development and Psychology, Marisa attended the Thursday night suppers and joined the coffee group at daily mass. She has been involved with the lay Catholic Community of Sant'Egidio, which has prayer meetings at St. Paul, and she volunteered with their School of Peace tutoring program. Marisa is currently a Clinical Psychology doctoral student at UMass Boston, and she will be working at Cambridge Hospital in the Child Assessment Unit for her upcoming practicum clinical placement. Marisa and her husband Joseph O'Boyle live in Arlington but are moving back to Cambridge this summer. Marisa and Joe were married by Father Bill Murphy at St. Paul Parish in May of 2009, and they regularly attend the 11am Mass. Marisa and her husband have been involved in the Young Couples and Families group with Father George as well as the Pre-Cana weekends. Marisa would like to be a member of the parish council to provide a young woman's perspective on the church community at St. Paul Parish and support its continued growth and development.



Michael Pacold

Michael Pacold is a lifelong Catholic. He has been a member of St. Paul's since 2004, when he was involved with the Harvard Medical School Catholic Students Association, and was attracted to St. Paul's by the reverent liturgies, the excellent homilists, and the outstanding music of the Parish Adult Choir and the Boston Archdiocesan Choir School. He started lecturing at St. Paul's in 2006. He wishes to serve the parish by maintaining and improving the physical, intellectual, and spiritual infrastructure of the parish. He holds a PhD from the University of Cambridge and an MD from Harvard Medical School, and is a resident in Radiation Oncology in the Harvard Radiation Oncology Program.