

The History of St. Patrick's at a Glance



● Pastors

● Significant Dates

Fr. Daniel Devitt		●	1839	The parish is established on December 22. A carpenter's shop on the east side of 19th, between Spruce and Manning, is where Masses are initially celebrated and school classes first held.
		●	1841	The cornerstone of our first church is laid on July 4. The church is dedicated on December 5.
		●	1852	The first school building is completed. The Sisters of St. Joseph arrive to teach in 1857, the Christian Brothers in 1865.
Fr. William O'Hara	1856	●	1860	
Fr. Patrick Nugent	1868	●		Our present rectory is completed.
Fr. James Mulholland	1869	●	1871	
		●	1874	Our first church is consecrated on November 19. Fr. Mulholland obtains the relics of St. Boniface from Rome.
		●	1883	In 1882, the old school building is demolished and the rectory moved to its current location. In 1883, the present school building is completed.
Fr. William Kieran	1886	●		
		●	1910	The cornerstone of the present church is laid on October 2 (Rosary Sunday). On October 29, 1911, the lower church is dedicated. On February 25, 1913, the upper church altars are consecrated. On March 2, the upper church is dedicated.
Fr. John Thompson	1922	●		
Msgr. James Vallely	1938	●		On December 15th, the newly renovated lower church, now called The Chapel of the Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is dedicated. The builder is the famous John McShain, known as the "man who built Washington," and a parishioner.
		●	1954	
		●	1964	The Church is solemnly consecrated on December 12. Free-standing altars will be constructed in the following years according to the liturgical reforms of Vatican II.
Msgr. Francis Kelly	1969	●	1971	
Fr. Peter Fitzpatrick	1977	●		The School closes in June .
Msgr. Philip Dowling	1991	●		
Fr. Daniel Mackle	2004	●		The Dominicans take over the pastoral care of the parish on July 22, the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene.
Fr. George Schommer, OP	2018	●		
Fr. Hyacinth Cordell, OP	2020	●		