



Elizabeth Stubbs Kurz

Elizabeth is a life-long Episcopalian, born and raised in DeLand, FL attending St. Barnabas. Following her graduation from the University of Florida she lived in Orlando where she attended the Cathedral Church of St. Luke.

Married to Roger, almost 40 years ago at Emanual Episcopal in Orlando, their professional lives took them to LaGrange, GA where they were members of St. Mark's, to Indianapolis where they attended Trinity Episcopal, and finally to Tampa, worshiping first at St. Mary's and, for the last ten years at St. John's where she serves on the Grace Guild and the Altar Guild's Wedding Guild.

Elizabeth and Roger have four grown children and ten grandchildren.

Currently semi-retired, Elizabeth has been a small business owner and marketing consultant. Prior to consulting she was co-executive director for Friends of the Tampa Riverwalk, executive director of Leadership Indianapolis, special assistant to Mayor Bill Frederick of Orlando, director of marketing for Orlando's Downtown Development Board, publicist for Sea World of Florida, and vice president of Jane Hames & Associates, a public relations firm. In 1986 she was recognized as Orlando's Downtown Woman of the Year.

Since moving to Tampa in 2004, Elizabeth has served on the Auxiliary Board of Mary Lee's House, the board of the H. B. Plant Museum Society, and the board of the Beach Park Women's Club. She is a member of the Junior League of Tampa Sustainers. She has served on the Board of Governors of St. Mary's Episcopal Day School and chaired the live auction for the Tampa Museum of Art's Pavilion.

Elizabeth enjoys family time, traveling, and reading (not listening to books).



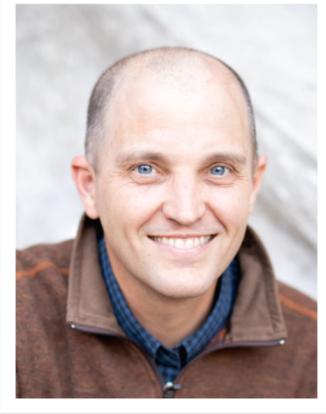
Eric Williams

Eric Williams and his wife Jan have been members of St. John's since 1996 when they moved to Tampa from Southern California. After more than 35 years in technology, Eric retired in 2012 as the Executive VP & Chief Information Officer at Catalina Marketing Corporation. He now spends his time as a volunteer with many non-profit organizations throughout the Tampa Bay area.

Eric was raised as an Episcopalian in Christ Church, Greenville, South Carolina where he sang in the choir under Robert Powell.

Eric moved to California to attend college and there met his wife Jan and married in 1980. They moved to Tampa in 1996 and since then he has been very active with St. John's Church during his thirty years in Tampa as an Usher, Lay Reader, Lay Eucharistic Minister, and one of the Vergers for St. John's. He past served on the Vestry and was the Junior Warden. He also served 9 years on the St. John's Episcopal School Board and was Chairman for two of those years.

While enjoying retirement playing golf and fishing, Eric currently serves on the Board of The Florida Orchestra, Executive Advisor to the Florida Israel Business Accelerator (FIBA), and as a member of the Grievance Committee for the Florida Bar.



Hugh Cruse

A lifelong Episcopalian, Hugh has been a part of the St. John's community since 2004. Prior to St. John's, he was raised in a nurturing parish in Wichita Falls, Texas, where his early faith was shaped by the church and fellowship of Young Life in that community, developing an appreciation for Christian formation as an acolyte and a camp volunteer.

Hugh currently serves as a part of the Streaming Ministry and as a middle School Sunday school leader. He finds great joy in working with the youth, often feeling he learns more

from their unfiltered perspectives on faith than they do from him. He has also been an active member through various outreach-related efforts, including serving in the Kairos Ministry and Faith Cafe, and also has served in leadership roles in the past as a stewardship chair and vestry member at St John's.

Professionally, Hugh is an IT Consultant with Alithya, specializing in healthcare data integration and analytics. He holds a degree in Biology from Emory University, as well as masters degrees in Public Health and Management Information Systems (MIS) from USF. Hugh and his wife, Laura, have three sons: Bennett (at USF), Mason (at FSU), and Rowan (a high school senior with one foot out the door!). They thus have an appreciation for the families making the effort to get to church even when late, pew wrestling, and the youth group at church!

He looks forward to continuing to grow with St. John's in whatever capacity he is called and is honored to be considered as a candidate for the vestry.



Vera Farmen

Vera Farmen has been a member of St. John's Episcopal Church since moving to Tampa in 2004. She currently serves on the Altar Guild, Flower Guild, and the Hospitality Committee, and has previously volunteered as a Newborn Ministry co-chair, Vacation Bible School teacher, and Circle co-host.

Vera attended Ohio Wesleyan University, where she majored in International Business and French.

Vera is married to Chris Farmen, and together they have three children, Alexis, Andrew, and William, who were all confirmed at St. John's. Each of their children attended St. John's Episcopal Parish Day School, representing 17 consecutive years as a St. John's family, and all three served as acolytes during their time at the church.

During their years at St. John's Episcopal Parish Day School, Vera was an active and dedicated volunteer, serving twice on the Parents' Club Board, as a homeroom parent, and assisting with numerous school events and activities.

