

“LIVING STONES AND SACRED SPACE”

ST. JOHN'S PARISH UPDATE

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THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW...

Here is an overview of the work going on in the interior of St. John's:

- Scaffolding is up throughout the entire space for plastering and repairing both walls and ceiling. Prior to painting, a fiberglass coating was applied to mitigate damage that has been caused to the walls over the past 100 plus years.
- The ceiling has been painted. The walls and pillars have been primed for painting. And decorative details should be completed very soon. At the end of the process, 85 gallons of paint will cover these hallowed walls.
- The new decorative light fixtures have been ordered and when installed, the difference will be dramatic: at least 5 times brighter than before!
- New tile has been ordered for the floor will result in a beautiful combination of patterns that will complement the wall and pillar colors as well as furnishings.
- The existing marble communion rails have been carefully removed. These will grace the sides of the new black granite baptismal font. Two of the side altars have also been dismantled. That marble will be used in the creation of the new altar/table of celebration and ambo.
- The two statues that sat on top of these side altars, St. Therese of Lisieux and St. Margaret Mary Alcoque, will return to the tops of pedestals in the devotional ambulatory area. Each statue will be nearly at eye level.
- Both St. Ignatius and St. Francis Xavier altars will remain in place. The tabernacles at the remaining four side altars will be removed.
- The Mary and St. Joseph altars, along with the high altar, will be cleaned and repaired.
- The four confessionals just inside the east / west doors have been demolished. The spaces will be used for two newly constructed reconciliation chapels.
- Approximately one half of the old blue carpet has been pulled up from the center of the church and from around the steps of the altar platform. Work on the floor is scheduled to begin at the end of May.
- New pews have been ordered. For you trivia buffs, the new pews will be crafted from Northern Grown Solid Red Oak, harvested from the northern part of the Appalachian Mountain Range. Red Oak is famous for its beauty and strength.
- The new crucifix that will hang over the new altar has been designed and is currently being fabricated in Italy.
- Deconstruction of the bathrooms in the southern part of the church continues. New bathrooms will sit on either side of the front door, one on each side.