

## Vestry Nominee: Jennifer Sanchez



My beloved St. Paul's friends,

My name is Jennifer Sanchez, most of you know me as Jen. I am so honored to be considered for a position in the Vestry; a team that I've always held the highest regard for.

### **1. NUMBER OF YEARS AT ST. PAUL'S**

St. Paul's has been my church home for 13 years.

### **2. IF APPLICABLE, SPOUSE/PARTNER'S NAME, AND NAMES/AGES OF CHILDREN**

I am divorced and mom to Arabella ("Bella"), age 13. She is my sunshine, my "mini" as she calls herself. I am so grateful to be her mom.

### **3. PLEASE SHARE A LITTLE ABOUT YOUR RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND AND HOW YOU CAME TO BE AT ST. PAUL'S**

I grew up in Taylorsville with the best parents a girl could hope for, along with an older and younger brother, who passed in 2009 and 2010, respectively. We were raised in a Christian home, but were not members of any one church in particular. As an adult, I couldn't shake the hollow feeling that something was missing from my life. It was only after becoming a new mom and losing my brothers so suddenly that I actively sought out a place to learn and worship with my husband at the time. As luck would have it, a chance pop-in on a Christmas Eve service some three years prior in New York City ultimately led us to seek out an Episcopal congregation as we loved the traditional and spiritual feel of the service. The hollowness I had felt for so long was gone, having been filled by my church family and sense of belonging. The people of St. Paul's have been an incredible source of comfort and fellowship in ways they don't even know.

**4. HOW ARE YOU CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH (including which service you usually attend)?** My daughter and I attend 11:00 Sunday service. She is an acolyte-extraordinaire, and I serve on the Altar Guild and Greeting ministries with truly wonderful people.

**5. WHAT ARE YOUR AREAS OF INTEREST (WORSHIP, PEACE AND JUSTICE, FINANCE, ETC.)?** Of special importance to me is helping visitors and newcomers feel comfortable and included. It can be intimidating to go to a new place; be it church, a job, or a community. One of the things I love most about St. Paul's is how warm and welcoming it is to everyone.

**6. WHAT ARE YOUR DREAMS FOR ST. PAUL'S?** Something I would love to see at St. Paul's is more members of the congregation becoming involved with ministries. There is something very special about serving behind-the-scenes and learning how and why things are done the way they are.

Love,

Jennifer