

# THE TRUMPET

*Your gateway to all things St. Michael's*

APRIL 19, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear St. Michael's family,

Have fun with the bingo card! No prizes to win, but hopefully good memories to be found and things to look forward to later in the year. Our second reflection on grace is by a new parishioner, Sally Lombardo, who is also offering spiritual direction to us (see page 2 for info). She's working on her DMin at Baylor and we're glad she's here. Have a prayerful and playful week, Christine Havens, Asst. for Admin & Communication

## St. Michael's Episcopal Church

# BINGO

CAME TO TRUNK OR TREAT	VIEWED THE HALLWAY ICONS	READ THE TRUMPET	CAME TO A BAPTISMAL SERVICE	HIKED STATIONS OF CROSS TRAIL
WALKED THE LABYRINTH	HELPED IN OUR GARDEN	HEARD A SERMON BY MTHR. MINERVA	SEEN A ROAD-RUNNER ON CAMPUS	ATTENDED 5:00 PM SERVICE
ENGAGED IN OUTREACH	ATTENDED 11:00 AM SUNDAY SERVICE	VISITED THE OFFICE	BEEN TO AN EYC MEETING	ATTENDED A BIBLE STUDY
SAT IN THE GATHERING ROOM	SERVED DURING WORSHIP	ATTENDED 7:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE	ATTENDED TACO SUNDAY	VISITED THE DAY SCHOOL
ATTENDED 9:00 AM SUNDAY SERVICE	CAME TO A PET BLESSING	BEEN A MEMBER OF VESTRY	MET IN ROOM 8	FOUND THE CHURCH MOUSE

### Grace in the Opposites: Thoughts for the Second Sunday of Easter by Sally Lombardo

I've been thinking a lot during these suspended days about how God's grace endures despite interruptions in its very practical, tangible way. Such contrasts can help bring truth to light. Although normal activity has stopped, things which occur by God's grace—love, friendship, caring for others—have not. In the midst of sorrow and loneliness, beauty remains unchanged, and such grace can save us from despair. Though we are staying in place, birds are unaware of a pandemic and dart blithely about with abandon. We may find ourselves tired and unmotivated, but flowers are still bursting with color, bringing light to the soul. Though many are sick, the words of Jesus endure in their healing way. Maybe this is why Paul recounts God's words—"My grace is sufficient for you"—since it truly is. Despite our anxious concerns, beauty and calm prevail. The bluebonnets still bloom along a favorite path, and Easter Sunday arrived in our homes without fanfare or haste. At my outdoor place of prayer, a hummingbird hovers at an extravagant pink flower, reaching inside. 'If you will search deeply, there is much to learn.' I have seen grace at work in the tension of opposites; Jesus Himself gently healed the ear of the slave at Gethsemane during the dark night of His soul. Out of darkness, life.

*"You do well to heed prophetic Scripture as a lamp shining in a dismal place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts." 1 Peter 1:19*



## NEWS

**VIRTUAL STARRY NIGHTS EVENT IS NOW LIVE!** In lieu of the live Austin event that helps support our wonderful diocesan resource, Camp Allen, this virtual party is going on now through April 25, and features Starry Nights traditions such as camper scholarships and the wish list. Our own rector, the Rev. John Newton is one of this year's honorees! Additionally, you can enter a drawing for an Apple Watch (Series 5 GPS + CELLULAR). [Entry tickets](#) are \$25 and the winner will be notified on April 27. Funds raised from the drawing will go to the Grace COVID-19 Relief Fund which helps take care of our beloved hourly staff during this time. Click [Starry Nights](#) for more info or contact Kellye Heinze at [kbheinze@mac.com](mailto:kbheinze@mac.com).

**SHARING YOUR STORIES** Thank you to the folks who sent photos from Easter Sunday—keep them coming, friends! We would like to share your stories in a number of ways—in future issues of the Trumpet, on Facebook, and in a retrospective once we are together again. If you post something on your Facebook page or on Instagram, please consider tagging St. Michael's, so that we can see it more easily. Just type @St.Michaels.Austin anywhere in your post (it should become a blue link) and viola! Please send these or stories and reflections to Christine Havens, Admin and Communication Assistant, at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org). Photos should be sent at the highest resolution possible. Please keep videos to about 3 min.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES SUNDAY, APRIL 19 ON ZOOM** This **Sunday, April 19, at 12:00 pm**, join Fr. John on Zoom to discuss the Gospel According to John. Even if you are new to the class, it is never too late to join; we pick back up with John 19. Please email [jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org) for Zoom info.

**MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM** Join Mthr. Minerva and others for Morning Prayer each **Tuesday morning at 9:00 am** on Zoom. Please email [mskeith@st-michaels.org](mailto:mskeith@st-michaels.org) for Zoom meeting link.

**EVENING PRAYER VIA ZOOM** Led by Fr. John **each Wednesday at 4:30 pm**. Please email [jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org) for the Zoom meeting info.

**VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY MEETS VIA ZOOM** Mother Minerva leads the weekly **Tuesday Bible Study at 1:00 pm**, via Zoom. Please email [mskeith@st-michaels.org](mailto:mskeith@st-michaels.org) for the Zoom link and meeting ID.

**CENTERING PRAYER IS NOW MEETING ONLINE** This ministry is available every **Tuesday night at 6:30 pm**. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) or for the Zoom meeting link and ID.

**SEEKERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP ON ZOOM** The Seekers are currently reading [Inspired](#) by Rachel Held Evans and meeting via Zoom at **11:30 am each Sunday**. Please email Phyllis Blees at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for the Zoom meeting info

**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](mailto:shlombardo@gmail.com).

## FAMILY MINISTRY

**STORYTIME WITH FAMILY MINISTER LIZZIE ON FACEBOOK LIVE | THURSDAYS AT 1:00 PM** Join us for the reading of two books that are fun for the whole family. While this event, like worship, is "live," the recording stays up on the St. Michael's Facebook page, so you can tune in whenever you're ready for some comedic relief and sweet tales. *Lasts about 20 minutes.*

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL IS POSTED TO FACEBOOK | SUNDAYS AT 11:30AM** Rev. Hope and Family Minister Lizzie take turns leading a special message for kids, a story from the Bible, our favorite songs, and our five-finger prayer—just like we would do in Children's Chapel in person! *Lasts about 20 minutes.*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA ZOOM | SUNDAY 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM** All kids (with a parent in the room) 5th grade and below are invited to join us for this time together where we make a craft (supply list sent out the week before), check in with each other, sing our favorite songs, and say prayers for each other. Parents must email Lizzie ([lizzie@st-michaels.org](mailto:lizzie@st-michaels.org)) for the link to join. All welcome!

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**AUSTIN AREA EYC ON INSTAGRAM!** The Austin Area EYC took a break for Holy Week and Easter but will be back the week of April 20. Follow [@austin\\_eyc](#) on Instagram to stay connected to future opportunities for virtual worship and fun with other Episcopal youth from around the city. Direct Message on Instagram for Zoom links.

**All events scheduled later than May 3 will occur as planned unless they are in conflict with government or diocesan guidelines. Stay tuned for updated information every week.**

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

### New Prayers

For Jeannie, friend of Lisa Killough, whose husband awaits a critical diagnosis.

For Julie, friend of Helen Mayhew, who is being treated for stage 4 cancer.

### COVID-19 Related

For Christine's parents, Dan & Sara, who are traveling back to Iowa from Florida.

For Stuart Wiggin, who is an EMT, that he might be safe and stay well.

Prayers for Drew Marye's stepsister, Sherry, who was diagnosed with COVID-19 a week ago.

Prayers of gratitude that Bill, brother-in-law of Becky Brindley is recovering from the virus.

For Karen, flight attendant and daughter of Mary Hermes, who had tested positive but is now released from quarantine.

For Kory Killough, son of Lisa and Kirk, who is unemployed.

For Jerilynn Sparks, who lost her job, and the Sparks family.

For all those without employment at this time.

For Greg Stiles, in Philadelphia, who is in the vulnerable, high-risk population. For Greg and Kelly's daughter, Amanda, who is pregnant.

For 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.

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

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

For Ed Erdman.

## RESOURCES

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

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Episcopal Diocese of Texas: [www.epicenter.org](http://www.epicenter.org)

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

Article from the Office of Government Relations:

<https://episcopalchurch.org/posts/ogr/misinformation-disinformation-fake-news-why-do-we-care>

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## **PRAYER**

Society of Saint John the Evangelist: <https://www.ssje.org/>

Mission of St. Clare—Daily Office: <https://missionstclare.com/english/index.html>

Online Book of Common Prayer: <https://www.bcponline.org/>

iACT's Daily Dose of Hope: <https://interfaithtexas.org/category/the-daily-dose-of-hope/>

## **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/covid-19-resources>

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES**

United Way Emergency Food and Other Assistance: [connectatx.org/](https://connectatx.org/)

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—BUSINESSES**

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

**ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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