

Share the Spirit; Spread the Word Sept. 25, 2018

Luke: A Journey with Jesus

Montreal Diocesan Theological College is providing a 5-part online course on the Gospel of Luke. This course is meant to be an introduction to the Gospel for people with no prior background, or a refresher for those who have studied it previously. People in the Deanery are invited to meet at the Rectory in North Hatley (645 ch. Sherbrooke) to participate in this class together on Oct 23 & 30 and Nov 6, 13, & 20 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Please let Fr Giuseppe know if you plan to come (ggagliano@quebec.anglican.ca).

Christian Meditation

Centering prayer is a contemplative Christian practice. It involves sitting in silence, letting go of thoughts and emotions, in order to rest in the presence of God. All are welcome to join as we meet for a twenty-five minute session of centering prayer followed by twenty minutes of discussion. No previous experience is necessary, and instruction will be provided. Starting Sept 18th & 20th, meditations will be offered from 6:00-7:00 pm at two sites: Tuesdays at St Barnabas, North Hatley and Thursdays at St George, Lennoxville. If you have any questions, contact Sam Borsman (819-620-6058; sborsman@ubishops.ca).

Seeking God in a Secular Age

Charles Taylor, a Quebec Roman Catholic, is one of the world's most important philosophers. His 2007 book, *A Secular Age*, has been praised as a "magnificent epoch-making work" in describing the origins of secularism and its relationship to contemporary religion. Its last chapter speaks of a series of Christian thinkers who have broken out of contemporary secularism, which Taylor describes as a kind of "conversion". Our discussion group will focus on Taylor's account of conversion—and its relevancy to our personal and communal lives—through a close reading of this chapter, as well as selections from earlier chapters of the book. We will also turn to other Christian thinkers in order to supplement Taylor's challenging reflections. We meet Wednesdays, beginning October 10th, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, at St George, Lennoxville.

Regional Ministry Committee Meeting

A reminder that the Regional Ministry Committee will be meeting on Saturday, September 29th at 10:00 am at St George, Lennoxville. This is an opportunity to hear about the goings on in our churches and to engage in discussion. All are welcome to participate.

Sunday, September 30, 10:00

St. John's, Waterville. Bishop Bruce will be confirming seven young people. Pot luck lunch to follow. Everyone is welcome.

St Barnabas Church, North Hatley

Men's Breakfast will resume for the fall season on Thursday October 4th at 7:30 am. Come and join us for a good breakfast and an exciting time of fellowship. All are welcome. For more information contact Archdeacon Salt at 873.888.7936.

Blessing of Pets

A Blessing of Pets will take place on Saturday, October 6th at 10:00 am in River Park, North Hatley. Bring your furry (or scaly or slimy or what-have-you) friends as we commemorate the life of St Francis, patron saint of animals.

Christ Church, Stanstead

Help us celebrate our 160th Anniversary on Sunday, October 7th at 9:15 A.M.. Bishop Bruce will be celebrant for this Holy Eucharist. This will be followed by Coffee, Refreshments and fellowship in the hall. Don't miss this occasion to greet & visit with our Bishop.

Grace Village

Queen Elizabeth II requests the pleasure of your company at the Royal Wedding of Her Royal Highness Princess Eugenie of York on Saturday, October 13, at 5:00 pm. This Royal Wedding murder mystery is performed by Mead Baldwin and troupe. A three-course dinner will be served during the performance. Tickets are \$50.00 / person. Any questions about the event or to order tickets please contact Debbie Harrison at 819-569-0546 x5012 or email dharrison@masscom.ca

Fall Rummage Sale

St-George's Church Hall, Lennoxville. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. October 25th & 26th with BAG SALE on Saturday October 27th - 8:30 a.m. to Noon. Articles may be left at the Church Hall week of October 21st. Further info or pick-up of articles please call 819-562-6245 or 819-346-5056. SAVE YOUR \$\$\$ - SHOP WITH US!

Annual Bus Trip to Quebec City

The Guild's Annual Bus Trip to Quebec City is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7th to deliver the Seafarers' boxes, etc., to the Port of Quebec. Now is a great time to pack a Christmas Gift Box enabling the sharing of your joy with those away from home at Christmas time. Lists of suggested articles to pack in the boxes are available at St-George's - Lennoxville. Cost of the trip is \$50.00 and to reserve a seat on the bus or for further information please call Kay Hartwell at 819-346-5056.

Silent Lenten Retreat

Once again, all in the Deanery of St Francis are invited to attend a silent retreat this Lent. We will spend four days at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, NY, from April 2nd to 5th, 2019. Cost is \$340 US per person, travel not included. This year, we are taking reservations in advance. Spots are limited, so do let Fr Giuseppe know if you are able to make it by October 21st (ggagliano@quebec.anglican.ca). To learn more about this Anglican Benedictine monastery, see holycrossmonastery.com.