



THE TRUMPET

Your gateway to all things St. Michael's

OCTOBER 27, 2019

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Dear St. Michael's Family,

I recently heard about a woman who called the Butterball Turkey Company's consumer hotline to ask about the advisability of cooking a turkey that had been in her freezer for twenty-three years. She was told that it was "probably okay" to eat, but that the turkey would not taste very good. The caller then responded, "Oh, that's alright. We'll just donate it to the church."

This prompts the question we have been asking the past few weeks about what does it mean to give God our best? I posed this question to the leadership of St. Michael's recently and I asked them to answer it in a very specific way—by telling me their 2020 pledge before the rest of the congregation even receives a commitment card. Having made that request, I am now humbled by their response. As of today, I have received **30** pledges from the St. Michael's leadership (stewardship and finance commissions, vestry, and staff) totaling **\$219,641**. Of the 30 pledges received, 14 represent an increase in generosity over last year and 4 of them are new pledges altogether—WOW! This, indeed, represents their best.

Each St. Michael's member will receive a commitment card in the mail before or on Monday, October 28. Pledge cards will also be available online and in the church beginning November 1. As you think about what your commitment to St. Michael's will be in 2020, please remember: we do not give our best to meet the needs of a budget, but to experience transformation as we know that generosity roots us in divine love. "For God so loved that he gave."

There's an old saying that goes, "without followers, leaders are just out for a walk." Consider this an invitation from the St. Michael's leadership to walk with us as we step boldly into a future that is brimming with hope.

With tons of gratitude, respect, and love,

The Rev. John Newton, Rector

Extravagant Generosity Bearing Witness: *David Gross*

David and Tammy Gross joined the St. Michael's community in 2004. Their daughters, Courtney and Haley, both live in Austin. David is an oil and gas attorney; Tammy is a reading specialist at Lake Travis Elementary School. David's sister, E.V., joined St. Michael's in 2017.

David grew up in New Orleans, briefly in Denver, and then in Houston (Conroe). He came to Austin in the fall of 1973 as a UT freshman and never left. Tammy was born in Beaumont where she attended the same Episcopal Day School as John Newton! David and Tammy's "guilty pleasure" is musical theater.



Stewardship Dates to Remember

- ◆ October 25 *Pledge cards mailed*
- ◆ November 3 *First ingathering*
- ◆ November 10 *Second ingathering*

NEWS THIS WEEK

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY NECROLOGY It is the St. Michael's custom to read the names of our departed loved ones during the All Saints services, from the ambo and from the congregation. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex or you can email Claire Bray at claire.bray@sbcglobal.net. with those you wish to honor. The deadline for submitting names is Wednesday, October 30.

FILL OUR TURKEYS WITH FEATHERS! HANDS FOR HOPE CAMPAIGN OCTOBER 27-NOVEMBER 17 El Buen Samaritano needs your help to make hunger take a holiday. A \$25 donation provides a Thanksgiving meal package for one family and puts a feather in one of the turkeys in the narthex. St. Michael's goal is meals for 100 families; El Buen's is 1,000. The Moody Foundation is matching all cash donations 2:1 to support the food pantry, so your gift now will help families all year long. You can donate online at elbuen.org/h4h, bring your check to the church office, or give to Bunny Cowan. Contact Bunny at 2000grandbabs@gmail.com with questions. Interested in volunteering at the El Buen Samaritano campus on November 23? Please visit elbuen.org/volunteer-application.

FAURÉ REQUIEM | ALL SAINTS' DAY, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 | 8:00 PM | ST MICHAEL'S To celebrate and honor the saints who have gone before us, the Fauré Requiem will be performed on All Saints' Day, Friday, November 1 at 8:00 pm. The St. Michael's Chancel Choir will be joined by the choir of Peace Lutheran Church and a chamber orchestra of strings and French horns. Composed in the 1880s, Fauré's setting of the requiem text is especially beautiful and moving in its gentle and reflective style. This event is free and open to the public—invite your friends.

NOVEMBER 3, ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, REMINDERS The first Sunday of November holds much in store. Not only will we celebrate and honor those saints who have gone before during the services, but we will also gather for Taco Sunday fellowship time between the services. Please note that the weekend of November 2-3 is also the end of Daylight Saving Time, which means clocks get turned back an hour—very important to remember for getting to church at the right time.

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE ST. MICHAEL'S VESTRY? Fr. John Newton will host an informal information session from 10:10-10:50 am in his office on Sunday, November 10. This time will be spent looking at what the vestry does and what is required for a person to serve. Email John with questions or to RSVP: jnewton@st-michaels.org.

THE TABLE—A CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST | SUNDAYS | 5:00 PM You are invited to the Table, an informal and contemplative experience of the Eucharist. Be welcome to be here as you are, where you are, as open-souled as you can be, that in quiet and confidence, you may be still and feel the presence of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK GROUP The next meeting of the St. Michael's book group is **Wednesday, October 30, at 2:30 pm at Trianon**. We will discuss *The Only Woman in the Room*, by Marie Benedict. Please join us! Contact Jackie King for more information: jking2010@yahoo.com.

