

## CONGRATULATIONS TO FR KENNEDY

Fr Jeffrey Kennedy is serving the Parish of St Martin, Bay Ridges as Interim Priest as they begin to search for a new Rector. We wish him joy in his Ministry there, and a speedy return to St Thomas's.



### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

*Be still and know that I am God*

A six week Advent course began after the Feast of St Martin:

- *On Tuesdays at 7:30 to 8:30 pm in St Agnes's Chapel.*
- *On Wednesdays at 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm in the Fr Freeland Rm at the back of the Parish Hall. Bring a brown-bag lunch if you wish*

Traditionally the season of Advent was a six-week season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. However, one need not only give things up during this time; we are also encouraged to add spiritual disciplines. Meditation is one way to do this.

Although the course has already begun, people are still welcome to join either group. For more information please contact Fr Brian Bartley.

### Do You Have an Announcement that Needs to go in the Notice?

Send it to Christine by e-mail at [saintthomas@rogers.com](mailto:saintthomas@rogers.com). The deadline for submissions is **Thursday at noon**.

Please include a title, date, time, a brief description of your event, and, if applicable, information for further contact.

**DECEMBER 9, 2018**

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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### WELCOME TO ST THOMAS'S

**Nursery Care** is available during the 11:00 am Service.

**Church School** is held during the 11:00 am Service. Please speak to Siobhán Dungan for more information.

**Coffee Hour:** After each of the 9:30 and 11:00 am Eucharists, there is a time for fellowship in the parish hall. Enjoy light refreshments while getting to know members of the congregation and learning more about St Thomas's.

**Need Assistance?** The sidespeople are pleased to offer assistance. Please speak to them if you need Communion brought to you, or would like a booklet to guide you through our Liturgy.

Please keep this leaflet as a reminder of upcoming events, or visit our website at: [www.stthomas.on.ca](http://www.stthomas.on.ca).

### EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY	<b>ADVENT II</b>
Mon. Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ADVENT BIBLE STUDY</b> ( <i>see article</i> )
Wed. Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Society of Mary Monthly Devotions</b> ( <i>see article</i> )
Sun. Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ADVENT III</b>
Mon. Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ADVENT BIBLE STUDY</b> ( <i>see article</i> )
Sun. Dec. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>ADVENT IV</b> 7:00 PM <b>A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS &amp; CAROLS</b> <b>Pot Luck Reception</b> ( <i>see article</i> )
Mon. Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> 5:30 pm <b>EARLY MASS</b> 11:00 pm <b>MIDNIGHT MASS</b> with The Most Rev'd Fred Hiltz, Primate
Mon. Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am Eucharists
Sun. Dec. 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CHRISTMAS I</b> - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am Eucharists

## TODAY

We welcome Noah Naganathan into the flock of Christ. He is the son of Roy Naganathan and Arthi Thuraisingam, and Nala's younger brother.



**Advent Bible Study on Isaiah:** Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> following the 5:30 pm Eucharist. A light supper will be served in the Rectory at 6:00 pm, followed by the Bible Study.

Only rivaled by the Psalms, no Old Testament book plays as prominent of a role in the New Testament as Isaiah. According to one tally, 194 New Testament passages contain allusions to verses from 65 of Isaiah's 66 chapters. The Book of Common Prayer lectionary, recognizing how greatly the writers of the New Testament relied upon the language of Isaiah to proclaim the good news of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, includes a lesson from Isaiah at Morning and Evening prayer each day throughout the season of Advent.

Its prominence, as well its traditional use in the daily office during the Advent season, makes Isaiah a particularly fitting book of the Bible to study together in the midst of Advent this year. Please join us as we prepare our hearts and minds to receive the coming of Christ in our midst anew this Christmas. All are welcome. Speak to Fr D'Angelo if you have any further questions.



## NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS POT LUCK RECEPTION - December 23<sup>rd</sup>

As is our tradition, the Friars' Guild is hosting a reception following the beautiful Nine Lessons and Carols service at 7:00 pm on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is our largest reception of the year, and we rely on the congregation's help to show hospitality to all our guests and parishioners.

There are many ways to participate. Parishioners are encouraged to bring their favourite sweet or savoury dish to share or to volunteer to help with set-up and clean-up of the event. Sign-up sheets are available at coffee hour following each service. Please speak to Hannah or Matthew Orsag if you have any questions. Thank you for your help and hospitality!

## CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT 5:30 PM

For those unable to attend Midnight Mass, a more substantive service than in previous years, with some music and hymns, will be offered this year at 5:30 pm on Christmas Eve. All are welcome but especially families with children.



## WEBSITE UPDATE

The parish website has a new look as of December 1<sup>st</sup>, which was the day of our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. The address remains *www.stthomas.on.ca*, and it is now mobile-friendly. We appreciate the positive feedback so far! More content will be added gradually. We apologize that a security message was appearing the first day, but the issue was fixed that evening.

Please note that the site was down for only a few minutes on the morning of December 1<sup>st</sup>, so if by any chance your browser is returning the message "page not found," then you should clear your cache to resolve the issue. There is no problem with the website. You can readily find information on the Internet about how to clear the cache in whichever browser you use.



## MISSING GAME FROM CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School is still looking for its *Bible Book Parking Lot*. It consists of a blue, lidless, box containing several small cars; 6 sheets of hard stock, that show all of the names of the Old & New Testament Bible books, labelled as parking spots, that have been decorated with trees and bushes etc, by the children. Also included is a free-standing, transparent, plastic, frame that explains how it is all used. If you have any idea of where it might be, please let our Church School Coordinator, Siobhán, know.

**YOUR GIVINGS ENVELOPES FOR 2019** are now ready for pickup. The envelopes are in the parish hall, filed in alphabetical order. Please talk to either Barb Obrai or Marilyn Ramsingh if you have questions, or need to make changes to your givings pattern, or want to obtain a set of envelopes. There are many options you may explore. Weekly or monthly envelopes are self-explanatory. Also available are quarterly envelopes; several envelopes for occasional givers; we also have means to hold post-dated cheques, etc. Barbara Obrai, Envelope Secretary.  
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