



“LIVING STONES AND SACRED SPACE”

ST. JOHN’S PARISH UPDATE

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Here is a quick progress report on the renovation of our beloved St. John’s.

- The painting is nearly completed and the result is magnificent.
- A ¾” layer of concrete is being poured to prepare the floor for the new tile. Due to the need for the floor to cure, the church will be *really* closed the weekend of 6/9-10).
- The new lighting fixtures will arrive shortly and their installation will begin immediately. Each fixture weighs 242 pounds and features up and down lighting options. The new technology in lighting will truly do justice to the beauty of this sacred space.
- The new tile for the floor is scheduled to arrive next week. When installed, the result will be a beautiful combination of patterns that will complement the traditional style of the church.
- The marble from the old communion rails will grace the sides of the new baptismal font.
- The marble taken from the two side altars is being lovingly utilized in the creation of a new altar and ambo. The altar/table will be of similar shape to the baptismal font, thereby creating a visual relationship between Baptism and the Eucharist.
- Construction of the altar/table platform (technical term: *predella*) is nearly complete. Construction of the ambo platform and presiders’ chair platform will come next.
- The confessionals just inside the east / west doors have been removed and those spaces are being reconstructed into two ‘chapels of reconciliation’.
- The remaining confessionals have been removed and the spaces are being converted to meditation alcoves. The porthole windows that were revealed when the confessionals were removed will be filled with colored glass that will compliment the existing stained glass windows.

Progress is definitely being made and the result will be truly glorious. Thank you for your patience and support.

St. John’s Design Committee