



THE TRUMPET

Your gateway to all things St. Michael's

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

***A note from Christine Havens, Asst. for Administration and Communication:** I hope you are all well and safe at home. You'll notice that the Trumpet format is a little different as we adapt it for our current circumstances; we hope to provide you with resources and information that is helpful and that will help you stay connected with your St. Michael's family and friends. The letter from Randy Imhoff was scheduled for the March 15 Trumpet, but that issue never went out because of the COVID-19 public emergency. I'm glad that I can share it with you now.*

Dear St. Michael's Family—

Words alone cannot express the depth of my thanks and my family's thanks and gratitude to the St. Michael's community for your prayers, love, and support during my long hospital stay last year and the healing that continues. It is only in retrospect that I gained an appreciation for the seriousness of the infection that I had.

Melanie; my daughters Madeleine, Caroline, and Tori; and I joined St. Michael's in 2008. We had been members of another Austin-area Episcopal parish, but with Melanie entering our lives, we chose to find a new church home. From our first visit, the SMEC community has welcomed us with open arms and made us feel part of the family.

Early this past August, I suffered from severe back spasms that I thought were merely a periodic flaring up of an old high school sports lower back injury. After almost two weeks of pain, I acquiesced to a trip to the ER where we learned that I had a rare strain of strep infection in my blood stream that resulted in abscesses growing on my spinal cord. Forty-three nights and 252 IV bags of antibiotics later, I got to come home.

The medical professionals certainly did their part in restoring my health, but it would be a disservice to my St. Michael's family to not give you equal billing. Medical science had a role . . . and so did the grace of God. David Gross once shared with me his faith in the healing power of being on the parish prayer list during an illness and how it made a real difference. I didn't think much of it at the time, but you know what? He was right then, and now I share that same faith.

Minerva, Elizabeth, and John were so generous of their time to bring communion and pray with me and just talk. Minerva "just happened to be there" that first afternoon in the ER and was so generous in lending Melanie a sweater against the cold air conditioning. The many visits from James, Andy, Patrice and Brian, and Barry to check in and hang out with me for a while meant so much. Lastly, the Altar Guild's kind gesture of flowers for our home. I am grateful for your care, your friendship, and your love.

**All my best, now and always,
Randy Imhoff**



NEWS

SHARE YOUR STORIES In the upcoming weeks, we would like to share your stories in a number of ways—in future issues of the Trumpet and on Facebook—while we have to maintain social distance. We also have several projects in mind for story sharing when we are able to gather together again on the St. Michael's campus.

Suggestions

Photos or videos of you participating in our Sunday Morning Prayer livestream; photos of an activity (drawings or other artwork a plus); a brief (150 words or less) quote/blurb about what you're doing, what you miss most, where you see God right now, a favorite piece of scripture; or anything else appropriate to share with your St. Michael's community. Please send these to Christine Havens, Admin and Communication Assistant, at chavens@st-michaels.org. Photos should be sent at the highest resolution possible. Please keep videos to about 10 min.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AVAILABLE One of our parishioners, Sally Lombardo, is offering free spiritual direction to St. Michael's parishioners during this time. Sally has an MDiv from Truett Seminary at Baylor and a Certificate in Spiritual Direction. Sally lives in Barton Creek and is happy to meet via FaceTime. If you are interested, please email Sally at shlombardo@gmail.com.

CENTER PRAYER IS NOW MEETING ONLINE This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Please email Phyllis Blee for the Zoom information: phyllis.blees@gmail.com.

FAMILY MINISTRY

STORYTIME WITH LIZZIE! Streams live on the [St. Michael's Facebook](#) page every Thursday at 1 pm.

OFF TO OZ! VACATION BIBLE CAMP JUNE 1-5, 2020 1:00-4:00 PM We're still looking forward to offering VBC this summer. Registration now open!

Click here: <https://stmichaelsaustin.formstack.com/forms/vbc2020>. Questions? Contact Lizzie McManus at lizzie@st-michaels.org.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Check Out Austin Area Episcopal Youth Community on Instagram: Follow @austin_eyc for activities such as morning prayer and virtual game nights. Contact Luis Rivas at Lrivas@st-michaels.org with any questions.

RESOURCES

This is by no means an exhaustive list of available resources. Please feel free to email Christine Havens (chavens@st-michaels.org) with suggestions.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Episcopal Diocese of Texas: www.epicenter.org

The Episcopal Church: <https://episcopalchurch.org/>

GROCERIES, PHARMACY, AND OTHER DELIVERY SERVICES

HEB Senior Grocery Delivery (via Favor): <https://favordelivery.com/seniors>

Special Shopping Times for Vulnerable Populations—USA Today Article:

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2020/03/17/coronavirus-shopping-stores-introduce-time-for-vulnerable-elderly-pregnant/5074064002/>

MEDICAL

One Good Turn <https://www.onegoodturn.org/post/covid-19-resources-updated-regularly>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Small Business Association Disaster Relief <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Henry Dail

Newborn Cameron and mother, Lindsey

Mary Parse's sister, Martha

Prayers of healing and a long and happy life for Julie C., currently undergoing cancer treatment

prayers for grandson Ethan in remission from cancer

COVID-19 Related

Hannah M.

All of our hospital workers, including J'aime, and Patty who works in Yale's ICU, and all who are keeping services for us.

Sondra & Duane Crowley

Prayers for Taylor, pilot for major airline and is flying in/out of affected cities.

Theda Maxwell, Rebecca Brindley's mother, who is quarantined in a nursing care facility, and Bill, her brother-in-law, who is being tested for the virus, and for her sister, who cannot be with him.

Miriam Carrillo, and Alfred Carrillo, sister and brother of José, whose livelihoods have been affected by the public emergency

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