

## WHAT IS A SACRISTAN – SEXTON

Sacristans, or Sextons as they are sometimes called, are an indispensable part of the body of our church whose particular duty it is to watch over the performance of the Divine service. They are the ones who ensure that our Mass is on time and everything is prepared and ready for our worship.

The sacristan carefully arranges the liturgical books, the vestments, and other things necessary in the celebration of Mass. Under the general direction of the clergy, they undertake the overall preparation of liturgical celebrations, including all that is needed for special days such as Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday. The sacristan, in harmony with the clergy, makes sure that the vestments, church furnishings, liturgical vessels and ceremonial objects are kept in good condition.

Saint Patrick Church has a long-standing tradition of not only opening the doors for opportunities such as this, but also depending on the parishioner's helping hands to continue the good work of the church for all people.

God has given all of us so much in talents and blessings. Finding ways to give back to God can be as much work sometimes as our jobs in this life, but the rewards are those riches we find awaiting us in heaven.

If you find that you regularly attend a particular Mass every weekend, please consider participating as a sacristan for that Mass. If you feel you would like to assume a larger role in this ministry and can commit to more than one Mass [weekend or daily], please give Deacon Frank Dello Russo a call @ 781-438-2498 or email him at [mellodello77@gmail.com](mailto:mellodello77@gmail.com) and we will work with you towards your goal.

Thank you so much for your consideration in this matter of need and please pray before you leap. Regardless, God will be there to catch you!

Thank you and God Bless. Deacon Frank