

Meet Your Parish



Holy Trinity's Parishioner in the Spotlight

Ted Leniszewski, Holy Trinity Parish's Administrator and Property Manager, was born on a farm in Poland. He came to the US when he was 13 (in 1961), knowing only one word of English. He and Elaine have two children, and several grandchildren. Ted retired from the shipyard after 34 years as an engineer, and began his tenure here at Holy Trinity in 2007.

His duties include managing parish financials and record-keeping, coordination of the office staff, and parish property management, including the upkeep of our church buildings, the physical plant and its services, and enhancement to the grounds, such as the renovation of the parking lot last year.

It's not just books, buildings and plans. Human relations are a big part of the job. Boards and committees need information

for their decisions. Ted is tasked with getting it all done with a silk touch and good humor in 19 hours per week. Included in this is the upcoming church renovation project, which will be unveiled at the 50th Anniversary Celebration. When the plans are finalized and approved by the county and the Archdiocese, the scope of the work is on the order of \$2.5M



Projects like this bring out the Engineer in Ted. "I enjoy it. I came on in 2007 after 34 years in the Shipyard. We were planning Phase I of the church renovations--the new Rectory wing and remodeled church offices. As an engineer, it was fun to delve into plans and budgets on a good project like that, and it turned out very well." All of the tile work in the rectory was laid by Ted, a skill he perfected while working his way through college.

The Administrator's job must be pretty good. The last person held it for 11 years; Ted is already approaching 8 years as Holy Trinity Parish Administrator.

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When he slows down--if he can slow down, Ted would like to spend more time in the Shelton area on a lake, where he is well known by the fish. Sometimes it's the fishing; other times it's watching the grandkids skip rocks. A game of racquetball is Ted's other release.

Ted's hope for Holy Trinity is for more young people to step up and fill in for his generation. Then Ted and his friends can all go fishing.