

THE SUNDAY TRUMPET

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday Worship at St. Michael's

The St. Michael's family invites you to experience forgiveness and healing in the fellowship of Christ with Worship with Holy Eucharist at 7:45am and 10am.

Receiving Communion

All persons desiring to lead a new life in Christ are welcome to receive Communion. For Blessings simply cross your arms over your chest. For gluten free wafers ask your bread minister.

Pastoral Care Team

If you find yourself in need of prayer during times of illness, hospitalization, loss, personal crises or anticipating hospitalization, please contact Rev. Brin, so we can coordinate a visit with you.

Altar Flowers

Without your donations, our beautiful altar flowers would not be possible. Please donate to our flower ministry by dedicating in honor of someone you love, or simply making an offering. Envelops are available in the Narthex.



On a trip to Rome, Italy this past week, led and curated by The Rev. Daniel Joslyn-Siemiakoski, PhD, the Duncalf-Villavaso Professor of Church History, Seminary of the Southwest students visited the Joel Nafuma Refugee Center run by St. Paul's Within the Walls, the Episcopal parish in Rome. Josh Woods, an SSW Senior (pictured left) spends time with guests of the center. Credit: Daniel Joslyn-Siemiakoski

What's Going On Today

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) starts back today, **after the 10am service**, in Room 8 **at 11:30am**. Parents can come pick up at 1pm. Contact **Marina** (marinamartin2513@gmail.com) for more information.

Announcements and Events

St. Michael's will begin distributing food to the needy in a new way beginning in February. Bags of non-perishable staples, prepackaged by St Michael's folks, will be available to those in need. Parishioners' donations, such as pop-top Vienna sausages, tuna, canned fruit, and cheese/peanut butter crackers will be gratefully accepted. If you can help with this ministry, **please contact Deacon Sherry Williams**. St Michael's will continue to assist the hungry through Mobile Loaves & Fishes and Trinity Center.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on **Sunday, January 28** in the Parish Hall **following the 10am service**. Lunch will be served prior to the meeting. Come hear about how we finished financially strong in 2017. We will also provide the proposed budget and outlook for 2018 as we welcome a new rector.

Scripture Readings

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:6-14; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Weekly Prayer Services

Morning Prayer

Tuesdays 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 Bles (phyllis.blees@gmail.com).

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Open Arms Integrity – The next meeting is set for **the last Sunday of the month in the Parlor at 7pm** and **our first meeting for the year will be January 28, 2018 at 7pm.**

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. If you know of anyone who is LGBTQ that needs a church home or someplace to start their journey again with fellow Christians, please let them know that we will accept them with 'Open Arms.'

Are you interested in joining a small group? Theological reflection is the process of examining our lives and our decisions through a biblical and theological lens. Come learn more about how to become a disciple with our small group. The next 6-week series will begin on **Wednesday, January 31** from 7-8pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact **Rev. Brin.**

The next meeting of the St. Michael's book group will be on **Wednesday, January 31, 2018**, to discuss the novel *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. We will meet at Panera on Bee Cave Road, in the Trader Joe's shopping center, at 2:30pm. All are welcome! For questions, please contact **Jackie King**, jsking2010@yahoo.com.

Women's dinner on **Feb. 5** at **8pm** in Room 8. Bring a dish or drink to share for food and fellowship, as well as supplies to share with Foundation Communities. Contact **Rebecca Brindley** (rmbrindley@yahoo.com) for more information.

Faith on the Run - Start your week off with a walk/run and prayer on the trail around Town Lake. We meet on the north end of the pedestrian bridge under Mopac on Mondays at 7am and end around 8am. Contact **Rev. Brin, (801) 971-8177** for details and if you are attending.

Formation and Education

Sunday Seekers Book Study meets in the Bride's Room at **9am**. The group is reading the book 'God's Voice Within: The Ignatian Way to Discover God's Will,' by Mark Thibodeaux. **Contact Phyllis Bles** (phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more information. New participants are welcome to join at any time.

Children's and Youth Ministries

9am Fellowship for all our students and children is available in the education wing before church. Come and join us at 9am for breakfast and to hang out with your friends.

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10am Sunday School for all children and students - preschool to 12th grade - takes place during the 10am Worship Service. Everyone comes to the education wing before the beginning of the service and is brought to the worship space in time for Eucharist with family and friends.

