

# Meet the Marriage Preparation Team

## **Jim and Jenny Schwab — [theschwabs5@gmail.com](mailto:theschwabs5@gmail.com)**

Jim and Jenny Schwab were married in 1998 and have been a part of the Marriage Preparation Team at St. Patrick St. Anthony since 2009. Jenny works as a pediatrician in Rocky Hill, CT and Jim is a retired West Hartford Police Officer, who unexpectedly became a wonderful stay at home Dad for 8 years. He returned to work for the Town Of Enfield Police Department for 2 years but is now home again due to budget cuts. They have endured the loss of 3 parents to cancer early in their marriage and the loss of Jim's law enforcement career due to injury. However, they are blessed with 3 healthy children: Matt, born in 2001, Patrick, born in 2003, and Maggie, born in 2007. They reside in West Hartford, CT. They enjoy sharing their personal family histories and experiences with the engaged couples. Jim grew up in a divorced household with his 2 brothers and was raised by a single Mom and her Uncle, a retired Catholic priest. Jenny grew up in a middle class home where her parents were more liberal and progressive in their political and religious beliefs. Fr. O'Donohoe, a retired Boston College Professor of Theology, shared this advice during their wedding homily: "Falling in Love is EASY, Staying in Love is HARD, Marriage is MARATHON." After many years of marriage they know that marriage does indeed take hard work, dedication, and a full commitment to one another.

## **Norman and Lois Gottlieb — [nolojean@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nolojean@sbcglobal.net)**

We are delighted join the Marriage Preparation Team at St. Patrick St. Anthony Parish. In September we celebrated 42 years of marriage and have been blessed with two beautiful children, Jennifer age 34 and Andrew age 29. We were blessed with our first grandchild on December 20, 2013. Allison Clare and her parents Jennifer and Jeff live in East Hartford. We spend every possible moment with Allison and are blessed to have a beautiful relationship with our daughter and son-in-law. Our son,

Andrew and his girlfriend, Gina, live in New York and both work in theatre. While they live very busy and hectic lifestyles, our time spent with them is always special. When we married 42 years ago, Norman was Jewish. Sixteen years after we were married, the same year that Jennifer made her first Holy Communion, Norman went through the RCIA program and became Roman Catholic. Since that time we have been very active in different parishes that we have been part of. We were part of the Marriage Prep Team at Sacred Heart Church in Vernon as well as at St. Bartholomew's in Manchester. We also served as Eucharistic Ministers at St. Bartholomew's for several years. Since joining St. Patrick St. Anthony almost four years ago, we have become Eucharistic Ministers here as well and are now very happy to add Marriage Preparation to the things we love about this Parish. We hope that God will bless us with the gifts of wisdom and honesty as we meet with couples who are preparing to embark upon this amazing journey called Marriage.

**Dustin and Janelle Bradway — [janellepatoka@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janellepatoka@sbcglobal.net)**

Dustin and Janelle met in High School and started dating at the end of their senior year. They were married on June 5th, 2010 and live in Glastonbury, CT. They have one son who was born in July 2012. Dustin is a Mechanical Engineer who attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute; he currently works for Electric Boat as a Reactor Plant Fluids Systems Engineer. Janelle is a Dance teacher, personal trainer and fitness instructor. Janelle attended Central Connecticut State University, she is the owner of Fitness with Janelle and teaches dance at New Steps Dance Center in Glastonbury. They have been part of the Marriage Preparation Team at St. Patrick St. Anthony since 2011. They enjoy sharing any tips that they have learned since becoming married and always look forward to “refreshing” their marriage with the engaged couples.

**Scott & Tara Baker — [thebakerfamily4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thebakerfamily4@sbcglobal.net)**

Scott and Tara met in high school and dated throughout college, where they both became teachers. They were married in 1996 by their beloved college

priest and started their journey of life together. In 2002 God began to open their hearts toward the miracle of adoption and in 2004 they traveled to Chongqing, China to meet their baby girl. Three years later they welcomed a second daughter into their family, this time through the miracle of birth. They feel so blessed to have been given the gift and the joy of knowing adoption and birth. Tara left teaching ten years ago to stay home raising their girls and Scott became an elementary school principal. During this time, their youngest daughter was diagnosed with a digestive disease; a chronic disease that brings many hospital visits and special care at home to avoid the pain associated with it. They have learned and grown in more ways through this and other challenges in being parents. Now that their children are no longer so little, Tara has returned to part time teaching. Their daily lives are full of the fun and adventure that a busy family brings. And although their family journey was not what they would have guessed standing at the altar nearly twenty years ago, they can only look back with complete gratitude knowing God's hand was guiding their steps and directing their paths.

### **Peter & Page Hayes - [pghayes16@gmail.com](mailto:pghayes16@gmail.com)**

Page grew up in West Hartford while Peter was raised on a farm in Limington, Maine. They met during the summer of 2008 when they were both working at Ruby Tuesday's and attending college. They were married on July 24, 2015 at Saint Patrick Saint Anthony, where Father Tom held a beautiful wedding ceremony. Page and Peter are truly grateful for the wonderful church community they have found in Saint Patrick Saint Anthony. Page received her B.S. in Marketing from Providence College and now works at her family's commercial real estate firm, SullivanHayes Northeast, as the Marketing & Communications Coordinator. Peter graduated from Central Connecticut State University with his B.S. in Biology and currently works as the Service Assurance Advisor for the Northeast Region at FedEx Freight. They live in Bloomfield with their labradoodle pup Walden and love to travel and enjoy the outdoors. They look forward to sharing their experience as newlyweds and what marriage means to them as they grow in this beautiful sacrament.