

# THE TRUMPET

Your gateway to all things St. Michael's

DECEMBER 22, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## SO THIS HAS BEEN ADVENT...

It doesn't seem all that long ago that families gathered on Taco Sunday to make Advent wreathes together.



Led by Susie Orum, our Outreach Commission chair, St. Michael's folks made it look more like Christmas for refugee families at Posada Esperanza, which is part of Casa Marianella.

Lizzie, our family minister, and Fr. John, being fools for Christ—they dressed up as a lamb and an angel to invite day school children to participate in our Christmas Eve Family Eucharist with drop-in pageant.



All these moments, and more, have been a part of our awaiting the time that we will worship together and welcome Jesus anew into our hearts.

## JOIN US FOR A HOLY CHRISTMAS

### Christmas Eve

**5:00 PM**  
Family Eucharist  
with Drop-in Christmas  
Pageant

**7:00 PM**  
Contemporary  
Eucharist

**11:00 PM**  
Traditional Eucharist  
Music Begins at 10:30 pm

### Christmas Day

**10:00 AM**  
Rite II Eucharist  
no music

## NEWS THIS WEEK

**GREENING OF THE CHURCH | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 | AFTER THE 11:00 AM SERVICE** Come and join us as we hang the greens and the Epiphany star, decorate the narthex, trim the poinsettia tree, and make St. Michael's beautiful for Christmas. We'll have a quick pizza lunch before we get started. Please RSVP to Claire Bray at [claire.bray@sbcglobal.net](mailto:claire.bray@sbcglobal.net) so we know how much pizza to order.

**GET READY FOR THE 2019 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!** At **5:00 pm on Christmas Eve, we offer a Christmas Pageant for kids of all ages.** Kids in grades 1 - 12 who would like a speaking part are to attend rehearsals: December 22 during Sunday School (10:10 - 10:50) in the sanctuary, **AND** December 24 at 4:00 pm in full costume. Everyone else is invited to "drop in" on Christmas Eve dressed as an angel, a shepherd, or an animal from the nativity. We have some simple costumes to share, but you are encouraged to provide your own. We can't wait to welcome the baby Jesus with you.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TRINITY CENTER CHRISTMAS OUTREACH EVENT | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 | 2:00-4:30 PM** Join us as we worship and serve our neighbors experiencing homelessness at Trinity Center. Volunteer (must be 11 or older) needs: welcoming neighbors, setting up for worship, being part of the kitchen crew, and clean up. Cookie and prize donations are also needed. Prizes (socks, blankets, towels, back packs and carryall bags, water bottles, t-shirts) can be brought to the collection area in the narthex. Questions or want to volunteer? Contact Elizabeth Jackson ([ejackson68410@gmail.com](mailto:ejackson68410@gmail.com)).

**SPECIAL SERVICE TIMES ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29–7:45 AM & 10:00 AM** We will have two services on December 29. There will be a service at 10:00 am, which will be a baptism—we will welcome another family into our community! We will also have our regular 7:45 am service that morning.

### **IMPORTANT! CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

**Week of December 22:** Monday, December 23, 9 am-4 pm; *closed Tuesday and Wednesday for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day*; Thursday, December 26, 9 am-4 pm; closed as normal on Friday.

**Week of December 29:** Monday, December 30, 9 am-4 pm; *9 am-NOON on Tuesday, December 31; closed Wednesday, January 1; 9 am-4 pm Thursday, January 2.*

**Please note** that noon on December 31 is the cutoff time for dropping off any 2019 donations in the office as well as the postmark date for any that are mailed.

**There will be no Trumpet on December 29.**

**INVITATION: ORDINATION OF THE REV. CAMERON SPOOR | FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2020 | 7:30-9:30 PM | ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** The Rt. Rev. Kathryn M. Ryan will ordain the Rev. Cameron Spoor to the Sacred Order of Priests at 7:30 p.m. on January 3, 2020 at St. David's. As his sending church, St. Michael's folks are definitely invited. For more information, please contact St. David's.

**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS** Beginning in January, we will no longer have a flower chart for dedications posted on the board in the narthex. Please email Christine Havens ([chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org)) with any dedications, and then mail your check or use a donation envelope, which will still be available; please note "flowers" on the memo linr. You can also donate online by going to our Give page and clicking the "Give Online Here" button. There is a flower option in the "Select a fund" drop-down box, with a place to write a memo or dedication.

**MICHAEL'S BOOK GROUP** The next meeting of the St. Michael's book group is **Wednesday, January 29, at 2:30 pm at Trianon.** We will discuss *The Secrets We Kept*, by Lara Prescott. Please join us! Contact Jackie King for more information: [jsking2010@yahoo.com](mailto:jsking2010@yahoo.com).

## SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

### ADULTS

**RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY ON HIATUS, WILL RESUME SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 AND TUESDAY, JANUARY 14** 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. The current book is *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*, by Rachel Held Evans. *The Divine Dance*, by Richard Rohr, is the selection following that. Invite your friends for these great spiritual reads. Contact Phyllis Blees ([phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com)) for more information.

### CHILDREN

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE:** Christmas pageant rehearsal today in the sanctuary; no Sunday school on December 29.

**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** Last Sunday school of 2019!

**NO EYC (EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY)—SEE YOU IN 2020!**

**TRINITY CENTER SERVICE DAY, DECEMBER 22, 2:00 - 4:30 PM** Youth group will be doing one service project every month. For December, we will be partnering with a team of volunteers from St. Michael's to help serve lunch and play tabletop games with the people we are serving. For more information about the Trinity Center, visit <http://trinitycenteraustin.org/>. RSVP to Luis at [livas@st-michaels.org](mailto:livas@st-michaels.org).

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ACOLYTE?** Email [Luis at livas@st-michaels.org](mailto:Luis@livas@st-michaels.org) for more information on how to participate in this beautiful part of our Episcopal tradition. Anyone from 5th grade and above, including adults, is welcome to participate!

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## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

*Flowers this week are given to the Glory of God, and by the Bellm family in thanksgiving for Aaron & Landon on their birthdays.*

A donation to the St. Michael's flower fund is a beautiful way to honor your loved ones, or to mark 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, or hand your envelope to the vestry person of the day or to the rector. You can also donate online by going to our Give page and clicking the "Give Online Here" button. There is a flower option in the "Select a fund" drop-down box, with a place to write a memo or dedication.

## **THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS**

This week, we pray especially for Bunny Cowan, Ledia & Roberto, Beth, Karen H., for all those traveling during the holidays, and for all those experiencing loneliness at this time of year.

## **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](mailto:reid.gail@gmail.com)).

### **Centering Prayer**

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

## **THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send it to Christine ([chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto: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, DECEMBER 22 2019**

Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

*Didn't bring cash?*

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