

Scouting Updates

THE TROOPS OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL

For many years St. Peter & St. Paul church has sponsored Girl Scout Troop 1065. This year we have added Scouts, BSA 1065 and Venture Crew 1065. This issue is devoted to updates from each of those troops. Hang on to your hat! Even with a pandemic in place, our Scouts have been on the move.

GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 1065

This summer, Girl Scout Troop 1065 was busy focusing on earning badges that celebrated the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and Voter Awareness badges, helping empower Girl Scouts to understand the voting process in a patriotic, non-political, manner and to eagerly anticipate their right to vote, and encourage and enable women to exercise their right vote.



This August, marked the 7th year in a row that the Girl Scouts of St. Peter & St. Paul also participated in donating back-to-school supplies to the children of the McAllen Rainbow Room Child Protective Service office. They donated over 20 backpacks, 20 blankets and over 350 school supplies - all purchased through funds earned during Girl Scout Cookie Season. The McAllen Rainbow Room is a nonprofit organization that is operated by the Texas Child Protective Services to better able to protect and assist families and children in crisis

September our Girl Scout Troop celebrated their Bridging Ceremony in which the girls are formally recognized as they move to the next Girl Scout level or renew their commitment to Girl Scouting. Our Troop now has five Cadettes (6th-8th grade), five Seniors (9th-10th), and two Ambassadors (11th-12th) Girl Scouts.



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SCOUTS, BSA TROOP 1065

Summer 2020 was a very busy and productive time for our BSA troop. The Scouts were busy earning a variety of merits, some via virtual classes and some at summer camp. Our biggest event was this July, when we had seven Scouts attend Bear Creek Summer Camp in Hunt, TX - a weeklong summer camp.

The girls earned a variety of merits such as Snorkeling, Wilderness Survival, First Aid, Pottery, Swimming, Fly Fishing, Citizenship in the World, Archery, Pioneering, Metal Working and many others.

In total at Bear Creek, they earned 39 merits, spent a total of six camping nights each, participated collectively in 12 service hours, four Scouts earned their Snorkeling Award, the Troop earned the Uncle Dudder Camper and Honor Troop Award and we had five Scouts inducted into the Order of the Arrow, the National Honor Society for Scouts, BSA.



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These young ladies are among the first female youth Scouts inducted into this Scouting organization. For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.

This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others.

OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth.



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1065 (Continued)

At this year's bridging event, Troop 1065 was proud to recognize one of their Girl Scouts as a recipient of the **Girl Scout Silver Award**, the second highest award a Girl Scout can receive, for her work with local animal shelters and creating a series of videos on how to make dog stimulation toys which helps make them more sociable and adoptable, and videos for advocacy for spaying and neutering.



SCHEDULE UPDATE

- 10/4 Holy Eucharist—10 AM
- 10/11 Holy Eucharist—10 AM
- 10/18 Holy Eucharist—10 AM
- 10/25 Holy Eucharist—10 AM
- 10/26 Newsletter articles due

Services will always be online via Facebook Live and our website—peterpaul.org. We will update you as soon as in person services are open for everyone.

Office hours 9 am—2 pm Monday thru Friday.

Fr. Mike Fulk is in the office on Wednesdays.

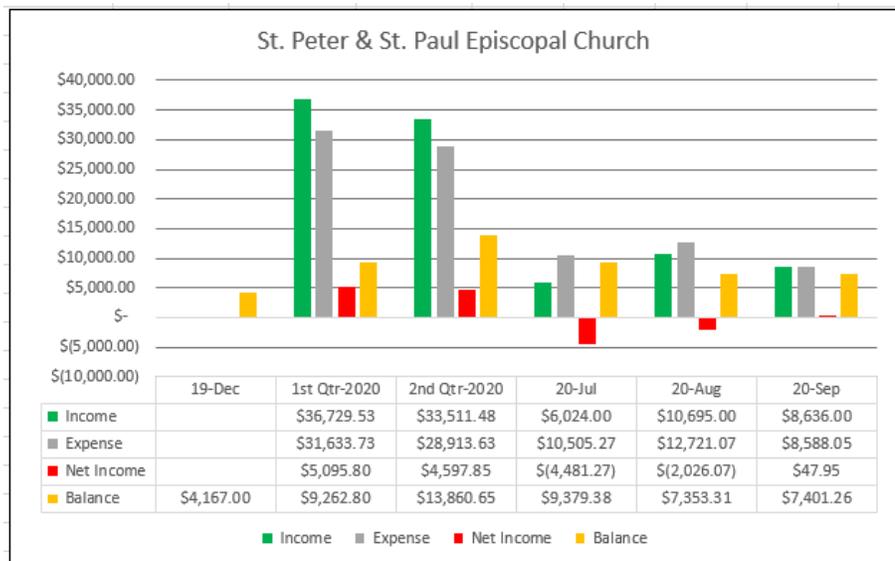


A HUGE thank you goes to our three Scout troops and their leaders for all the landscaping clean-up, cut-down and haul – off work that you did last week. You’ve gone above and beyond to make our facility grounds look cared for once again.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Here is the updated graph of income and expenses through 9/30/2020. Please know that we are being very careful with our finances and only the necessities are being purchased.