Children's ministries - On Sunday mornings our children from preschool to 5th grade explore the Bible with music, drama, food, crafts, games. We also follow the major events in our church calendar, giving all children the chance to get to know our faith traditions.

Student Ministries - St. Michael's Student Ministry is a community of faith for our 6th through 12th grade students. On Sunday mornings, middle schoolers enjoy a fun if slightly irreverent video study and our high school students follow a lectionary based program designed to help them consider their own personal faith journey

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) is for all 6th-12 grades and meets regularly during the school year after the 10am service. These gatherings are all about worship and fellowship, and friends are always welcomed. Contact **Marina Martin** (marinamartin2513@gmail.com) or **Rev. Brin** for more information.

Children's Music Program for 1st through 5th grade - Brenda Simms, a parishioner/Choir-member, and children meets on Sundays **at 9am, before the service** in the Education Wing to learn new songs and practice lifting their voices to the Lord. If you have any questions, please contact **Brenda** (brenda@st-michaels.org). Children are welcome to join at any time.

Nursery care for all infants through 3 years old is available from 9am-11:30pm.

Outreach and Stewardship

Foundation Communities - St. Michael's has begun an outreach project with Foundation Communities, an organization that provides affordable housing and other services to families in need. Between now and March, St. Michael's will be assisting eight formerly homeless families as they move into the new Cardinal Point Foundation Communities property. We are looking for donations of new household items or gift cards to help the families get set up. If you would like to help, please use this link to see a list of needs and sign up: <http://signup.com/go/cxfnhAV>

There will be someone available on Sundays after the 10am service to collect donations. If you are bringing items at other times, they can be left in the laundry baskets in the Narthex. Gift cards (clearly marked) can be left in the office. Your support will help these families move forward. If you have questions, please contact **Karen Blair** at kblair3@austin.rr.com, or **512-327-8708**.

Thanks to everyone who baked cookies, donated socks, or volunteered for St. Michael's Trinity Streets meal and worship on December 24. All of the extra care in making Christmas Eve special for our neighbors experiencing homelessness was appreciated. There were enough socks and cookies left to share with the women's cold weather shelter held at Trinity Center later that evening. **Future St. Michael's dates at Trinity Center are: February 11, April 22, June 3, August 26, October 21, and December 23.** If you are interested in helping the St. Michael's group for future Trinity Streets services, please contact **Caroline Kibler** (caroline.kibler@gmail.com) to be added to the email list. Please note that volunteers should be at least 11 years old.

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Around The Horn - News and Notes from the Episcopal News Network



*Kenita Williams, director of the Racial Equity Leadership Network at the Southern Education Foundation, speaks Jan. 17 at a panel discussion as part of the All Our Children conference held at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Columbia, South Carolina.
Photo: David Paulsen/Episcopal News Service*

[Episcopal News Service - Columbia, South Carolina] - Bishops, priests, deacons and lay leaders at the forefront of the Episcopal Church's advocacy for equity in education joined this week with educators and advocates from several other Christian denominations for a three-day conference in South Carolina's capital.

The Jan. 16 to 18 gathering was hosted by All Our Children, an ecumenical network of church-school partnerships with roots in the Episcopal Church. More than 100 people attended the conference's wide range of workshops and presentations at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral - across the street from the South Carolina statehouse grounds, where Confederate war generals and fallen Confederate soldiers are still honored prominently with stately monuments.

Diocese of Upper South Carolina Bishop Andrew Waldo, in his welcoming remarks, cited the 2005 documentary "Corridor of Shame" for raising awareness of the alarming reality of education in the poor, majority-black school districts along the I-95 corridor of South Carolina. Thirty of those school districts were plaintiffs in a lawsuit filed in 1993 arguing that chronic underfunding by the state had left the schools, staff and students in conditions resembling third-world countries.

The state Supreme Court ruled in 2014 that students in those districts were not receiving even a minimally adequate education, and it ordered the South Carolina Legislature to develop an improvement plan. But after two new justices were elected to the five-member bench, the South Carolina Supreme Court reversed itself, saying in November 2017 that it was up to the Legislature, not the courts, how to set funding levels for education.

"We have a long way to go," Waldo said, alluding to the 2017 decision.

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