

Transition Team News

The parishes of St. Columba in Caledonia, St. Mary of the Assumption in Scottsville, and St. Vincent de Paul in Churchville will cluster in June 2011. In order to help our parishes prepare for this change, a transition team began meeting in May. Perhaps the most important and immediate task for our parishes is to devise a 6-Mass schedule to replace our current 9-Mass schedule. Why? Because church law stipulates that priests can preside at a maximum of three Sunday Masses, including the Saturday Mass of anticipation.

Process for Revising Weekend Mass Schedule Begins

Who makes the decision?

The members of the transition team—which includes the pastoral leader, a staff representative, a pastoral council member, and an at-large parishioner from each parish—will choose the new Mass schedule after considerable input from parishioners, pastoral council members, and parish staff members.

How will they decide?

Analysis of data and prayerful discernment of what schedule best serves the needs of all three parishes will be important. The following principles will guide decision making:

- Mass start times for each priest will be at least two hours apart to allow sufficient time for him to travel between churches when necessary, to prepare to preside at Mass, and to interact with parishioners afterwards.
- Mass times and locations will allow sufficient time on Sunday mornings for families to participate in both Mass and religious education.
- Mass times and locations will displace as few people as possible.
- Consistent with the 2006 Five Saints West pastoral plan approved by Bishop Clark, there will be two weekend Masses at each of the parishes.

What process will be followed? How can I give input? What is the timeline?

Tues., Sept. 28, 2010	Transition team meets to choose 2-3 Mass schedule options to present to parishioners for feedback
Wed., Oct. 13	Transition team presents information, process, and draft Mass schedule options to pastoral councils and parish staffs and seeks preliminary input
Thurs., Oct. 14	Transition team meets to finalize options and materials going to parishioners
October 23-24	Pulpit announcement regarding feedback forms
Mon., Oct. 25	Feedback forms mailed to parishioners
November 6-7	Parish town meetings to address parishioners' questions
Fri., Nov. 12	Deadline to return feedback forms
Advent/Christmas/Epiphany	Time for prayer and celebration
Thurs., Jan. 13, 2011	Transition team meets to discuss parishioner input and decide new weekend Mass schedule
January 15-16	Pulpit announcement of new Mass schedule
Early to mid-June: date to be determined	New Mass schedule goes into effect
Tues., June 28, 2011	New pastoral leadership begins

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Artistic Talent? Enter our Logo Design Contest!!!

We've got a logo for Five Saints West and another for Patrick Place. Now it's time to develop a logo for the three parishes clustering in June 2011: St. Columba, St. Mary of the Assumption, and St Vincent de Paul.

Interested? For more information, contact Tom Staccone at staccont@rochester.rr.com.

A prize of \$150 will be awarded to the creator of the logo chosen by the transition team!

Please pray for our three parishes and ask for God's guidance as we work together over the coming months to choose a weekend Mass schedule that will be most beneficial to all of our parishes.