Keep our church in your prayers that we will continue to be able to pay our way for the things required of us.



VENTURE CREW 1065



Crew 1065 is the newest addition to the youth organizations that St. Peter & St. Paul sponsor. Venturing is an inclusive program of Scouts, BSA for males and females ages 14 to 21 emphasizing:

- Adventure
- Leadership
- Personal growth
- Service

Our Crew is unique in that they are also Scouts, BSA and Girl Scouts of America along with members who are completely new to all aspects of the Scouting organization. We have now have 11 Crew Members ranging in ages 14 – 19 years that live from Alton to San Juan and all cities in between.

Venture Crew



1065

Mission, TX – Rio Grande Council



Our first activity as a Crew was to help our local Scouting Council restring and raise the US Flag at the Council shop.



The Crew also took advantage of the beautiful Valley weather to get in a 5 mile hike at the Mission Hike & Bike Trail.



Our most recent event was our weekend campout at La Copa Ranch in Encino, TX. where the Crew spent their weekend participating in team-building exercises, obstacle courses, cooking skills, rifle shooting and a 5 1/2 mile hike.



FATHER MIKE'S MUSINGS

It is the end of September and the start of fall. It doesn't seem possible; it seems like yesterday was Labor Day. I think that as we age time flies faster and faster.

I spoke with Archdeacon Mike Besson the other day and he told me that he would be in the valley from October 5 through October 7. He may want to meet with the Bishop's Committee. My prayer is that, if he does meet with the committee, he brings good news. I know that you are somewhat frustrated with the slowness of the new vicar process. I too am somewhat frustrated also since my term was to have been seven months; but the virus has slowed everything down. The diocese and specifically the Archdeacon are truly working to find a candidate, but again thanks to the virus they have been hampered in their efforts. I am happy to serve as your interim as long as is necessary, but like you I look forward to closure.



This morning I received the sad news that Gracie Guzman, Jeff Figueroa's sister-in-law, passed away from the effects of Covid-19. This is the first virus death that I know of to strike St. Peter and St. Paul directly or indirectly. My prayer for Gracie and for all who have died is that they may rest in peace and rise in glory. We have been blessed that no congregant has died from the virus. Gracie's death does bring the reality of the seriousness of the virus to the forefront. Stay home when possible, wear a mask when out in public, and wash your hands thoroughly and frequently.

If the number of new infections of the virus decrease, we will again open the doors for public worship. The Bishop's Committee and I have an obligation to make a careful decision on this matter since our congregation is composed of many older members. I hope that we will be open again in October.

The Bishop's Committee has some decisions to make concerning the physical plant. We need to clean out the electrical room since it cannot be used as a storage room. That means that we will need to come up with a new storage facility. We also need to give serious consideration replacing two or more of the air-conditioning units. Our electronic piano appears to be on its last leg and needs to be replaced. We only have so much in our building maintenance account and these needs cost money. This is why I appeal to you to catch up on your pledges. Our "income" has taken a big hit during this pandemic and the inability to hold in-person worship. I know that some have experienced lower income during this time, but, if you are able please catch up on your pledge.

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Sometime soon the stone benches in memory of Marc Rodriguez will arrive and be installed. The cost of the benches will come from the memorials given at Marc's funeral. The picture from the company shows two benches that will be a great addition to the porch area facing the playground.

Hopefully during October we will see the return of at least some of our winter Texans. We are always sad in the spring when they leave, but overjoyed when they return. Let us hope that the virus does not discourage all of them from returning.

Remember that St. Peter and St. Paul is streaming Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10:00 am. I sincerely hope that more of you are able to join us. We will probably continue to stream the service even after we return to in-person worship since some congregants may still be uncomfortable with in-person worship. We also stream Morning Prayer (Monday through Saturday) at 9:30 am and Compline daily at 9:00 pm. It is a joy to pray in community because as Scripture says "where two or three are gathered in his Name, he is in the midst of them."

That's it for this month.

Fr. Mike

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

PRAYER REQUESTS

These names are from the church prayer lists. Please lift these people up with your daily prayers.



Eola Martin
 Mike Martin
 Terri Burseson
 San Juana
 Linda Teuling
 Paul Tannehill
 Irene Dimas
 Rosie Palacios
 Rodriguez Family (Marco, Carol, Kayla)
 Vidal, Sarah & Family
 Blanca Adame
 Clyde & Carrie Golden
 Gracie Guzman
 Albert Guzman

Names are kept on this prayer list for 30 days. If someone needs to be kept on after 30 days, we ask that you please contact Blanca Adame in the church office.

Wishes for happy birthdays are always appreciated. And, anniversaries are to be celebrated.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Dee Pemberton 10/04
 Janie Minnick 10/05
 John Countryman 10/09
 Anna Ryan 10/10
 Len Miller 10/10
 Carol Atkinson 10/16
 Mike Schroeder 10/21
 Jesse Fletcher 10/25
 Jon Herrin 10/25
 Scarlett Rodriguez 10/28
 Homero Hernandez 10/31



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Gordy & Louise Wright 10/06
 Mike & Carol Atkinson 10/09



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