

# Parishioner Profiles



The **McCleans** are lifetime Holy Name of Jesus parishioners. Diana grew up in this church and made all of her sacraments here. She and Ken were married at HNOJ in 1995.

They all attended Stratford High School (SHS). Ken graduated in 1964 and enlisted in the Navy where he served until 1968. In 1969, he joined the Stratford Police Department, retired in 1993 and then joined the CT Department of Public Safety (New Haven) in 1995. He retired in 2007 due to medical issues.

Aside from two years in Kissimmee, FL, Diana has lived her whole life in Stratford. She graduated from SHS in 1984 and immediately joined the accounting firm of Barron Gannon & Co., where she has worked ever since. Diana met Ken through his sister, with whom she still works, and voila! Marriage.



*Diana, Joseph and Ken McClean*

Their two sons, Michael and Joseph, both made all of their sacraments at HNOJ. Both graduated from SHS Magna Cum Laude (Michael in 2015 and Joseph in 2016) and both went on to graduate Cum Laude from Southern CT State University; Michael with degrees in both Elementary Education and History and Joseph with a degree in History. Michael is a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Hall School in Bridgeport and a camp counselor at Sterling House. Joseph loves museums (his favorite is the Smithsonian in D.C.) and U.S. History, especially the American Revolution. Joe is currently seeking employment.

Joseph has been an altar server since the 5th grade and his favorite saint is St. Francis of Assisi. Diana is a Eucharistic Minister and her favorite hymn is "Here I Am Lord". Ken serves as an usher. Both Ken and Joseph joined the Knights of Columbus this year.



**Albert Kovalik** has served our country his entire life. For more than 30 years, he served in the Connecticut National Guard. Presently, he serves in the Military Honor Guard, and honors veterans at memorial services.

Albert also has a classic 1969 VW (complete with running boards!) in excellent condition. He showed the car at our recent Classic Car Show.

Albert grew up in the neighborhood on Jackson Avenue. He graduated from Stratford High School in 1948. "I go to church every Sunday," Al said. "That's what keeps me looking so good."

*Albert Kovalik with his '69 Volkswagon*