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# THE SUNDAY TRUMPET

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## The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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### Worshipping at St. Michael's

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The St. Michael's family invites you to join us as we worship, work, sing, laugh, cry, admit our sin, and experience forgiveness and healing in the fellowship of Christ.

*Worship with Holy Eucharist at 7:45am, 9am and 11am; Evening prayer at 6pm.*

### Receiving Communion

All baptized persons desiring to lead a new life in Christ, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion. For Blessings simply cross your arms over your chest; request gluten free wafers from your bread minister.

### Prayers for Healing

Prayers are available at the Prayer desk on the back wall behind the pulpit during Communion and between the services.

### Altar Flowers

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God. *Sign-ups to donate altar flowers are located in the narthex on the bulletin board.*

### Meet Our new Interim Rector!

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We have an Interim Rector! Your Vestry approved Rev. Dr. Peter F. Casparian to begin leading St. Michael's beginning March 21 (two days per week plus three Sundays per month). He will be celebrating at all services this Sunday, March 26.

Rev. Casparian was born and raised in New York, NY. He earned his undergraduate degree

(Anthropology, Art and Psychology) from Rhodes College in Memphis, TN; his Masters and Doctorate in Divinity were earned from the University of the South, Sewanee, TN. Additionally, Rev. Casparian has a Master's Degree in Fine Arts/Sculpture from The University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO.

Rev. Casparian was ordained in 1975 and has served as Rector in several parishes: Oyster Bay, Long Island, NY (2004-2014), St. James Church in Florence Italy (1995-2004) and Lexington, KY (1986-1995). Prior to these calls, he served as a Chaplain and Vicar in Lawrence, KS and Dallas, TX and as Associate Rector in Kansas City, MO.

He has served in numerous positions of local, national and international civic/non-profit boards and Diocesan appointments. Rev. Casparian is also long time Rotarian. He currently lives in San Marcos and is married to Marguerite (40 years!). They have two adult daughters: Rachel, a working actress in NY and Hannah, a corporate chef in Austin.

Rev. Casparian is conversational in Spanish and Italian, has a good sense of humor and loves to travel. He is a regular jogger, a competent photographer, a former goldsmith, an avid flea-marketer!, a robust singer and an ardent movie aficionado.

Please welcome Rev. Peter Casparian!

## Weekly Prayer

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### Morning Prayer

Monday through Friday, during Lent, at 9am in the Worship Space. For more information contact Rev. Brin or Lesley.

### Centering Prayer

Tuesday evenings at 6pm in the side chapel. For more information contact Phyllis Blee, ([phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com)).

## Contact information

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## Today at St. Michael's

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### Children and Student Ministries during worship

**Christian Education** for 3 year olds through 12th grade takes place in the Education Wing during both the 9 and 11am services. Once their programs are over, everyone is brought to the worship space in time for Eucharist with their parents and families.

### Adult Education and Family fellowship between the 9am and 11am services;

**Living the Weekly Word** 10:10-10:50am in the Cry Room. This program is a Bible study and discussion based on the scripture that we hear each week; asking the question "How is this relevant to my life?" If you want to prepare in advance, the weekly readings can be found at <http://www.lectionarypage.net>. The group is facilitated by our Episcopal Service Corps Fellow, Will. All ages and levels of biblical knowledge are welcome.

**Sunday Seekers Book Study** 10:10 to 10:50am in the Bride's Room. The current book is 'How God Became God' by Richard Smoley. New participants are welcome to join at any time. Contact Phyllis Blee ([phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com)) for details.

**Playground Fellowship** 10:10-10:50am in the Education wing playground. All parents and children are welcome. Rev. Brin and Lesley will be on hand to talk. Hot coffee and snacks will be provided.

**EYC Hangout for 6-12th graders** and **Kids Intermission for preschool-5th grade** 10:10 -10:50am in rooms 8 and 6 of the Education Wing. Games, snacks, and fun - a chance to connect with friends from the other service.

**Nursery care throughout Sunday mornings** 8:45am to 12:30pm in the Education wing for infants to 3 years old. We have 2 nurseries staffed by professional, Safeguarding God's Children certified nannies.

### Episcopal Youth Community

3-4:30pm in room 8 of the education wing and is open to all 6th through 12th grade students. Contact Anthony for details.

### Integrity Group, Sunday, March 26th 7-8:30pm in the Parlor/ Cry Room

We would like to welcome all LGBTQ persons of faith and seekers, as well as their allies, to be a part of the Integrity Group. We will

focus on informing and educating others on LGBTQ issues and being there to support persons that have questions in a Christian setting. Confidentiality will be kept. Please feel free to attend or to ask questions. For more information contact Phillip Boone at [clayton12673@yahoo.com](mailto:clayton12673@yahoo.com)

## Upcoming

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### **Spring Spruce Up, Saturday, April 8th 9am**

In advance of a busy month of April (Easter and the bishop's visit!!!) we're going to do a mass clean-up of the church and the grounds, such as picking up trash and organizing things around the building.

