

John Jelis

John Jelis has been a devoted member of the Saint Andrew community for nearly 38 years, having moved to Budd Lake with his family: father Vaios, mother Fotini, and brother Louie. A graduate of Mt. Olive High School, John went on to earn both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Mechanical Engineering from NJIT. For over 20 years, he has served as an ammunition



logistics and maintenance engineer for the U.S. Army at Picatinny Arsenal, where his work includes conducting ammunition malfunction investigations.

John is blessed to be married to Stala, who leads HOPE at Saint Andrew, and together they are the proud parents of two wonderful, beautiful children, Sofia and Andreas.

In addition to his career, John has a deep commitment to the youth of our parish. He has been a GOYA volleyball coach for five years and has coached two Olympic gold medal teams—an accomplishment he humbly attributes to the dedication and teamwork of the players.

Growing up in a family that owned and operated the Budd Lake Diner, John learned early on the value of hard work, integrity, and the importance of serving others. The lessons he learned there continue to inspire him in all that he does.

Following in the footsteps of his mother, who was always dedicated to giving back to the community, John is excited to contribute further by serving on the St. Andrew Parish Council. He is passionate about helping our parish grow stronger and more vibrant, and he looks forward to working together with you all.