

Finance Council

Lou Amorose was born and lived in Wheeling, WV, until he was 14 and then moved with his family Hollywood, FL. After high school he worked for a year before enlisting in the Air Force for 4 years. While in the military, Lou started taking evening classes at a community college. He holds a degree in accounting and industrial engineering from the University of Miami and an MBA from West Virginia University. Lou has diverse experience from industrial engineer to accounting to labor relations to sales, both wholesale and retail and am now in real estate. He met his wife in high school and married one year after he left the military. They have 2 adult children and 3 grand children ages 2 to 21. His daughter lives in Atlanta and his son is in Charlotte. Lou and his wife moved to Charlotte in 2002. While living in Charlotte, they have been members of St. Vincent DePaul and then joined St. Luke in 2004 when they moved to Matthews. Lou has been a member of the Finance Council since 2019 and served on the SLT and the building committee. He is an active member of the Knights of Columbus. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his grandchildren and playing golf when the opportunity arises.

Susan Briecke lived in East Islip, NY before moving in 1996 with her husband and two boys to Indian Trail, NC to be with extended family. They became members of St. John Neumann where she taught Faith Formation for four years. Susan was also a Class mom, Basketball mom, Assistant Cub Scout Leader for three years and Popcorn Chair Person. They switched parishes to St. Luke's about 10 years ago. She has worked as an Administrative Assistant and in AP/AR. Susan has a degree in Accounting and worked as an Accountant in Matthews at TB&A. For the past 7 years she has found much enjoyment and satisfaction in being a part of the finance committee.

Steve Cardinale has been a member of St. Luke Parish for 15+ years and is a transfer from St. John Neumann Parish. Originally from Tampa, Florida, Steve and his family have lived in Charlotte for 24 years- the result of a relocation with one of the large banks. He has a B.A. in Finance from the University of South Florida and an M.B.A. from Queens University of Charlotte as well as 29 years of experience in the financial services industry. Steve grew up Catholic and was educated in the Catholic school system in Florida, including Jesuit High School and Spring Hill College. He has volunteered in several ministries including altar server training, Eucharistic Minister, Liturgical Minister and sacristan. This is his second term on the St. Luke Finance Council.

Brian Cohanski has been a member of St. Luke for nearly 10 years. Brian is originally from New York, but spent most of his life Virginia Beach, VA. Brian has a variety of degrees and certifications in K-12 education, risk and project management. He has spent the majority of his career in the education field and been blessed to work in districts/schools in all 50 states. Prior to moving the Mint Hill area and joining St. Luke, Brian was active in a variety of ministries in other parishes focusing his time on leadership and educational roles. Currently, Brian is the Co-Chair

for SLT, a member of Finance Council as the SLT Liaison, and participates in a variety of activities for Corner Stone Campaign and the Building Planning Committee.

Father Paul Q Gary, was ordained February 11, 1984. He is a native of Long Island, New York before moving to Charlotte with his family in 1978. He joined the Diocese of Charlotte as a seminarian in 1980 after completing studies at UNCC. Ordained a priest by Bishop Michael Begley in 1984 at St. Patrick's Cathedral and served throughout western North Carolina since ordination. Pastor of St. Philip in Statesville for 8 years, Rector of the cathedral for 12 years and pastor of St. Luke's in Mint Hill 12 years.

Lori Kissinger, Business Manager and Staff Liaison– Lori has been a member of St. Luke since 1993 when she and her family moved to North Carolina from Ohio and has held her position as Business Manager since 1999. She worked in banking for nearly 10 years before moving into finance and technology. Before she began to work full time for the church (she continues to work on weekends for a family owned furniture store that she began working at in 1994) she spent a great deal of time volunteering at the school and teaching faith formation and she feels blessed to have been able to share that time of her life with her boys. In June of 2017 she became a grandmother to a sweet and beautiful little girl and has embraced that position with open arms. In 2018 her parents moved to NC to be closer to her and she is very much enjoying having them near and is happy that they are also members of St. Luke. She and her husband, Jeff, will be married for 39 years this September (they started dating her junior year of high school). She handles all of the financial accounting and reporting, generates the email blasts to the parish, maintains and updates the parish website and provides remote technical support to the staff and the Pastor when needed. She enjoys being creative, has an “I can do it if I put my mind to it” attitude, likes to problem solve and is constantly challenging herself to continue to learn and experience new things. Her hobbies include traveling, photography and enjoying time in her sewing/craft room (she learned to sew from her own Grandmother when she was a very young girl – memories she holds very dear).

