

Announcements for February 2018

STAY INFORMED ABOUT NEWS AND SPECIAL EVENTS AT ST. OLAVE'S!

Please email the office at stolaves@stolaves.ca if you'd like to be added to our email list. You can also find lots of information about special events and our programs by visiting our website, www.stolaves.ca, liking our Facebook page @stolavesevents or following us on Twitter @StOlavesTO

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

February 2, 6 p.m. - Holy Communion for Candlemas followed by light supper and at 7, illustrated talk by Debbie Cowling: Dream Trip to Egypt.

FEBRUARY 11, 10:30 a.m. – THINKING DAY SERVICE with our 155th Guides and 101st Scouts, and special guest speaker Stephen Scharper, expert of religion and environmentalism from the University of Toronto. **After the 10:30 service, stay for our ANNUAL PANCAKE LUNCHEON**

This year it has been decided that we should return to “the way it was” some 15/20/25 years ago and let the men of our parish reclaim complete responsibility for the planning and serving for this event, one of the most longstanding and enjoyable of our many St. Olave’s traditions. It could turn out to be a lot of retro fun and also serve as a splendid volunteering opportunity for our male parishioners. As we did last year, we will again dispense with the selling of lunch tickets in advance. The admissions can just be payable at the door to the hall. And for the umpteenth consecutive year there will no price increases. Adults \$6, Children \$3 and a Family rate of \$15. Thank you in advance for your support. — Craig Douglas and Jim Shapland, Co-convenors

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Junior Church trip to St. James Cathedral for Ash Wednesday. See stolaves.ca/children for details, or contact Brittany.

7 p.m. - BISHOP JENNY ANDISON TO PREACH AND CELEBRATE ON ASH WEDNESDAY:

Kicking off her Lenten study at St Olave’s, Bishop Jenny will be our guest preacher and celebrant. Begin Lent with this beautiful service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes.

FEBRUARY 16, 8 p.m. - CELEBRATING

HEALEY WILLAN, Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 477 Manning Avenue, Toronto, there will be a special concert to mark the 50th anniversary of the death (to the day) of Healey Willan's. Willan is known across Canada and internationally for his liturgical music, and the evening's concert will feature both choral and organ works, performed by the choirs of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene and St. Thomas's, Huron Street.

Willan's sole surviving child, Mary Willan Mason, will be present and will speak. PWYC admission. For more information, please contact St. Mary Magdalene’s church office at 416-533-4495.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 6:30 p.m. - Youth Group Movie Night in the Ethel Brown Room.

FEBRUARY 18, 4 p.m. - Choral Evensong with Schola Ecclesiam, then stay for “Gounod 200” – a talk about the French composer by the Rev’d Clem Carelse. Charles Gounod was influenced by Palestrina; he is famous for his opera *Faust* and his *St. Cecilia Mass*; his huge repertoire includes many other operas and masses, as well as a large number of motets, oratorios, ballet and theatrical pieces, songs of many types, plus instrumental works for piano, organ, and violin.

The Evensong service will include a performance of the wonderful *Cantique de Jean Racine* by Gabriel Fauré, who was strongly influenced by Gounod's style.

His famous *Ave Maria* will be performed live as part of the talk after the service, which will also include several recordings of pieces by Gounod and his contemporaries.

In his prime Gounod lived in England for five years in the 1870s; many of his choral and vocal works were translated into English.

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT AT 6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 21 – MARCH 28

BISHOP JENNY ANDISON TO LEAD LENTEN STUDY AT ST. OLAVE’S! Have you ever wished to deepen your relationship with God? To experience a warm friendship with God? Maybe even fall in love with God – again – or for the very first time? Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John is a six-week Lenten journey published by the Society of St. John the Evangelist. Bishop Jenny Andison, area Bishop of York-Credit Valley, will be leading this Lenten study, based on St John’s Gospel, at St Olave’s. Join us and bring a friend as we move through Lent together: Wednesday evenings **February 21, 28 & March 7, 14, 21, 28.** (6:30 p.m. - light supper; 7 p.m. – discussion; 8:30 p.m. – Compline.) This Lenten series is for people of the Etobicoke-Humber and Parkdale West Toronto Deaneries of York-Credit Valley. *Meeting Jesus* prayer journals will be provided. In order to assist with

planning, you may register to indicate your intention to attend at the York-Credit Valley Area 'Events' [webpage](#). For more information, visit www.stolaves.ca or see the cards at the back of the church.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 6 PM ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

Join us for a service of Evening Prayer, followed by a chili supper and at 7 p.m., the annual Vestry meeting. This important event celebrates our accomplishments for the year that is past and helps us plan for the future. This is your opportunity to learn more about St. Olave's revenue and expenses. This year we are also introducing a narrative budget which describes our ministries and all the work that goes into fulfilling our mission, to be a light of Christ in the community.

The Vestry is also the time when important lay leadership positions are appointed or elected. The Rector intends to reappoint both the current Rector's Warden Janice Douglas, and Deputy Rector's Warden Paul Scrivener. The current People's Warden Annis Tebbutt and Deputy People's Warden Sandra Franke have both indicated their willingness to continue in their current roles. If you are interested in learning more about parish leadership or being a Warden, please speak to the Rector.

DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE VESTRY MOTION

Parishes across the Diocese are being asked to pass the following motion at their annual Vestry Meeting:

Vestry Motion for 2018: Affordable Housing

All levels of government need to work together to build and sustain affordable housing. We, the vestry of [name of parish] in the Diocese of Toronto, urge the provincial government to:

1. Develop and implement a comprehensive plan to increase and maintain the available stock of affordable housing in Ontario.
2. Develop specific strategies to address the needs of communities and populations experiencing disproportionately high levels of inadequate housing, including members of Indigenous and racialized communities, newcomers to Canada, seniors, youth, survivors of domestic violence, and people living with mental illness or addictions.
3. Work with the federal government to maximize the impact of the National Housing Strategy on housing in Ontario.

4. Work with municipalities to ensure that emergency shelters are adequately funded to meet the needs of their communities.

Additional background information is available [here](#) or on the table in the Narthex.

GREETER MINISTRY

Thank you to our greeters for January: David Pickering, Michael Ball, Carol Ambler and Caroline Mitchell. There are still lots of spots available for February, including Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. Please add your name to the sign up sheet on the clipboard in the Narthex, and let Janice Douglas know at craig.janice@rogers.com.

THE WARDENS' TABLE

You may have noticed the new wooden table in the narthex. This table was created using wood from the two pews that used to sit at the back of the church. The pews were becoming dangerous due to structural problems, and so were refashioned by a skilled craftsman into this beautiful and useful table. The cost of the table was entirely donated by our current wardens, Janice Douglas, Annis Tebbutt, Sandra Franke and Paul Scrivener. Thank you, wardens, for your generosity!

LENTEN REFLECTIONS WITH PWRDF

This Lent give up some time every morning to Pray, Act and Give with PWRDF. Sign up at www.pwrdf.org/resources/seasonal to receive a free Lenten reflection each day in your inbox. Author Allie Colp connects Bible scripture to PWRDF stories so you can deepen your understanding of the fund's relief and development work while you live through Lent.

2018 COMMITMENT FORMS

Please remember to prayerfully consider how much you plan to give in 2018 and fill out a commitment form to help us budget our givings. Commitment forms are available in the Narthex or can be downloaded or filled out online at www.stolaves.ca/giving/for-the-love-of-st-olaves/

GIVING TO ST. OLAVE'S

If you would like to become a regular donor, consider signing up for pre-authorized giving (PAG) from your bank account. Forms are available on the table in the Narthex. If you prefer to donate by cash or cheque, please ask for a box of dated "duplex" envelopes from our envelope secretary, John Canning (rjcngs@gmail.com or 416-484-4346). You can also

donate online at stolaves.ca, where secure credit card payments are processed by Paypal.

PRAYER LIST

The Prayer List will be refreshed every quarter (**January 1**, April 1, July 1, and October 1). Please submit your prayer requests by contacting the church office or by recording the name in the binder provided in the Narthex every Sunday. Please indicate if the prayer is for that Sunday only or an on-going request.

EASTER BAGS FOR SENIORS

As previously announced, St. Olave's ACW will be collecting Easter Gift Bags for seniors March 11 or March 18.

Fill a bag for either a Woman or a Man – label the bag!

Easter treats: Easter Card, Chocolate Easter Egg, Easter Bunny

Food: Cookies, Hot Chocolate, Tea, Coffee, Soup Packages, Cheese, Crackers, Candy, Jam

Household items: Dish Soap, Dish Cloth, Tea Towel, Mug

Hygiene items and toiletries: Hand Wipes, Soap, Tooth Brush Tooth Paste, Mouthwash, Facecloth, Hand Towel, Hair Brush, Comb, Shampoo

Stationery: Pens, Pencils, Small Notebook, Glue stick, Paper Clips, Envelopes, Post-it Notes, Ruler, Elastic Bands, Writing Pad

Diversions: Sudoku books, Magazine, Crossword Book, Adult Colouring Book, Colouring Pens

Accessories: Costume Jewellery, Light Scarf, Socks,

First aid and safety items: Sunscreen, Vaseline, Lip Balm, After Bite, Band Aids, Flashlight and Batteries

Comes in handy: Calendar, Extendable Back Scratcher, Freezer Bags, **Add your own ideas!**

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS:

The silver balls purchased to decorate the trees are ready to be picked up by those who purchased them. You will find your purchase(s) in a bag with your name on it at the back of the church. Please pick up your bag. Thank you. St. Olave's ACW Executive

THANK YOU FROM THE ACW EXECUTIVE

The executive of St. Olave's ACW would like to thank St. Olave's Parishioners for their support of our fundraising activities throughout 2017.

1. No Bake Bake Sale;
2. Lawn Sale;
3. November Arts & Crafts Sale;
4. Gift Basket Draw;
5. Christmas Tree Decorations Sale;
6. Coffee Hour baskets

These activities enabled us to raise almost \$3,500! Thanks to your support we were able to continue our outreach donations, purchase Bibles for the confirmation candidates, purchase and install the red carpet for the Narthex, pay six months wages for a kitchen cleaning lady, update our first aid kits and provide other help with Church expenses. All this is very much appreciated! **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!** We wish you many Blessings throughout 2018. St. Olave's ACW Executive.