



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for our community

DECEMBER 27, 2020-JANUARY 3, 2021

CHRISTMASTIDE



See you in 2021 with a new issue of the Trumpet on January 10!

NOTES

SUNDAYS FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS EVE WILL BE VIRTUAL ONLY FOR AT LEAST THREE WEEKS

St. Michael's will not have any livestreamed or in-person worship on December 27, January 3, or January 10. All of those services will be prerecorded and made available on the website and in our weekly Sunday emails. On December 27, we will air a special service of Christmas Lessons and Carols, featuring beautiful music. We hope you will enjoy it and invite your friends and family to watch. Assuming that COVID numbers are not in Stage 5 and trending upward, our 10:30 am service and other in-person offerings will resume in late January. Fr. John Newton, our rector, will send out an email the week of January 11 with an update.

Picnic church is on hiatus from December 20 through February and will return when the weather is more accommodating.

END-OF-YEAR GIVING AND OFFICE HOURS

As many of our parishioners usually complete their annual pledge in the month of December, below you will find some basic information on how you can complete your 2020 pledge if you have not yet done so. If you have questions about your pledge balance for 2020, please email Lisa Killough, chair of our finance commission, at lkillough@austin.rr.com and she will gladly provide that information.

If you have questions as to the best or easiest way to complete your pledge during COVID, or if you desire to make an end-of-year gift, we have set up an “easy ways to give” page on our website. If you have set up automatic giving, your pledge should automatically be complete by year-end.

Some choose to make an end-of-year gift in-person. End-of-year gifts will be accepted in the church office **NO LATER** than noon on December 31. Mailed gifts must be postmarked by December 31. Any gifts received in-person after 12:00pm on December 31 or postmarked January 1 will not be included on your 2020 giving statement. See below for office hours next week.

SMEC OFFICE HOURS AFTER CHRISTMAS

Monday, December 28, 9:00am-3:00pm

Tuesday, December 29, 9:00am-noon

Wednesday, December 30, 9:00am-noon

Thursday, December 31, 9:00am-noon

ADULT FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: Adult formation is on hiatus until the new year—beginning on February 2 & 7, we will begin studying the Book of Daniel. If you want to participate in a Bible study before then, we will still meet (Tuesdays only) on January 12, 19, and 26 to study the lectionary readings. Zoom info will come in the new year!

SEEKERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP The Seekers are reading the internationally-renowned novel about the life and death of Jesus—*The Last Temptation of Christ* by Nikos Kazantzakis, a book that has generated controversy and conversation since its publication. The group meets at **11:45 am each Sunday** and all are welcome. Join anytime, as they will be reading this title through July 2021. Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>. Passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blee at phyllis.blees@gmail.com with any questions.

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB All are invited! The next meeting will be in the new year, on January 27, 2021, at 2:30 pm. The book is *Britt-Marie was Here*, by Fredrik Backman. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link.

ST. MICHAEL'S WOMEN'S VIRTUAL POTLUCK Table fellowship with friends via Zoom—women of all ages are welcome to join. Alternate **Monday evenings at 6:00 pm** every other week. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019837778?pwd=SGRmQXhoYlIXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; passcode is 242636.

MORNING PRAYER, TUESDAYS @9:00 AM You're invited to Morning Prayer each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Please note the new Zoom link and passcode: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81346686555?pwd=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUUVHUT09>. **New Passcode:** prayer.

CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAY EVENINGS This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: phyllis.blees@gmail.com. For more about contemplative prayer, click this link: [Heart of Texas Contemplative Outreach](#).

EVENING PRAYER, WEDNESDAYS @4:30 PM Led by Fr. John each Wednesday at 4:30 pm. **NEW** Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969>. **Passcode now required:** 826364. The information is also in Fr. John's weekly Tuesday e-news.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY @1:00 PM This informal group discusses the Daily Office readings—drop in anytime! Led by Mary Healy, mary.r.healy@gmail.com. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgyK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. **PLEASE NOTE** that you should use this passcode: biblestudy.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Stay tuned for updates about spring family formation opportunities.

STUDENT MINISTRY

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

We will be taking a break from EYC for the holidays. Our outdoor hikes will return in 2021, but stay tuned for some exciting events coming up in December, including an EYC bonfire evening and another special event involving carols, cocoa, and cars! You'll find out soon :) Check out <https://www.st-michaels.org/students> to stay up-to-date with all the happenings with SMEC Student Ministry.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

NEW PRAYERS

For Amber Ortiz, friend of Helen Mayhew, for recovery from liver transplant surgery and in thanksgiving for the donor and for the surgeons.

For Cash Rapp, son of friends of Christine's daughter, who died this past week at age 12.

Continued prayers for St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Lake Charles, LA, as they recover from hurricane damage.

For all postal workers, delivery workers, and all retail workers at this busy time of the year that is overshadowed by the pandemic.

ONGOING PRAYERS

COVID-19

For Laura Cowan, wife of Mike, who is hospitalized with COVID-19-related pneumonia.

For Peggy DeBerry Bell, who died of COVID-19; for Donna Hulsey and the rest of the family as they grieve.

For Lily Odle, great-niece of Britt Behrens, who has COVID-19.

For Jim McConaughy, brother-in-law of Karen Haslund, who is gravely ill with COVID-19, and for his family.

For Rick & Dianna Lang, in-laws of Amanda Evans Lang, who have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

For the Jacob and Abramo families.

For all children and teachers during this unexpected style of attending school.

For Suzanne, who is struggling with loneliness and isolation during this time, and for all who struggle with these issues.

For all those living in eldercare facilities, and for the staff, and for their families.

For all those without employment at this time.

All of our hospital and healthcare workers, including Stuart Wiggin, Rosa, J'aime, and Patty, who are keeping healthcare services running.

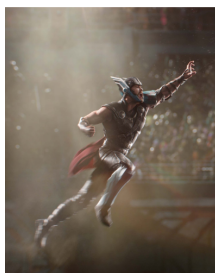
Miriam Carrillo, and Alfred Carrillo, sister and brother of José, whose livelihoods have been affected by the public emergency.

For Hannah M.

For Ed Erdman.

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" Challenge

*Can you identify each item from the beloved carol and put them in the correct order?
(Hint: the original British lyrics read "colly bird," not calling bird. Think coal-y)*



Answers will appear in
the January 10 issue.

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

*The altar flowers this week are given
to the glory of God.*

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. Dedications can be emailed to the office: chavens@st-michaels.org. Your donation can be mailed to the church office or given via the "Give" page of our website, <https://www.st-michaels.org/take-action>.

DECEMBER 27, 2020

First Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
John 1:1-18
Psalm 147 or 147:13-21

JANUARY 3

Second Sunday after Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a
Matthew 2:13-15,19-23
or Luke 2:41-52
or Matthew 2:1-12
Psalm 84 or 84:1-8

SHARE YOUR STAY-AT-HOME PHOTOS!

Worshipping with your family, friends, pets? Have something else you'd like to share? We'd would still love to see your photos and share them on Facebook and/or in the Trumpet! Please send in as high a resolution as possible to Christine at chavens@st-michaels.org. Thank you!

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. Running it two weeks prior to your event is recommended for most church announcements.

*Your extravagant generosity is appreciated.
Text SMEC1500 to 73256 and follow the prompts to make an e-offering.*