

Coop's Scoops # 98: Tuesday, September 7, 2020

Well, the annual Day after Labour Day shock happened again this morning as I drove into work. The roads were almost empty! As an old 60's song once said about **flowers**: "Where have all the "people" gone? Long time passing...Where have all the people gone? Long time ago! Where have all the people gone? Gone to Toronto everyone! When will we ever learn, When will we ever learn!"

Yes, year after year, the tourists and summer residents come and go, yet we still surprised that there's no place to park come May 24, and amazed at the space available first week in September. Please remember to support local businesses who will miss our summer guests very much.



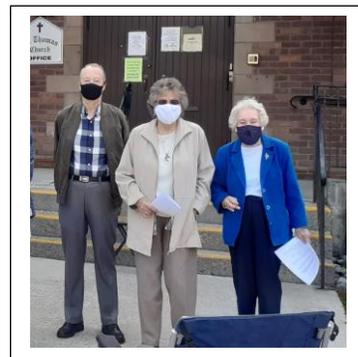
Sunday September sixth, a group of hardy parishioners gathered outside of St. Thomas to pray for all the churches, clergy and people of our Deanery who were having public worship together for the first time since May 8th. The weather was fine! Cathy Turner lent us lawn chairs, some of them very big and comfy and pink! (Thanks). Paul LeMay and John Mitchell helped me with the service and it was glorious to be together hearing each other's voices, on common and beloved ground.



Judie, Ross, Caroline, Gertrude

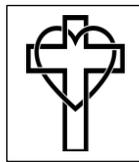


Annette and Ross



John, Eileen and Jeannie

We also offered prayers for David Morrison (Moe), beloved husband of 54 years to dear Margaret+. The condolences and love of every parishioner at Lake of Bays and St. Thomas go out to Margaret+ and all the family. There will be a small family service in Baysville, with a larger Celebration of Life to beheld in Toronto next summer. David's life made a very large footprint on the wellness of his communities and sports teams and campers. He will be sorely missed, however those touched and formed by his life will continue to bless others because he blessed them so. "Rest eternal grant to David, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon him".



We also wish Bob Burton, husband to Shirley, a most blessed and wonderful 90Th Birthday on Sunday, September 13th. Due to Covid, there will be no in-home birthday party, but there will be a surprise! Call me or Shirley for details! Then sssshhhh!



Your very big guffaws for today: Banking for Seniors

Shown below, is an actual letter that was sent to a bank by an 86 year old woman. The bank manager thought it amusing enough to have it published in the New York Times. It's longish, but it's worth it....thanks to Peter for sending in.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to thank you for bouncing my check with which I endeavored to pay my plumber last month. By my calculations, three nanoseconds must have elapsed between his presenting the check and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honor it.

I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of my entire pension, an arrangement which, I admit, has been in place for only eight years. You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account \$30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to

your bank.

My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways. I noticed that whereas I personally answer your telephone calls and letters, --- when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, pre-recorded, faceless entity which your bank has become. From now on, I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person.

My mortgage and loan repayments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank, by check, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee at your bank whom you must nominate. Be aware that it is an OFFENSE under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope.

Please find attached an Application Contact which I require your chosen employee to complete. I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative.

Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Notary Public, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof.

In due course, at MY convenience, I will issue your employee with a PIN number which he/she must quote in dealings with me. I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modeled it on the number of button presses required of me to access my account balance on your phone bank service. As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Let me level the playing field even further.

When you call me, press buttons as follows:

IMMEDIATELY AFTER DIALING, PRESS THE STAR (*) BUTTON FOR ENGLISH

#1. To make an appointment to see me

#2. To query a missing payment.

#3. To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there.

#4 To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping.

#5. To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature.

#6. To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home.

#7. To leave a message on my computer, a password to access my computer is required/. Password will be communicated to you at a later date to that Authorized Contact mentioned earlier.

#8. To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through 10

#9. To make a general complaint or inquiry.

The contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service.

#10. This is a second reminder to press* for English.

While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call. Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement.

May I wish you a happy, if ever so slightly less prosperous New Year?

Your Humble Client

And more thoughts on Covid-19:

1/ Is it too early to put up the Christmas tree? I've run out of things to do.

2/ When this Covid- thing is over, I still want some people to stay away from me!

3/ Another Saturday night in the house and I just realized the trash goes out more than me.

4/ Remember when you were little and all your underwear had the days of the week on them. Those would be helpful right now.

5/ Did a big load of pajamas so I would have enough clean work clothes for this week.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 3: 5-6

**Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own
understanding.**

**In all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He will make straight your paths.**



These verses are a great encouragement to people when they find themselves at sea, being inundated with differing bits of advice, conflicting guidelines, changes that are often daily in the basic ways in which we are to live. In this time of covid-19 for sure. A woman told me the other day that she feels like a swirling top, not being sure if it will ever stop, or how it will be positioned when it does. There are so many Scriptures which tell us, command us, urge us, beseech us to trust in God. He is worthy of our trust in all times. Consider just a few Scriptures

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Hebrews 13:5 (amplified Bible): He (Jesus) has said, "I WILL NEVER [under any circumstances] LEAVE YOU OR FORSAKE YOU [nor give you up nor leave you without support, nor will I in any degree leave you helpless], NOR WILL I FORSAKE *or* LET YOU DOWN *or* RELAX MY HOLD ON YOU [assuredly not]!"

Psalm 20:7

"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God."

Joshua 1:9

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

2 Timothy 4:18

"The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom."

Philippians 4:19, KJV: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

We are wise to trust in God! And we do well to acknowledge Him in all that we do. Which simply means, agree with God that love is the greatest commandment, and that we are to forgive one another always, and that Jesus Christ is indeed His Son, our Saviour and our Lord. Holding the yardstick of love and mercy up to various regulations and complexities will help us see what it is we are to do. And God will direct or make straight our paths. We will wind up where we should be, the top will one day stop spinning, the direction will be clear.

Again I say to you, "Trust in the Lord with all your Hearts". Amen.

Prayer for the Day: (from ConnectUS)

O God, my Strength, I put my trust in You. You have never forsaken those who seek You. You have never let me down. I know that You never will let me down because my life so far has been a testimony of Your greatness. Mold me into Your image, and hold me close to You. Show me how to mature as a Christian and improve on my walk of faith. Steady my trust in You so that it never wavers, no matter what battles I face on this earth. I declare that my faithfulness to You will

be strong at all times. Amen.

Prayer for Calmness: Loving God, please grant me peace of mind and calm my troubled heart. My soul is like a turbulent sea. ... Give me the strength and clarity of mind to find my purpose and walk the path you've laid out for me. I trust your Love God, and know that you will heal this stress.

Benediction:

Glory to God

Whose power, working in us

Can do infinitely more

Than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,

In the Church and in Christ Jesus,

For ever and ever. Amen.



Pray for our children, our teachers, bus drivers, aides, and all staff as schools reopen today across many Communities in our Province.

Pray for those schools opening next week and for all who are making decisions about whether in-class or in-home learning is best for their child.

Pray for young adults in college or university, apprenticeships or trade training, where classes are offered in person, indoors or outdoors or on-line.