

**St. James Parish Council Bio's**  
**Election will be held the weekend of June 8/9**  
**There are 6 open positions, Four 3 year terms, Two 2 year terms**

**Peter Balzani**

Occupation-Retired, 32 years as NYS nursing home inspector  
Family: Wife Catherine, Children John, Aubrey and Elizabeth  
Number of years associated with St. James: 32 years  
Skills: Registered Dietician, Substitute Teacher, Baseball/Softball Umpire  
Volunteer activities: Mercy House, Binghamton Umpire Association  
Past or current involvement with St. James: Simple soup supper cook, Eucharistic Minister, Completed formation for Ministry (Pastoral Education) Bible Study Leader St. Anthony's/St. Joseph, Mercy House, Hospital visitation, Adult Altar Server, Perpetual Adoration Holy Family, Lector

**Bill Bracken**

Occupation: Retired  
Family: Wife Christine, 5 children  
Number of years associated with St. James: 29 years  
Skills: Strong work ethic, good time management, problem solver  
Volunteer activities: Teach religious education and Folk Group  
Past or current involvement with St. James: served on Parish Council (1 term), picnic committee, turkey party, Thanksgiving baskets, Men's prayer group

**Robert P. Egan**

Occupation: Retired Business Executive  
Family: Wife Sharon, Daughters Karen and Terry, son Rob  
Number of years associated with St. James: over 60 years  
Volunteer activities: Coached girls softball, basketball and boys basketball  
Past or current involvement with St. James: committee member on renovation project, Usher  
Other: Former Trustee and Mayor of Johnson City, 15 years on the Johnson City School District Board of Education (10 years as President)

**Scott Kavulich**

Occupation: Technical Assistant SUNY Broome  
Family: Single  
Number of Years Associated with St. James: 8 years  
Skills-IT  
Volunteer activities: Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Twin Tiers  
Past or current involvement with St. James: Eucharistic Minister, Lector/Reader

**Emilie Kudela/Bert Prohaska**-running jointly for one seat

**Emilie Kudela**

Occupation: Professor Emeritus  
Family: spouse Bert Prohaska, 2 children confirmed at St. James, one married at St. James  
Number of years associated with St. James-15 years  
Skills: Early childhood and Special Education Teacher, Administrator  
Volunteer activities: Developed and Coordinated a Children's Museum  
Past or current involvement with St. James: Over 50 club, candy makers, Peace and Justice, Parish Picnic

**Bert Prohaska**

Occupation: Retired from psychiatric facility administration staff

Family: Spouse Emilie Kudela, 2 children confirmed, one married at St. James

Number of years associated with St. James: 15 years

Volunteer Activities: Susquehanna Valley Railway Historical Society, Board of Visitors, Binghamton Health Center

Past or current involvement at St. James: Scripture Reader, Over 50 Club

**Patrick Lane**

Occupation: Plastic Fabricator

Family: Wife, Donna

Number of years associated with St. James: since 1998

Skills: People person, ability to do many crafts

Volunteer: Strong social justice

**John Lindley**

Occupation: Retired from Xerox

Family: Wife Sue and 8 children

Number of years associated with St. James: 68 lifelong

Skills: Organizing/Facilitate meetings

Volunteer activities: Mercy House, St. Ambrose Soup Kitchen, Red Cross

Past or current involvement with St. James: Pre-Cana, Just Faith, Food Pantry, Picnic, Easter Dinner, Children's liturgy

**David Michalak**

Occupation: Professor Emeritus SUNY Broome

Family: Carla (spouse) Children, Caroline, David and Emily

Number of years associated with St. James 63 years

Skills: Mathematics and Computer Skills

Volunteer Activities: Genealogy Assistance

Past or current involvement with St. James-Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Parish Council, Religious Education Teacher, and Altar Server

**Luke Stanton**

Occupation: Sales and Finance partner and COO at Save Around and SA Line

Family: wife Alaina, 6 children, Luke 12, Emma 10, Mason 8, Ava 6, Isla 3, Nora 5.5 months. Mom Nikki, Dad Ray, 1 brother and 5 sisters, 37 nieces and nephews

Number of Years associated with St. James-7 years

Skills: Math, Group problem collaboration, problem solving, risk mitigation, technology and utilizing it to streamline workflows and processes, payment processing, G suite, networking, pre and post press printing mobiles apps for workflow and sales, and fundraising with local products and online

Volunteer activities: coaching sports and various church and youth activities

Past or current involvement with St. James: religious education summer Bible camp, St. Nick Breakfast and other activities for Religious Ed

**Cindy Frederick** – No bio.