

Meet the Council! Emily Bassett



Emily Bassett is a Captain in the United States Navy currently living in Capitol Hill with her husband, retired Navy LCDR Will Bassett, and with Edward (12) and Isabel (10), who attend St. Joseph School. Emily was born and raised in Edmonds, WA, and went to high school at Holy Names Academy, where she and Will were later married by the then-St. Joe's pastor, Fr. Chris.

Emily is completing a lifelong goal by getting stationed back home near her mom and sister and brothers. She plans to retire from the Navy in two years, after 24 years of service, and live here happily ever after. As a Surface Warfare Officer, she was the first Captain of a new warship, USS Manchester (LCS 14). As a Nuclear Engineer, she was the Reactor Officer of the Navy's newest class of aircraft carriers, USS Gerald R Ford (CVN 78). She is currently stationed at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, and commutes by bicycle and ferry every day to Bremerton.

She and Will have been stationed all over the world together, but their favorite duty station was Rota, Spain, where both their kids were born, and where Emily got a Master's degree taught in Spanish from the University of Cadiz.

Emily is thrilled to be able to commit to one community and their parish council for three years—it's the longest she's lived anywhere since she graduated Boston University NROTC, and she never plans to leave—Seattle is the Ithaca of her Odyssey.

On the Weekend of Sept. 11/12, we will be introducing and blessing the Pastoral and Mission Council Members. We will also be inaugurating After Mass Chats with Council members at all the Masses. Members of the Council will stay after Mass for 15 to 30 minutes to meet with parishioners who would like to chat.