

UPDATE ON RE-STRUCTURING

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October 22, 2017

Fr. Claude Delorme, Karen Davison Wood, Charles Osborne, Kathy Small, and Robert Winn attended a restructuring meeting at Trinity, Cornwall on October 17, 2017.

The main purpose of this meeting was to present a schedule for the proposed delivery of Sunday services for the next three months in the north (*Maxville, Hawkesbury, Vankleek Hill and Calumet/Grenville*) and in the South "Seaway" churches. (*St. John's, Trinity Cornwall, and Christ Church, Long Sault.*)

Jason's departure from our parish necessitated the implementation of a trial schedule sooner than had be anticipated. At this point a schedule for Sunday services at the three Seaway churches has been drawn up for the next three months. Meanwhile, St. John's is fortunate to have Fr. Claude until the end of October.

The good news for St. John's is that in November, our services will still be at 9:00 a.m. and we will have an ordained priest for 13 of 14 services scheduled until the end of January. The major difference is that as with Trinity and Christ Church, we will have a rotation of clergy. As the clergy who come to Lancaster have only one service that day, we will be able to spend time with each of them over coffee and get to know them a little.

The Schedule for November and December :

November 5: Rev. Frank Kirby
November 12: Rev. Patrick Stephens
November 19: Rev. Richard Mathias (Morning Prayer)
November 26: Rev. Frank Kirby
December 3: Rev. Mary-Cate Garden
December 10th: Rev. Frank Kirby
December 17th, Rev. Patrick Stephens

December 24: Rev. Claude Delorme

We are very fortunate that Father Claude will also be with us for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

December 31: Rev. Frank Kirby

Thursday Services

Our Thursday services are still being worked on, but at this point we know that Patrick Stephens will lead the November 9th services at the McConnell Manor, and Mary-Cate Garden will lead the November 23rd service at Chateau Gardens, Lancaster.

We are also trying to establish who will be "our go to" person. At this point, we have been told, if we need priestly services, we can contact either, Frank, Patrick or Mary-Cate.

Other Deanery Plans:

Arch-Deacon Kirby also announced that plans are underway to develop a curriculum for Lay training, and that a standardized Morning Prayer service is being developed.

The Diocese will fund the trainings.

We will keep you informed as we learn of further developments. In the meantime, let us be strong through this time of change.

Claude, Karen, Charlie, Kathy, Rob.

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