



# The 221<sup>st</sup> Diocesan Convention

## OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF RI

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### **Nominations**

#### **James W. Kelliher**

*Standing Committee, Lay, 4 year term*

A life-time member of the Church of the Good Shepherd, in Pawtucket, I have served on the Vestry, as well as many committees. I have been Stewardship Chair for the past two years and am a Blackstone Valley Deanery member. I am a "Happening" alumni serving in RI on #'s 2 and 7. I was selected to bring the program to the diocese of Central New York and Western Massachusetts. During my tenure at Good Shepherd, I have served as Vestry, Sunday School teacher and Superintendent, Confirmation Instructor, Eucharistic Minister, Administrative Assistant and Lay Reader. I seek to service the diocese in same manner to which I have served Good Shepherd.

#### **Sue (Susan) Hurn**

*Diocesan Council, Lay, 3 year term*

I moved to Rhode Island to work for the Episcopal Diocese as Director of the Resource Center. In 2006 I became the Interim Director of the Episcopal Conference Center (ECC) until my retirement in 2009. I have always had a focus on the importance of the ministry and education/formation of the laity, having served as the diocesan coordinator of the Education for Ministry Program (EfM) in the Diocese of Virginia and the Diocese of Rhode Island. Currently I co-mentor an EfM group that meet at the Annex and I am an EfM mentor trainer. Since retiring from the diocese, I have trained as a search consultant, and was asked to convene a gathering of the wardens of the four churches in Cranston to explore ways of doing ministry together. Those meetings are progressing and we have several ministry projects in the works. This is an exciting time to serve on Diocesan Council, as we move forward to welcoming a new Bishop and exploring the future of this vibrant diocese. I am a member of St. David's on-the-Hill, Cranston.

#### **The Reverend James R. Bocchino**

*Diocesan Council, Clergy, 1 year term*

The Rev. James R. Bocchino is a RI native and has served his entire ordained ministry in Rhode Island. Jim was the Assistant at St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth; Rector of All Saint's Memorial Church, Providence; Interim Rector of St. John's, Barrington; and is currently serving as the Interim Rector of Christ Church, Westerly. Jim has been actively involved in the diocese serving in the following ministries:



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3 terms on Diocesan Council; currently Vice-President  
1 term on Standing Committee; served as President  
3 terms with the Commission on Ministry  
3 terms on the ECC Board  
1 Term on the Episcopal Charities Board, Chaired the Clergy Campaign  
3 terms as the Dean of Providence and Central Deaneries  
1 Term on the Deacon's School Board  
3 years as an instructor in Church History, School for Ministry  
2 terms on the Ecclesiastical Trial Court, currently president  
18 years as a project leader at ECC  
3 years on the City camp board

### **The Reverend Patrick Greene**

*Diocesan Council, Clergy, 3 year term*

I have been a member of this diocese my entire life. I was baptized at St. Stephen's in Providence as an infant and grew up attending St. John's in Barrington. I was ordained a deacon in May of 2010 and a priest that December. I am currently serving as the Assistant to the Rector at St. Paul's in Wickford, I have been serving in this position since August of 2010. At St. Paul's I am responsible for our youth ministry and am involved in all other aspects of the parish as well, primarily the liturgical life of the parish, pastoral care and Christian formation. Over the past year I have taken on the position of Co-Diocesan Director of our Happening, a diocesan retreat for high school youth.

### **Catherine Thenault**

*Commission on Congregational Development, Lay, 3 year term*

Catherine Thenault, from St. James Woonsocket, is a current member of the Congregational Development Commission who is passionate about helping congregations grow and thrive. Catherine has been involved in the Congregational Development Commission for 3 years. A mother of three children – ages 22, 19 and 17, Catherine lives in North Smithfield and works as an Information Technology Project Leader specializing in content management systems at AIPSO in Johnston. She enjoys visiting different churches in the diocese to see the good things that are going on, and is especially interested in welcome and ministry with youth. Catherine assists the Diocese with youth events, and has led two groups of youth to the National Episcopal Youth event; one in Berea, KY in 2005 and San Antonio, TX in 2008. Catherine occasionally provides technical expertise to the diocese in the areas of collaboration and database software and even occasionally cooking!



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## **The Rev. Dennis M. Bucco**

*The Commission on Congregational Development, Clergy, 3 year term*

The Reverend Dennis M. Bucco has been serving as rector of St. Luke's, Pawtucket since September of 2009, and St. Luke's has seen significant growth since. St. John's, Ashton recently merged into St. Luke's allowing the new congregation to increase all aspects of its ministry. St. Luke's now offers a summer Vacation Bible School, an expanded Christian Education curriculum focusing on Sunday School, A Youth Group, Adult Formation classes and a Lenten Program with other Blackstone Deanery churches. The music program has strengthened with the addition of a music director and a youth choir. St. Luke's is committed to serving those in need, with weekly community meals and food pantries in both Pawtucket and Cumberland. Fr. Dennis has served on Diocesan Council since 2010. Fr. Dennis has been serving as chaplain to the West Greenwich Fire Department since 2006. He, his wife Midge, and son Harrison live in West Greenwich RI.

