

SJOG Liturgy Committee Report

2016-2017

In the last 12 months we have completed a number of initiatives that we believe have enhanced and added dimension to our worship space. Listed below are the main areas that we are pleased to share with you. The list will begin from the back of the church and move forward.

1. Removed the last pew (near the accessibility door) and moved the 2 bookstands to either side to improve accessibility for people with wheelchairs, walkers or strollers and for better access to Communion.
2. Installed Holy Water Fonts at all entrances.
3. Moved the Baptismal Font to the front of the church to join the Paschal Candle and the oils as signs and symbols of our faith.
4. Restored the Blessed Sacrament to the Tabernacle on the back altar.
5. Removed chairs from the area in front of the Tabernacle, restoring it as a sacred space.
6. New chairs (donated) for the presider(s) and readers on both sides of the altar.
7. Cabinet in the sanctuary has been relocated to the sacristy.
8. New altar linens (altar clothes, purificators, corporals and palls) were sewn by Gilda Witherell. These will serve St. John of God for years to come.
9. All liturgical vestments (chasubles, stoles, banners) have been professionally dry cleaned.
10. Working with Fr. Kabipi to design special liturgies.
11. Liturgical environment of the church for our feasts and special occasions.
12. Installation of the Peace Pole in the courtyard.

We hope this report provides an overview of the efforts of your Liturgy Committee to serve you – the faith community of Saint John of God.

Members of the Liturgy Committee –

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