

Bill Dewey, his wife Gail, and their two children moved cross country from Groton, Connecticut in 1986 to be Repair Officer at Trident Refit Facility, Bangor Submarine Base. He retired from active duty in '93 with the rank of Captain.

Bill Dewey is active in the life of our parish. His focus since early 2013 has been the Building Committee for the proposed remodel of the church. Recently, July through September, the committee has been conducting town hall meetings with parishioners and gathering inputs from the community on the proposed plan. He works closely with Father Jack and the 10 on the Building Committee and Architect Steve Lee.

Bill has been an E.M. 'forever' at the Masses. In 2000, Veronica Kelley encouraged Bill to be an E.M. to the homebound with many-fold rewards, and Bill agrees it is true. For 15 years Bill has worked with the homebound, including current residents at Belmont Terrace. Experiencing illness and death with Gail's father and his own parents brought home to Bill the importance of bringing the Eucharist to those in nursing homes and assisted living. The relationships are fulfilling, but the goodbyes come, and they are hard.

In his 28 years at Holy Trinity, Bill has been involved in other ways including the Pastoral Council and Knights of Columbus. But it has been the facilities work that resonated best with Bill. He is, after all, a retired Naval Engineering Duty Officer of 25 years that started in 1968 until retirement from US Navy in 1993.



Beyond being some of hundreds of helping hands that transformed the Rectory in Phase I, Bill has been active in carrying out the 20-year plan for Holy Trinity facilities. From 2007 to 2010 and over 6,000 man-hours of parishioner effort brought forth the remodeled rectory. Some specific stuff was hired out—the mudding and taping; carpets and flooring. But everything else had the touch of the parishioners on it—framing, dry walling, plumbing; electrical—you name it.

Bill got into building and remodeling homes by volunteering with Habitat for Humanity for about 10 years, honing his skills as a Jack-of-most-trades. He and some friends had a repair and remodel business starting in 1996. When the Ministry Center construction began, Ted Leniszewski led as overall project manager for new construction, and Bill spearheaded the rectory remodel with 60 parish volunteers. When Katie Piatt and others in the Holy Trinity office receive calls for assistance, Bill—and many others, he is quick to add—form up 'Dewey's dozen' to help elderly and widowed to make home repairs. It could be moving a family or providing other help by building handicap access ramps and redoing the bathrooms and offices at St. Vincent DePaul. Dewey's dozen seems to self-perpetuate with a prayer breakfast twice monthly and continues to respond to requests for help.

Bill is back for Phase II of the facilities plan. The Town Hall Meetings present the design concepts of Steve Lee, a Seattle architect. Lee has handled many refurbishment projects like Our Lady of Guadalupe in Seattle and St. James Cathedral, and has been working with the Building Committee. Bill is encouraged with the support that the Building Committee has received in the two previous Town Hall

Meetings. Everyone has their own ideas, but the committee strives to integrate what will fit in the existing structure and a disciplined budget.

When he slows down, this Naval Architect enjoys his 3 grandchildren in the area, his wife and daughter, and his many friends at Holy Trinity. But, if you have an idea for a project.....