

**Pastoral Council Candidate Name: Fran Reed**



- ***Please provide some basic background information about yourself through a brief bio. Include details regarding how many years have you been a parishioner of St. Alphonsus Parish and any ministries, groups or activities that you've been a part of at St. Alphonsus or other parishes.***

I am a resident of Maple Glen, and have been a member of St. Alphonsus Parish for 15 years. Along with my husband Tom, we have 4 children, and 6 grandchildren. I graduated from Penn State University with a bachelor's degree in Math Secondary Education and taught high school before starting our family.

During my years at St. Alphonsus, I have enjoyed becoming involved in various aspects of our parish. I taught PREP for 7 years, and had been a PREP teacher at my previous parish for 5 years. I am an active member of the St. Alphonsus Family Faith group, and look forward each year to helping organize the Parish Lenten meal that the group sponsors. Tom and I recently joined the ministry group who visit the residents at Gwynedd Estates, providing them with a prayer service and communion. I enjoyed working with the committee that brought Matthew Kelly to St. Alphonsus and would like to bring more events like that to our Parish.

- ***Why are you interested in serving on the Pastoral Council?***

I look forward to listening to the voices of our existing Parish community, while partnering with the council to continue developing our vision as a welcoming church community, and planning for the future of our parish. If elected, I will do my best to bring energy, interaction and collaboration to all topics as they relate to our Pastoral plan.

- ***What experience and talents do you have that could be of benefit to the Council?***

After ending my teaching career, I became an active volunteer in the community. I have enjoyed being a Girl Scout leader for more than 20 years, and had an active troop of girls that I mentored through their high school years. I just finished serving my term as the Upper Dublin Girl Scout Service Unit Manager, a position I held for 5 years. I have volunteered in Cheltenham and Upper Dublin Township schools, serving in various PTO positions, running several committees, organizing school wide events and assisting with classroom activities. I enjoy working with others to accomplish common goals.