

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 7, 2018

## Regional Ministry

Three years ago, the Vestries of our six congregations decided to continue with the Regional Ministry of Grenville North. Part of this decision was to review it after three years. As we look to our Vestry in 2018, please consider and reflect upon these questions. Some of them may raise further questions for you. You may not feel able to answer some of them. Please discuss this with each other, with the Wardens, and with Andrew and Fr. Robert. We will be holding an information workshop about the Regional ministry on Wednesday January 17 at St. James (12 noon, brown bag lunch) and Thursday January 18 at Holy Trinity (12 noon, brown bag lunch). Our desire is that our discussion at our Vestry meetings be informed, and that our decisions be truly guided by the Holy Spirit.

## Thank you

to everyone who helped to decorate our church for Christmas. A special thanks to Linda and David Nash, Chris Scullino, Chris Chamberlain, and Pat Watson.

**Cursillo Movement** - everyone is invited to join us for our monthly Prayer & Praise services. Our next gathering will be at Holy Trinity, Merrickville on *Sunday January 21, 2018*, at 7pm.

**Parish Retreat** - We are offering a retreat for members of our parish, from *May 1 to May 4*. This will be a time to spend with God, in the midst of quiet, rest, and good food. Our retreat will be held with the brothers of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist ([www.ssje.org](http://www.ssje.org)), at their Emery House location in West Newbury, Massachusetts. The retreat will include spiritual direction from one of the brothers, a cabin/room for each person, and all meals. The cost is \$135 per night, per person. For more information, please talk to Andrew.

**Sharing Table** – our next meal will be Sunday January 28 at the Merrickville Medical Centre. 3:30 for bingo; 4:30 to 6:30 for a great meal and fellowship.



**Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John – A Lenten Study.** Stay tuned for more information on this study, and be sure to join in.

**Thank you!**

For the generous financial Christmas gift from you all. It has been a privilege and joy for me to minister among and with you this past year. And to be ministered to by you! You are a great gift – to myself, and to our communities of Merrickville and Burritt’s Rapids. I look forward to serving Christ with you in 2018.

In His Love, Andrew<sup>+</sup>

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