

Understanding Changes at Saint Rita

As we move closer to the partnership between Saint Rita and Saint Patrick parishes, the impact of these changes to our lives becomes more real. It is no secret that change often brings uncertainty and fear, especially when we don't know the details and why change is necessary. Perhaps a way to relieve some of the anxiety caused by this situation is for us to explain where Saint Rita's is and where we are heading. It is our hope that this handout gives you a better sense of parish life today, and what it will look like in July. We will continue to provide more detailed information as it becomes known to us. In the meantime, please let us know your questions and concerns. Your Joint Transition Team

Parish Functions

1. **Parish Administrator**, Francie J.

Current Status

1-year contract for
2017-18 transition year

Status July 1, 2018

Responsibilities assumed by Saint Patrick Pastor and staff

2. **Office Manager**, Sr. Senaida:

- Bookkeeping/bill paying
- Payroll
- Record keeping
- Bulletin/Communications
- Safe Environment coordinator
- All Seattle Archdiocese requests

Sr. Senaida retires
June 30, 2018

Most office functions transfer to Staff at Saint Patrick
Some remain w/new part-time Saint Rita Facilities Coordinator
Facilities Coordinator job opening will be released mid-March
Hire date June 1, 2018

3. **Sacraments:**

Masses: Saturday at 5:00 PM &
Sunday at 10:00 AM
Church Capacity – 284

Avg Attendance:
5:00 PM - 60;
10:00 AM – 85

New Mass times to be determined once Pastor is named
Archdiocese norm is 3 masses per weekend for priests

Baptisms: Coordinated w/Fr. Gene
and Yvonne G.

Avg # - 5 per year

Yvonne will work with Saint Patrick's Pastoral Assistant to
coordinate Baptisms at Saint Rita

Marriages, coordinated w/Fr. Gene

Avg # - 3 per year

Coordinated with new Pastor

Funerals, coordinated w/Fr. Gene,
Sr. Kathleen and Yvonne G.

Avg # - 14 per year

Sr. Kathleen and Yvonne will work with Saint Patrick's
Pastoral Assistant for Funerals

Anointing of the Sick, Fr. Gene
Communal and Individual

3rd Tuesday of the Month
Avg # - 250 per year

To be determined once Pastor is named

Reconciliation, Fr. Gene/Pete

2nd/4th Saturday of Month

To be determined once Pastor is named

Parish Functions

4. **School of Religion** directed by Yvonne G. along with 3 certified teachers

Current Status

Classes merged due to low number of kids (13)

Status July 1, 2018

September 2018 opportunities for classes and teachers to merge and participate w/Saint Patrick Religious Education programs

5. Organizations:

Holy Names Society

12 Members

No Change

Saint Frances Sodality

12 Members

No Change

Saint Theresa's Altar Society

20 Members

No Change

Prayer Line Group

11 Members

No Change but opportunity to join Saint Patrick Prayer Line and combine our prayers

6. **Visitation** of Homebound and Sick, Sr. Kathleen

No Change - Sr. Kathleen will partner with Saint Patrick staff

7. **Music Ministries**, coordinated by M.J.

Multiple cantors and musicians

M.J. will continue to lead the musicians/cantors at Saint Rita and will coordinate with Saint Patrick Music Director

8. **Liturgy Commission**, Mark P. and Debbie O.

Coordinates various Liturgy ministers and enriches Liturgy Life

Details not yet determined, but will be partnered with Saint Patrick Staff and new Pastor

9. **Pastoral Council**, Noah R., Chair

+ 6 Members

A new combined Pastoral Council will be formed w/Saint Patrick

10. **Finance Council**, Gordon S., Chair

+ 1 Member

A new combined Finance Council will be formed w/Saint Patrick

11. **Advisory Team**, volunteers meet monthly to provide support on various issues

5 Members

A new Advisory Group will be formed at Saint Rita