### **Sacrament of Holy Baptism, April 16 at the Easter Vigil**

Holy Baptism will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil. If you or someone in your family has never been baptized, please speak with Rev. Peter or Rev. Brin no later than Sunday, April 9th. A baptism preparation class (required for adult candidates and one or both parents and god-parents) will be scheduled on a weeknight before the baptism date.

### **Easter Flowers**

It's time to think about our Easter decorations and order the lillies. You can participate ! You can celebrate, commemorate or honor a loved one or friend with flowers. Just place your filled out envelopes in the offering plates/baskets. Suggested contribution is \$15. Please specify on the envelopes whether given in thanksgiving..., in honor of..., or in memory of... Thank you.

## Serving

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**No One Dies Alone** is a volunteer ministry to ensure that hospital patients don't face death alone – even if they were alone in life. Upcoming training session: Seton Medical Center, Hays: Saturday, May 6, 8:30-12. To register contact Rachel Smith at [rbsmith@seton.org](mailto:rbsmith@seton.org) and for more information, contact Lil Mills at [lillianmills@mcombs.utexas.edu](mailto:lillianmills@mcombs.utexas.edu).

### **Outreach Partner of the Month: Del Valle Book Drive**

It's time to think about children's books for the Del Valle summer outreach program. In recent years, we have been donating about 2000 books for distribution to elementary school kids each May. We hope to encourage them to develop a love of reading and to keep up their skills during the summer vacation. Here is a chance to turn clutter into opportunity for kindergarten through sixth grade Del Valle children.

There is now a marked box in the narthex to receive new or gently used, unwanted or outgrown books. Are there some lurking in your home, waiting to be read? Please do what you can to help us reach our goal. Questions? Contact Mary Hermes, 512-444-4211

### **Simple Gifts**

This year our Lenten Simple Gifts will benefit four of our fellow Episcopal entities:

*St. Etienne's Episcopal School in Haiti*; with whom St. Stephens Episcopal School is partnered in ministry. SMEC donations have played an important role in providing salaries for teachers & staff, and helping sustain their educational program, *and three of our companion dioceses Southern Malawi*; where our donations are used to help bring water to small villages so girls are free to spend their days in school. *North Dakota*; where we help maintain an Episcopal presence to listen & minister to the Native Americans, who have not,

historically, seen the best of Christian Missionary work. *Costa Rica*; with whom we partner in ministry to at-risk youth & help build churches in the inner city.

Gifts can be made this Sunday in the church entryway and will also be available April 2, and 9. You can find more details about our companion dioceses in the December 2016 Dialog, (the magazine of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas; available online at [www.epicenter.org](http://www.epicenter.org)) or contact Kay Allen ([kaytballen@gmail.com](mailto:kaytballen@gmail.com))

## Announcements

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### **Rector Search Update from Margo Russell, our Senior Warden**

The initial step for a church in transition between rectors is to determine where they are headed and what their focus is towards this mission from God. This is important to identify so that the new rector can be selected with the characteristics and skills needed to guide the church on this path. The Diocese has a clearly outlined process for us to follow. St. Michael's has the fundamental ideals of our core values, mission and vision, but they were developed over twelve years ago. The Vestry reviewed these documents and determined the core values and mission were a bit stale. St. Michael's has changed and evolved over this time.

We are developing a Task Force of church and program leaders to start the discussion on what the current direction of St. Michael's is and what we value. A congregational consultant will guide us through these discussions to begin the process of redrafting our mission and core values in April. Soon thereafter, we will invite the congregation to attend a Visioning Event to discuss the preliminary work and provide feedback. This will be your chance to be involved in an exciting discussion on the future of St. Michael's. Look for announcements soon about the date of this Visioning Event and plan to attend. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Margo Russell or any vestry member.

**Holy Week and Easter at St. Michael's** (for complete details visit [st-michaels.org](http://st-michaels.org))

### **Palm Sunday, April 9**

7:45am, 9am, 11am - Sunday of the Passion liturgy with palms

### **Maundy Thursday, April 13**

6pm - Agape Meal with Eucharist and Foot Washing

8pm - All Night Prayer Vigil

### **Good Friday, April 14**

9am - Wilderness Stations of the Cross

Noon - Good Friday Liturgy

7pm - Good Friday Liturgy

### **Easter Morning, Sunday, April 16**

6am - Easter Vigil Sunrise Service

9am - Easter Worship with Eucharist

10:30am - Easter Egg Hunt for kids 5th grade and under

11am - Easter Worship with Eucharist

No children's or student Sunday school at either the 9 or 11am services but there is childcare for 4 years old and under, from 8:45am to 12:30pm.