

ST. OLAVE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
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Announcements for December 9, 2018

TODAY AT ST. OLAVE'S

SINCERE THANKS to everyone who has been involved in the presentation of our 35th Annual Nativity Play today!

COFFEE HOUR: Visitors and parishioners, please join us downstairs after the 10:30 a.m. service for fellowship and light refreshments. Thank you to the Junior Church and Youth Group for hosting this morning's coffee hour.

2019 DUPLEX ENVELOPES ARE IN! Please see the pew at the back of the church and pick up your assigned envelopes. Don't have a number? There are several unassigned numbers. Please email our Envelope Secretary Doug Hewitt at envelopesecretary@stolaves.ca to let him know the number you have chosen. Or, not sign up with our Pre-Authorized Giving program and never miss a week! Simply fill out a PAG form on the table in the Narthex and contact Doug, he'll get you started!

THIS WEEK AT ST. OLAVE'S

PRAY WITH US: Did you know that Morning Prayer is said in the church most weekdays (Tuesday - Friday) at 8:30 a.m.? This is a public service and anyone is welcome to attend. The service is said in the choir stalls and takes about 25-30 minutes. Check the bulletin each Sunday to confirm which days the service will be said that week.

ACW EXECUTIVE MEETING: Tuesday December 11 at 10:00 a.m.

MARY & MARTHA GROUP: Tuesday December 11 at **1:00** p.m.

BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday December 12 at 10:00 a.m. This week, we will be watching a video about the Apostle Paul. All welcome!

YOUTH GROUP MEETING: After church, Sunday December 16. For further information, contact Carol Ambler (cambler@sympatico.ca or 416-799-2318).

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CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE: Junior Church is collecting new unwrapped toys for the annual Christmas Toy Drive until Sunday December 16th. All donations can be left in a box marked “Toy Drive” in the Parish Hall. Thank you for helping make this Christmas a merry one for all the children in the city of Toronto.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS: We hope to have the Church beautifully decorated with Poinsettias in time for the Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday December 16. If you wish to donate a poinsettia to decorate the Church at Christmas, please put your name and telephone number on the Flower List located in the Narthex. (Deadline for the list is Tuesday Dec 11.) Poinsettias may be delivered to the Church the week commencing Monday December 10 – Monday to Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon; or on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday afternoon when the office is open.

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS: Sunday December 16 at 7:30 p.m. This traditional service of scripture readings, carols and Christmas anthems performed by our choir is a highlight of St. Olave’s Advent season. Reception to follow.

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, December 11 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesday, December 12 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
 11:15 a.m. Holy Communion

Thursday, December 13 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Friday, December 14 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday, December 16 8:30am Holy Communion
 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 Psalm 11; Isaiah 25:1-9; Matthew 25:1-12
 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion and
 Holy Baptism (*Amaya Victoria Marcus*)
 7:30 p.m. Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
 (*Third Sunday in Advent*)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
\$132,000 in givings to date (80% of budget)										\$35,000	
											needed to meet budget

THE COLOURFUL ACW COOKBOOKS – containing over 60 tried and true recipes from members of the Parish - are still on sale for the reasonable price of \$20. They make great Christmas gifts!

PREPARE FOR ADVENT WITH PWRDF'S "EMPOWERED & EMPOWERING WOMEN": The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund invites you to journey through the days of Advent while learning about women of the Bible, from Eve to Mary. This year St. Olave's very own Rev'd Rob Mitchell has written the resource, which provides a daily scripture reading about a different woman of the Bible, a reflection on her story, a prayer and a connection to the work of PWRDF. Sign up at pwrdf.org/Advent2018 to receive a free daily reflection in your email inbox and discover how the courageous and fascinating women of the Bible are not all that different from the strong and resilient women who live in PWRDF program areas around the world.

THE MITTEN TREE: As is our custom, the Mitten Tree has now been placed in the narthex as you enter the church and with your help we are hoping by Christmas to have it loaded with all sorts of mittens, scarves, hats, socks, gloves & whatever a young child needs to keep warm this winter. All these items are always badly needed by inner-city children, women's shelters, and children of new immigrants not yet familiar with cold Canadian winters. If you are a knitter—great! But if not, or you don't have the time required, newly purchased items are very acceptable as well. Let's get that tree covered quickly and make a lot of children warm and happy.

CHRISTMAS EVE: Children's (Family) Service at 4:00 p.m. Candlelight Service of Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker at the 7:30 p.m. service will be the Rev. Dr. Pearce Carefoote.

CHRISTMAS DAY: Service of Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR EPIPHANY – Sunday January 6 at 4:00 p.m. It will be followed by our Epiphany Tea and, at 5, we will welcome a guest speaker who will present a music feature (details to be announced).

GREETINGS FROM KATHY LANGSTON! Copies of Kathy's Fall 2018 Newsletter are available in the Narthex.

2019 CHURCH CALENDARS are available from Judy Beal in the Church Office. \$8 each. Cheque or cash – exact change appreciated. **Only 5 left!**

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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.