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News and events:

On September 4th a letter was read by Coadjutor Bishop Bruce Myers announcing the appointment of The Rev. Giuseppe Gagliano as a priest of the St. Francis Regional Ministry. Raised on a farm in southwestern Ontario, he brings an affection for rural ministry and a passion for Christian education and discipleship. Ordained a priest in 2013, he is presently serving in the Diocese of Ontario at St. Paul's Church, Sydenham. He is a graduate of Queen's University, Kingston, ON and Yale Divinity School. He will begin serving in the Diocese of Quebec (in the Deanery of St. Francis) on January 1, 2017.

Our best wishes for a happy birthday to Joey Jacklin on Wednesday..

Our next services on September 25th will be: St. Paul's Bury at 9:30am and St. Peter's Cookshire at 11:00am led by Layreaders.

Confirmation classes will be starting in the fall. Please contact Ruth Charleau for more information at grbtcharleau@gmail.com. Classes will be on Monday afternoons at about 3:45pm at AGRHS.

Original paintings by well-known local artist Denis Palmer will be on display and for sale during the month of September at the Eaton Corner Museum. On October 15 and 16 the public is invited to attend a "closing reception" where they can view the artwork and meet the artist, at the Museum's Foss House.

Saturday, September 24, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm - An invitation is extended to the Deanery for a Grounds Clean-up day for St. George's Rectory in Lennoxville. Lunch and a list of chores will be provided. Please come with work gloves, rakes, and a cheerful smile! Cancelled only if pouring rain.

Sunday, September 25, 4:00 pm St George's Church, Lennoxville. **Service of Evensong** followed by a wine and cheese reception.

Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Garage Sale at Trinity United Church, Cookshire. Bag Sale will be Sunday, Oct. 2 from 11 - 2. Fill a bag with items of your choice for \$5.00.

Sunday, October 2, at 2:00 pm Country Gospel Hour at St. Augustine's Church, Danville. See [More News and events on bottom of page 4...](#)

Sentence: May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Galatians 6.14

Collect: Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

This week please pray for:

- **We pray for** God's people throughout the world; for Bishop Dennis, Coadjutor Bishop Bruce, for all

clergy, and for those in leadership, both lay and ordained. Grant them the gifts of wisdom and courage as they lead the church.

- **In our Diocesan** Fellowship of prayer, we pray for St. Barnabas, North Hatley, for The Ven. Dr. Edward Simonton and Lay Readers: Kathryn Stafford, Beverly Dame, Page Dame, Joan Drinkwater; and for Christ Church, Eustis, St. John's, Waterville, for the Rev. Ruth Charleau and Layreader Robert Monk; for our Companion Dioceses of Moray Ross and Caithness in Scotland and Bishop Mark Strange, and for Bujumbura in Burundi and Bishop Eraste Bigirimana.

- In the **Provincial Cycle of Prayer** we pray for Bishop Percy Coffin and the Diocese of Western Newfoundland. In the **Anglican Cycle** of Prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church and for The Most Revd Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop.

- **In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** we pray for Christian faith communities in Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania. We pray for an end to corruption and organized crime, high unemployment, and limited supplies of food and housing; for those who face discrimination, hatred and violence on the basis of their ethnicity and religion, for the creation of stable economic and political systems that allow for the participation of all the peoples in these countries, and for healing for those who suffered under Marxist regimes.

- **We give thanks and pray for** our families, friends, and communities. We pray for Charlotte Anne Lefebvre being presented for Holy Baptism today and for her parents, Vanessa Savage and Bruno Lefebvre. We ask blessings for Joey Jacklin on his birthday..

- **We pray that God may reveal the light of His presence** to the weak and the sick, that they may be comforted and strengthened, and we pray especially for Joan Dougherty, The Ven. Robert Bryan, Sandra Hurd, Maria Garcia, Wanda Sylvester, Audrey Dougherty, Harris Nugent, Linda Sylvester, Erwin Watson, and Robert Coleman.

- **We pray for** the many troubled areas in our world and that there may be peace and justice for all. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Diocese of Quebec: Loving God, fill us with your Spirit that we may live out with greater faithfulness your call to shine with Christ's light in acts of praise and reconciling love. Make us bearers of the Good News, ministers of your grace, and faithful stewards of your Church and Kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

More News and events: Please mark **November 20th, Christ the King Sunday, on your calendar. There will be only one service in St. Paul's Church, Bury at 10:00am followed by a potluck lunch and a meeting of St. John's Brookbury, St. Peter's, Cookshire, and St. Paul's, Bury.** It will be an opportunity to discuss together, with Archdeacon Simonton, any concerns we may have about scheduling, etc. **In 2017 we are planning that St. Peter's will celebrate its 150th Anniversary on April 30th and St. John's Brookbury its 175th Anniversary on July 30th.** These are 5th Sundays and will be Deanery services.

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah... The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.² At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, ³where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. ⁶Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: ⁷Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.”⁸ Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.⁹ And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver.¹⁰ I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales.¹¹ Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy;¹² and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard.¹³ In their presence I charged Baruch, saying,¹⁴ Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time.¹⁵ For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land. *Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15*

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16 (BAS page 828)

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy...⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment;⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it;⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ,¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share,¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. *1 Timothy 6:6-19*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke... Jesus said, ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.²³ In Hades, where he was being

tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.’²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’²⁷ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’” *Luke 16:16-31*

Reflection: Jesus addresses the price of worldly wealth, its value, and the ultimate unintended consequences of riches. The rich man’s bounty does him no good in eternity. He lives for comfort and pleasure in this life. He callously ignores the poor suffering at his door. And because our merciful God is also a just God, in the netherworld the rich man is in torment. In a dramatic metaphor, Jesus pictures the patriarch Abraham refusing even a drop of water to ease the rich man’s suffering. The lesson: an earthly life without love buys and eternity without love. It is the ultimate poverty of riches.

Jesus addresses his remarks, not only to his immediate listeners, but to unborn generations: *If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.*

Jesus does not demand that we take a vow of poverty. But he does demand that we love God with our whole heart and our neighbour as ourselves. Love of God and neighbour are the only riches that ever really count. And we get them all for free. They were bought for us by the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. There is no poverty in these riches. They are a priceless gift of grace that keeps giving and giving. The best part; the more we spend these riches, the more we have... ours for the asking, ours for eternity. – David Sellery

Chuckles: It seems the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has a unique device for testing the strength of windshields on airplanes. The device is a gun that launches a dead chicken at a plane's windshield at approximately the speed the plane flies.

The theory is that if the windshield doesn't crack from the carcass impact, it'll survive a real collision with a bird during flight. It seems the British were very interested in this and wanted to test a windshield on a brand new, speedy locomotive they're developing.

They borrowed the FAA's chicken launcher, loaded the chicken and fired. The ballistic chicken shattered the windshield, went through the engineer's chair, broke an instrument panel and embedded itself in the back wall of the engine cab. The British were stunned and asked the FAA to recheck the test to see if everything was done correctly.

The FAA reviewed the test thoroughly and had one recommendation: "Use a thawed chicken."

Church Signs: In the dark? Follow the Son.

Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up.

If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.

Don't wait for the hearse to take you to church.

