## **Biography**

Mary Giordano is the Executive Director of Family Promise of the Capital Region. FPCR began serving families in search of affordable housing in April 2015. Fr. Frank O'Connor, Chaplain of the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas, and Mary recruited the first congregations to form the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Host Sites who provide meals and overnight accommodations to guests enrolled in the program. The mission of Family Promise is to affirm the humanity and dignity of homeless families, and to engage our community in helping them achieve sustainable independence. Mary received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music Education from the College of Saint Rose and taught music for several years until "retiring early" to raise her children. She is an active member of The Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas and a member of the Continuum of Care in Albany County. Mary resides in Guilderland with her husband Mark and four children.