Margie Marrocco, was born and raised in Evansville Indiana and is the middle child in a family of 5 children. She graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science. Margie has 1 daughter who recently graduated from N.C. State and now resides and works in Philly. Margie has lived in the Charlotte area for 22 years and has been a member of St. Luke parish for 17+ years. She has worked at Bank of America for over 18 years. Throughout her career with the bank, she has worked in the Credit Risk, Mortgage, Regulatory Relations and currently works in the Claims and Fraud department. Margie has participated in multiple ministries and committees at St. Luke including Mass Coordinator, Minister of Communion, Fall Festival, SLT and Finance Council. Her favorite hobby is horseback riding.

Kimberly Olson, was born in Pittsburgh, PA and has a younger brother, Marc who is an engineer in Charlotte. She was baptized and confirmed as a Byzantine Catholic up North. Kimberly's father's job as a pilot relocated her family to the Charlotte area in

1979. With no Byzantine Catholic Churches in the area, they began attending Roman Catholic mass at St Vincent de Paul in South Charlotte. She graduated from UNCC with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting. While at UNCC, Kimberly met and fell in love with Gary, her husband of 27 years. They have been blessed with 3 daughters, MacKayla (24): 6th grade math teacher in Charlotte, Aleah (20): Biology & Chemistry Major at UNCW and Renna (15): high school sophomore in Union County. She started her career as a financial analyst at United Mortgage in Charlotte, pricing and analyzing delinquent loan packages being sold by the RTC and FDIC in the aftermath of the failed Savings & Loan crisis. Throughout her 20 career she worked directly with the principals developing pricing models, investor presentations, performing portfolio analysis and was project manager on over 30 portfolio acquisitions. She has been with Bank of America since the recession forced a job change in 2011. Kimberly has worked in Corporate Planning for 4 years then moved to Corporate Allocations where she remains today. She has been on the Finance Council at St Luke's since 2012 and as co-chair since July 2018. Outside of work her hobbies include working in her yard, crafting, pro-bono non-profit work and traveling with her family.

Katie Reeder has been a member of St. Luke Parish since 2008 when she and her family moved to Indian Trail from the Cleveland Ohio area. Katie has a BS degree from Akron University in Accounting. She has worked for over 25 years in accounting for various companies including a CPA firm, construction/real estate developer, medical technology, copier company and currently works for a freight forwarding company for the hotel industry. She was the Treasurer of the Lake Park Swim Team when her children were swimming for the team. She has been involved in several ministries at St. Luke including Faith Formation, Finance Council, Fall Festival committee and AV ministry.

Chris Ricci has been a member of St. Luke's for 10 Years. She has been part of the Finance Council for 8 years. Also, she is part of the collection counting team. Since moving to North Carolina, Chris focuses her time on volunteer activities, including the Union County Christmas Bureau, DSS income tax program, Union County school volunteer, and 4H. She is originally from Ohio. She retired from a 35 years career in banking. She graduated from YSU with a degree in accounting and finance.

Chuck White has been a member of St. Luke parish since he and his wife, Chris, moved to Mint Hill in 2006. Chuck has a bachelor's degree from Gannon University and additional education in contract law and finance. He is a retired senior executive with 40 years of experience in the design, procurement, and construction of electric power plants and environmental control systems. Chuck has extensive international business experience, including management of companies in the United Kingdom and Germany. He taught project management and contract formation courses at 2 of the largest US engineering firms. Chuck has been an author and speaker at power industry conferences, the Asia Society, the Rockefeller Foundation, Forbes Business Seminars, and the World Energy Council. Chuck currently serves as the chair of the architectural committee of his homeowner's association and as a consultant to his former employer. For the first 5 years of his career, Chuck was as a Catholic school teacher in

his and Chris's native Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Pittsburgh diocese Youth Council for the implementation of the reforms of the Second Vatican Council. In addition to the Building Planning Committee, Chuck also is a lector and a member of the parish finance council.