STEPHEN MINISTERS CARE When was the last time someone really listened to you? We're talking about that undistracted, full-attention kind of listening. That's one of the ways Stephen Ministers care for others. St. Michael's needs more Stephen Ministers to care for those who are making that long journey through the valley of a life crisis. Will you consider serving in this way? We are starting a new Stephen Ministry training class in January 2020. For more information please email or call:

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or Barbara Rusling, brusling@sbcglobal.net, 512-925-3043.

SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

ADULTS

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY Each of the four evangelists offer a unique take on who Jesus is and how his life, death, and resurrection have changed our world. Join us this fall as we tackle topics like discipleship, mission, mercy, healing, forgiveness, the church, our purpose in life, and the Kingdom of Heaven through John's eyes. The class is offered **Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00 pm, in Room 8, and Sundays, 10:10-10:50 am, in the parish hall.** Led by Fr. John Newton, with some guests; see the poster in the narthex for schedule of Sunday classes and facilitators.

SEEKERS' ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK STUDY The Seekers meet from 10:00-11:00 am, except on Taco Sundays. The group is now meeting in Room 6. Discussion continues through the summer about *The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew—Three Women Search for Understanding*. Contact Phyllis Blee (phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more information.

CHILDREN

Sunday school is back in full swing! Here's our schedule:

1st Sundays Taco Sunday, everyone enjoying tacos together in the Parish Hall

2nd, 3rd, and 5th Sundays Meet in Room 7 in the Education Wing for "What We Do in Church" classes

4th Sundays—Garden Day! Kids meet in Room 7 but then process out to the garden to learn about care for God's good creation

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL CHILDREN pre-K through 3rd grade are invited to Children's Chapel, where we read the same scriptures as "big church," learn prayers, and sing songs. Children in 4th & 5th grade are welcome, too. We rejoin the congregation during the Peace.

WORSHIP BAGS are available in the narthex, as well as in the Gathering Room, the place you can have wiggle room for the little ones, hear the service, and have some coffee.

Kids can **LOOK FOR OUR CHURCH MOUSE DURING WORSHIP.** If they tell Family Minister Lizzie after church where they spotted the mouse, she will give them a sticker!



STUDENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:10 AM, RM 8 All students starting from grade 6 are welcome to attend the Youth Class. High school students are invited to join Fr. John's Bible Study in the parish hall from 10:00 - 10:50 am.

EYC (EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY), 5:45 - 6:45 PM, RM 8 No regularly scheduled EYC this week.

MEET OUR NEW INTERNS! Tucker and Natalie are both freshmen at UT and veteran Camp Allen counselors and Happening! staff. They have a real passion for sharing their faith with their younger peers and they both are energetic and welcoming presences to have around. They are both very excited to get to know and share their love and their knowledge with our students.

GIRLS' GATHERING, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 6:00 - 7:30 PM Luis is very excited to introduce this brand-new event for all the lovely 6th - 12th-grade young women at St. Michael's. The first meeting will be a time to meet, dream, and share with Natalie Aman, our new intern and the group facilitator, what these monthly gatherings will look like going forward. For the rest of 2019, the gatherings will be open to girls grades 6-12, but in 2020, we will be having two separate meetings for grades 6-8 and 9-12.

SKEPTICS' SUPPER CLUB, NOVEMBER 21, 6:00 - 7:30 PM The Skeptics' Supper Club is a new, monthly small group discussion I am very excited to introduce to our student ministry. We will be coming together over dinner to discuss those questions that you might be afraid are too irreverent, too basic, or too out-of-bounds. Join us, dinner is on St. Michael's. RSVP to Irivas@st-michaels.org.

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers this week are given to the Glory of God.

A donation to the St. Michael's flower fund is a beautiful way to remember, honor, or give thanks for your loved ones, or to mark a birthday, anniversary, or a special occasion. Donation envelopes are available in the narthex. Please note "flowers" on the memo line of your check. Place the envelope in the alms basin when it is passed, or hand your envelope to the vestry person of the day or to the rector.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

For Karen M.'s Aunt Ruth, who has been admitted to hospice care, that peace and love enfold her and her family

WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICES

Morning Prayer

Every Tuesday at 9:00 am in the Worship Space. For more information, contact Gail Reid (reid.gail@gmail.com).

Centering Prayer

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the side chapel. For more information contact Phyllis Bles (phyllis.blees@gmail.com).

THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send it to Christine (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to the date you would like your announcement to appear in the Trumpet.

READINGS, OCTOBER 27, 2019

Malachi 3:8-12; 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9, 13-15;

Matthew 6:19-24; Psalm 84:1-6

Didn't bring cash?

Text SMEC1500 to 73256 and follow the prompts to make an e-offering.