

Deacon John Amlag:



Our new deacon was born and raised in Baguio City in the Philippines.

When he was old enough, he joined the Navy. In 1986 he was sent to Bremerton and retired as a Dental Technician in 1994 after 20 years. He continued his studies at Olympic College obtaining his associates in Residential Construction and while working in construction, he happened to walk into a building on campus where PSNS was having a job fair. On a lark he spoke to the Painting Shop since he also did painting after his work in construction and was hired. This was in 1996. He soon discovered that painting a house and painting a ship were two different things, but he finished his painting apprenticeship and progressed to where he is now a hazardous waste instructor and plans on retiring this year.

His family attended and assisted in the Navy “bunker” Chapel in Jackson Park before the newer, multiservice, chapel was built. They attended for a few years until the Catholic chaplain – Fr Brown, told him that he needed to set roots in a local parish for some continuity for his family, and he decided on Holy Trinity. Being very active, he served in many capacities (greeter, lector, Eucharistic Minister, financial board member, and others) until 2003 when Deacon Bob Rupno, during his homily, asked the congregation “Who wants to be a Deacon?”. Being inquisitive on what a Deacon is and does, John went to a couple of information nights and was admitted into the Archdiocese diaconate program in the fall of that year and was ordained in 2009. He has served at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish in Bothell and St. Pius X Parish in Mountlake Terrace before being assigned to Holy Trinity in November of 2017. During the last 8 years He and his wife Wilhelmina moved closer to these parishes while he still worked at PSNS. They have since moved back to their home less than a mile from our church.

John and Wilhelmina are the proud parents of two daughters Chera and Joanne and the twin boys Nick and Aaron, all of whom are on their own. John has jumped into parish life with both feet, finally finding the answer to the question of what he sees is a deacon. And that is - a deacon is the representative of every volunteer in the parish and the parish at large bringing their ministry and representing them when he serves and assist the presiding priest at the altar. Currently he is teaching

classes Tuesday and Thursday evenings supporting the FORMED program that the parish has purchased for all of us. Please welcome him home and support his efforts.