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Claire Hamilton

Director of Religious Education

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In April 2004 Claire Hamilton and her husband Darryl came to Dunnellon from New Hampshire via Spring Hill, Florida. While living in New Hampshire Claire was a member of the parish staff, working as their Confirmation Coordinator.

Later, in Spring Hill, she did volunteer work for a time in the Youth Ministry office. Shortly after moving to Dunnellon Claire became active in St. John the Baptist Catholic Community first as Coordinator of Environment for the church, then as Coordinator of Liturgy for the Children's Faith Formation Program. In 2007 Claire joined the parish staff as Coordinator for the Children's Faith Formation Program. She and Darryl have 4 children and 6 grandchildren.



Cathy Medanich

Janitorial Coordinator

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Cathy was born in Merrillville, IN to Bob and Betty Schiesser. Attended Merrillville High School 1st girl to major in drafting 1973, attended Indiana Technical College graduate in 1975 with Associate degree in mechanical engineering design. She worked at Gary Steel Products for 10 years designing steel processing equipment before being moved to purchasing components until department closed. Kennedy's Amoco 3 years managed convenience store gas station taking shift, ordering scheduling. Bearing Service Co. 13 years sold power transmission products to steel mills taking care of primarily the steel producing side also stocking for their needs.

In 1989 Cathy married her best friend Andy Medanich. The couple moved to Florida in 2001. Bought a John Deere and was offered job setting up parts department and selling parts, left when Mother, who lived with Cathy and Andy, got sick. "St John's later was looking for part time help and here I am". Cathy and Andy have 2 fur-children, Cody will be 4 in March and Dakota just turned 3. They are the love of our lives. Afternoons are spent with Andy and the boys if she is not working at home or other's homes.



Maureen Orkwis

Secretary

Coordinator of Youth Ministry

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Born in Flushing NY, Maureen moved with her family to St. Petersburg, Florida in 1971. She then moved to Dunnellon in February of 1988, which turned out to be one of the coldest winters EVER in Florida. In the early 90s she and her friend Robin Liss began working with the high school youth of SJB parish by establishing the Teens in Christ Youth Group (T.I.C.). Among other activities, three separate mission trips took about 15 teens along with adult volunteers to Mexico, Jamaica and Belize where vacation bible school was taught along with building projects for the very poor. All funds were raised by the team. Maureen became a paid employee of St John the Baptist in August of 2004. In April of 2005 she was asked by then pastor, Fr Joe Pinchock, to lead the youth ministry program once again.

Maureen has a Bachelor's degree in Church Leadership, which specializes in parish and financial growth as well as administration of large "mega" churches. Maureen studied liturgy at Catholic University.

She is currently working towards her Masters in Pastoral Theology through St. Joseph College in Standish, Maine. Maureen is certified as a Director of Youth Ministry through the Diocese of Orlando and has a National Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies from The Center for Youth Ministry Development, a two year program.

As a child, Maureen was a member of Suncoast Theater Artists in Review, a professional children's theatrical school. Through S.T.A.R. she appeared at St. Pete's Bayfront Center in "Oliver" and at Eckerd College in "The Hobbit". Maureen has worked street theater for Renaissance Festivals as well as volunteering and directing a variety of theatrical venues including Dinner and Civic Theater.