Since 2010, Vera has owned and operated Fruit of the Vine Organics and Vera's Homemade, bringing both fresh organic produce and homemade chocolate chip cookies to the Tampa Bay area.

She is grateful for the faith community of St. John's and values the relationships, service, and spiritual growth the parish has provided to her family. Vera would be honored to continue serving the church as a member of the vestry.



Matthew Giddings

Matthew Giddings has been a member of St. John's Episcopal Church with his wife, Ariel, and their three children, Madison, Parker, and Matthew Jr for the last four years. All three children were baptized at St. John's, and the family is grateful to be raising their faith within this parish community.

Matthew works in his family business, Always Fresh Farms, where he has gained hands-on experience with responsibility, collaboration, and long-term commitment. These values have shaped his approach to work and family life and inform how he hopes to serve the church.

He feels called to become more involved at St. John's and to support the life and mission of the parish through vestry service. Matthew values the sense of community at St. John's and looks forward to growing in service, faith, and fellowship alongside fellow parishioners.

He would be honored to serve if elected and asks for your prayers as the parish continues its shared journey of faith.

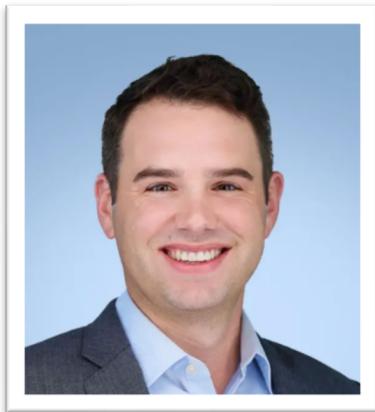


Thomas Cassedy

Mr. Cassedy has worshipped at St. John's for almost 40 years and was married there in 1995. He has served as an usher which he has enjoyed for many years. Tom's dedication to the parish is reflected in his extensive service, including six years on the School Board and his current role as Treasurer and member of the Endowment Board. His three children Cameron, Katie and Carolina are all St. John's Episcopal Day School graduates and served as acolytes at the church. For Tom, the St. John's community remains a cornerstone of his faith and personal life.

Mr. Cassedy is a native of Tallahassee, Florida. He received a B.A. at Vanderbilt University with a double major in Economics and Business. After working for Oxford Industries in New York City, he returned to Tallahassee and received a Masters in Business Administration with a major in finance at Florida State University.

Mr. Cassedy moved to Tampa and started in the investment business with Kidder Peabody in 1982. He joined PaineWebber in 1988 specializing in equity and fixed income markets with institutions and high net worth individuals. After 14 years in the investment business, Mr. Cassedy became the founder of his own independent firm and established Cassedy Financial Group as a Registered Investment Advisor. He has over 40 years experience in the investment business. Tom is a lifelong Episcopalian who treasures the role St. John's has played in his family life and spiritual journey.



Max Grimard

Max's journey as an Episcopalian began in his childhood at Christ Church in Ponte Vedra Beach when his family moved to the First Coast in 1996. Max has been attending St. John's since 2010 when he moved to Tampa after college at the University of Florida.

Although he would occasionally attend Mass during college and as a young adult (he was baptized as a Catholic and had gone through First Communion), Max always felt more at home in the Episcopal Church and was confirmed at St. John's by Bishop Dabney Smith in 2015. Max and his wife Allison were married at St. John's in April 2016 by Chip Connelly and were blessed with two daughters, Grace and Molly, who were both baptized at St. Johns.

Max is an active participant in the Father's Ministry and loves the fellowship and faith development the group provides. Both of his daughters attend Sunday school and enjoy a lot of the programming available to kids and families – especially the Christmas pageant and Oktoberfest party!

Max attended the University of Florida and graduated in 2010. After working in various finance roles for the first few years after college, Max has been a portfolio manager at Evercore Wealth Management since 2016 and is a CFA charterholder. Max's professional experience led him to be invited to serve on the Endowment Board for St. John's, with a role on the investment committee. Outside of work and his participation at St. John's, he is also on the Board of Directors of the CFA Society Tampa Bay.

St. John's has been the setting of so many important events in Max's life. He is looking to many more treasured times and he is honored to be considered as a potential Vestry member.



Clayton Bricklemeyer

Clayton began attending St. John's in 2004 with his wife Sarah after growing up in Tampa as a member of Hyde Park United Methodist. Both of his sons, Jack (20) and Tommy (15), were baptized and confirmed at St. John's and have acolyted and been heavily involved in the youth ministry. Clayton has been involved in the Father's ministry, the youth ministry and various couples ministries. Most notably, he served as "husband to the Senior Warden" when Sarah served in 2023, which included a host of duties, including the rector selection process that brought us Father Chris.

Clayton graduated from Wake Forest University in 2000 and the University of Florida Levin College of Law in 2004. He has practiced real estate and land use law in Tampa since 2004 and is a shareholder at Hill Ward Henderson. Clayton is involved in a number of development-industry trade associations and has been on the Board of Managers for Camp Rockmont for the last 5 years.

St. John's is a hugely important part of Clayton's life and he is honored to have been asked to run for the vestry.