## **Michael Lofaro**

*Commission on Finance, Lay, 3 year term*

Michael is a Certified Public Accountant with over 40 years of increasing responsibility in the field. Lofaro has been responsible for all financial and regulatory reporting at various New York firms including Haskins & Sells CPAs, DLJ Securities and W.E. Polluck. After 1985 Lofaro served as the COO & Executive Director of W.E. Pollock in NY, as well as the Senior Vice President of Finance & Operations at Mizuho Securities. He was responsible for the day to day operations of the firms. Currently Lofaro is the Treasurer of Saint Ann's By-The-Sea on Block Island where he also served as Junior Warden in 2005 & 2006. He is the Treasurer of the Block Island Fire & Rescue Department.

## **The Reverend Michael Coburn**

*Standing Committee, Clergy, 4 year term*

Over the course of thirty-three years of ordained ministry Mike has served the church in Connecticut and Rhode Island as a college chaplain, Cathedral canon, rector, interim priest, supply priest, and currently as Priest in Charge at the Church of the Ascension in Cranston. Along the way he has served as an outreach worker at McAuley House soup kitchen, a case manager for the Homeless Team at the Providence Center, and as a cashier at Compare Supermarket in South Providence. He serves on the Hispanic Commission of the Diocese. He is the step-father of three and the father of three, the youngest of whom is three year-old Joey. He is married to Carol Lewis, a pediatrician at Hasbro Children's Hospital.



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## **The Reverend John Higginbotham**

*Diocesan Council, Clergy, 3 year term*

John has been a member of the Episcopal Church for 8 years. Previously, he studied for the Roman Catholic priesthood at St. Meinrad Archabbey Seminary in Southern Indiana, St. John's Seminary, and Boston College in Brighton, Massachusetts.

After leaving seminary, he joined his family's business, Laboratory Services, Co., Inc., where he worked for over 25 years. During that time, he also taught in the Allied Health Science programs at the Lincoln Technical Institute, the Rhode Island Training School and Sanford Brown. He is married to Dr. Linda Succi and they have four adult children. John always felt called to the priesthood of Jesus Christ and decided to become an Episcopalian and seek ordination in the Episcopal Church.

He began his life as an Episcopalian at Grace Church, Providence. He enrolled at the Episcopal Divinity School and graduated from the seminary in May, 2010 with a Master of Divinity degree. John was made a deacon in January, 2011 and a priest in October, 2011. John is currently doing interim ministry as assistant to the rector of St. Luke's Church in East Greenwich.

## **The Reverend Deacon Barbara Mays-Stock**

*Diocesan Council, Clergy, 2 year term*

The Rev. Dcn. Barbara Mays-Stock has been a member of the Episcopal Church, Diocese of Rhode Island since 1984. She has been a Permanent (Vocational) deacon since 1994. Both as a Lay Chaplain and as an ordained clergywoman, she served the Diocese as AIDS Chaplain for 15 years, and has engaged in ministries that include a variety of human service areas.

Barbara has served the Diocese as Co-Chair of the Commission on Ministry and has previously served on the Diocesan Council, as well as 4 years as Secretary of Convention and Chair of the Task Force to Convention. She is currently the Deacon of The Cathedral of Saint John in Providence.

**Ballot #1**

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**November 12, 2011**

**STANDING COMMITTEE**

<b>CLERGY</b> <b>4-Year Term</b>	<b>VOTE</b> <b>for 1</b>	<b>LAY</b> <b>4-Year Term</b>	<b>VOTE</b> <b>for 1</b>
<b>The Rev. Michael Coburn,</b> <b>Ascension, Cranston</b>		<b>Mr. James Kelliher,</b> <b>Good Shepherd, Pawtucket</b>	

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

<b>CLERGY</b> <b>3-Year Term</b>	<b>VOTE</b> <b>for 2</b>	<b>LAY</b> <b>3-Year Term</b>	<b>VOTE</b> <b>for 1</b>
<b>The Rev. Patrick Greene,</b> <b>St. Paul's, North Kingstown</b>		<b>Ms. Susan Hurn,</b> <b>St. David's, Cranston</b>	
<b>The Rev. John Higginbotham,</b> <b>St. Luke's, East Greenwich</b>			

<b>CLERGY</b> <b>2-Year Term</b>	<b>VOTE</b> <b>for 1</b>
<b>The Rev. Dcn. Barbara Mays-Stock,</b> <b>Cathedral of St. John</b>	

<b>Clergy</b> <b>1-Year Term</b>	<b>VOTE</b> <b>for 1</b>
<b>The Rev. James Bocchino,</b> <b>Christ Church, Westerly</b>	

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**COMMISSION ON FINANCE**

<b>Lay 3-Year Term</b>	<b>VOTE for 1</b>
<b>Mr. Michael Lofaro, St. Ann's, Block Island</b>	

**COMMISSION ON CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

<b>CLERGY 3-Year Term</b>	<b>VOTE for 1</b>	<b>LAY 3-Year Term</b>	<b>VOTE for 1</b>
<b>The Rev. Dennis Bucco, St. Luke's, Pawtucket</b>		<b>Ms. Catherine Thenault, St. James, Woonsocket</b>	