

# **St. Patrick Church in Fells Point Damaged by Earthquake**

## **Steeple of Historic Church Destroyed, Church Closed Indefinitely**

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Fells Point is closed due to damage incurred from today's 5.9 magnitude earthquake. The historic church's steeple and bell tower were badly damaged, rendering the church unsafe for use.

People are encouraged to attend Mass at nearby Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Highlandtown. Sacred Heart's Mass schedule and a list of other Catholic churches in the area can be found at [www.archbalt.org](http://www.archbalt.org).

Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, Archbishop of Baltimore, has offered his prayers for the parishioners of St. Patrick's and assures them of his pastoral care and support.

St. Patrick's was founded in 1792 and the current church was completed in 1898. It is owned by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Father Robert Wojtek, Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus, oversees its operation.