

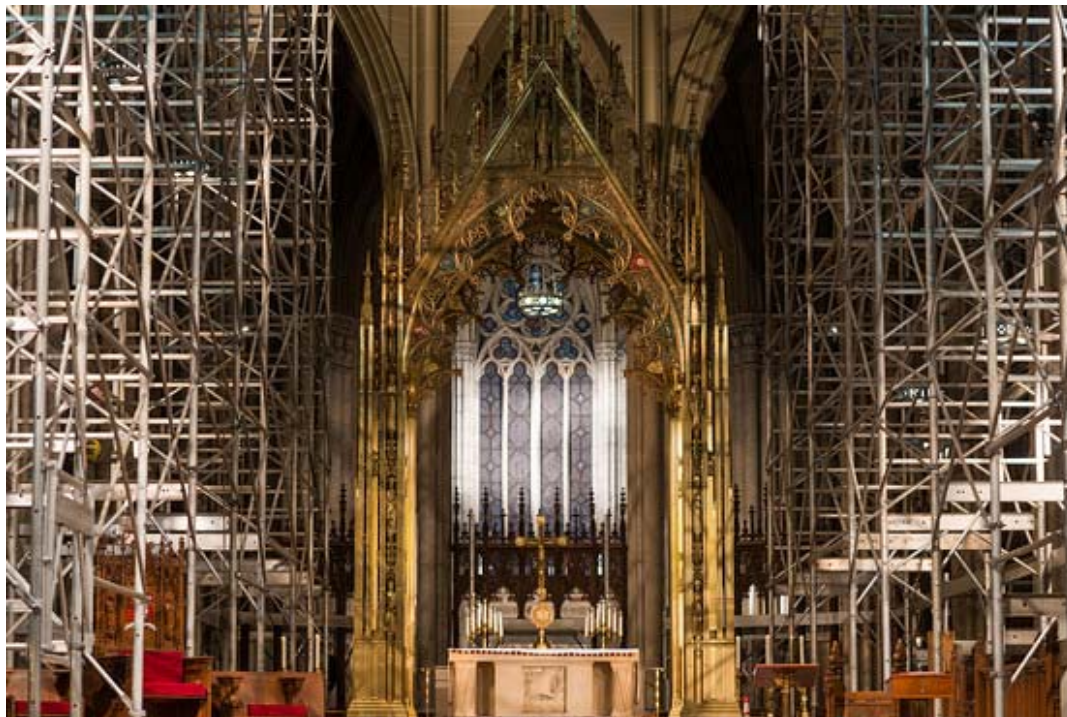
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## Photos: Pews, Stained Glass Spruced Up at St. Patrick's Cathedral

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Scaffolding surrounds the altar as restoration work continues at Saint Patrick's Cathedral.

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[The facelift of New York's landmark St. Patrick's Cathedral](#) is continuing, with its pews getting cleaned and its stained-glass panels undergoing a cleaning.

On Tuesday, about 40 pews that were removed a year ago were reinstalled, and about 40 more were taken out to be restored, according to a spokeswoman. In addition to the pews themselves being cleaned, the pews' kneelers were fixed, and the containers that hold hymn books were fixed.

Stained glass panels are being cleaned, and a protective glazing put on them in the 1970s was removed and replaced. Additionally, the cathedral's ceiling is being cleaned, replastered and repainted.

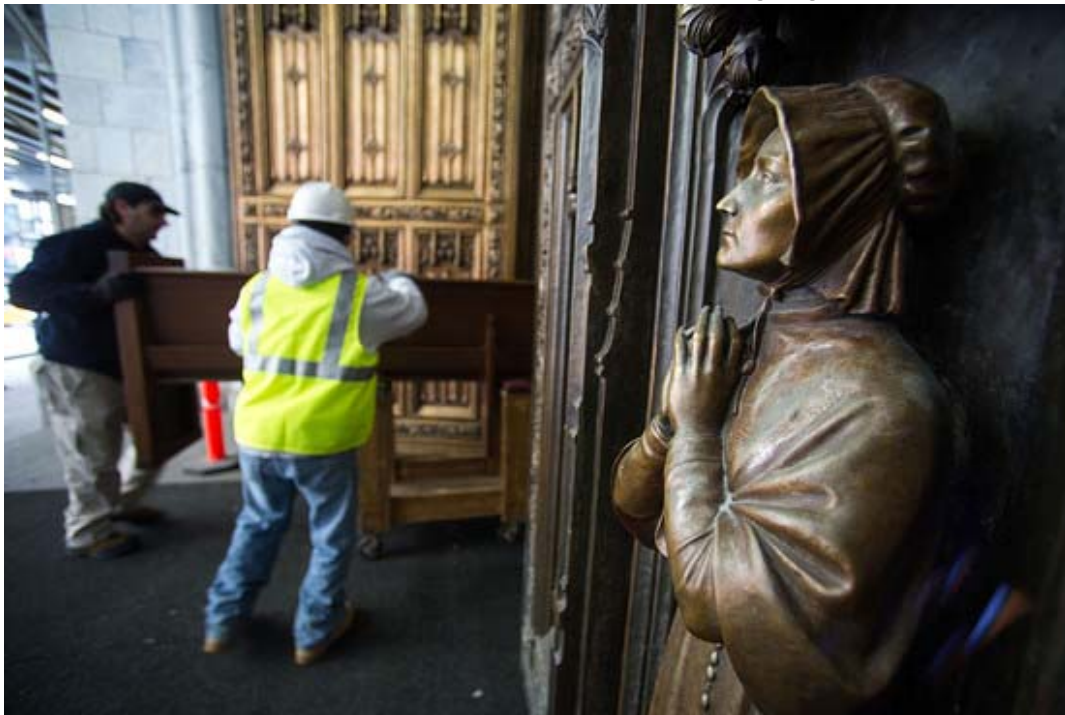
The church's renovations, expected to cost about \$175 million, are scheduled to be completed in December 2015. Workers have already finished the first phase — cleaning the facade's 80-foot spire. Scaffolding around the spire was then taken down, though more remains farther down the cathedral's facade.

Photographer Craig Warga documented the activity on Tuesday.



A worker reaches to fix a detail on a stained glass window as restoration work continues.

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Workers with The Keck Group walk refinished pews ready for reinstallation past a bronze sculpture on the doorway at St. Patrick's.

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Angel Arias, left, and Hector Avila with the Botti Studio work to restore the stained glass windows near the ceiling of Saint Patrick's Cathedral.

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