

# It's a New Day...

## DO YOU FEEL THE EXCITEMENT?

We are on the front edge of a new, exciting beginning for St. Peter & St. Paul. Folks are coming back to church after a year of uncertainty and change. If you are still concerned about getting out because of the Covid-19 virus, please continue to watch the service via Facebook Live. But, please let us know if you need anything.

In March, we hosted a Craft Show / Bake Sale around the outside of the church. Approximately 9 vendors brought their crafts to sell. And, lots of you brought goodies to be sold at the Bake Sale. The booth rental and the proceeds from the Bake Sale went to the church.

After Ash Wednesday, Fr. Mike began a weekly book study at the church using the book "Lent With The Desert Fathers." Much interesting discussion has come through this book study.

We're looking forward to new adventures this year. We are hosting a second craft show/bake sale on April 10. AND, the Scouts are hosting a Blood Drive on that same date. The goal of the Bishop's Committee is to make the Second Friday/Second Saturday weekend a time to bring the community into our church. Ideas have been suggested for Friday night include an Art Show with local artists, wine/cheese tasting, evening concerts at the Labyrinth. Friday nights will be followed by Saturday Craft Shows or other events that will draw people in and let them know who we are.

So ... buckle up!! This will take all of us volunteering our time and talents. There will be something for everyone to do.

## BPOD, READER & COUNTERS SCHEDULE

The current assignments for BPOD and Readers is shown on Page 4 for April and May. Also, the Bishop's Committee believes that we need to re-start the use of Sunday Counters after the service. Monthly assignments are on the "Schedule Update" section on Page 4. If you would like to be a counter, please contact Martha Oxford (moxford3@gmail.com or 214-794-9532) or Blanca Adame (secretary@peterpaul.org or 956-585-5005).



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## GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD PROJECT ...

At the March 16 Bishop's Committee meeting, Gigi Mejia presented the group with her project idea for her Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest achievement within Girl Scouts of the USA and can be earned by Senior & Ambassador Girl Scouts. Gigi has previously earned her Bronze & Silver awards. For her project, she has asked permission to start a Food Pantry here at St. Peter & St. Paul. She received a 'taste' of operating a food pantry at the beginning of the pandemic when store shelves were empty of many necessary supplies. She and her family collected food and pantry items to the church and boxed them in recycled Girl Scout cookie boxes. She and her family delivered those items to members in need. This would be the basis for her project.



The Bishop's Committee has approved her request to begin this project utilizing a room in the office building for storage and sorting of foods. Initially, we have asked Gigi to limit her foods to non-perishable items. She will be responsible for all aspects of the project including food drives, working with the local Food Bank, organizing volunteers, keeping food rotated, and client intake. Blanca Adame, our church Office Administrator, has volunteered to be Gigi's adult proctor for this project.

Gigi will be letting us, the church, know when she's ready to accept donations for this project.



## SPRING CRAFT SHOW / BAKE SALE

On March 13, St. Peter & St. Paul hosted a community Craft Show and Bake Sale. Booth rental was offered at \$10 per booth. The booth rental and all the proceeds of the Bake Sale went to the church. We sold almost everything on the Bake Sale table. Those proceeds along with the booth rental brought our total to almost \$800. Not too bad for a first event.

9 Vendors were present and all of them experienced a good day of sales.

We will host another Craft Show/Bake Sale on April 10. Contact Blanca Adame—956-585-5005—to rent your booth.

Start baking those pies, cakes and cookies.



## AND, THEN IT FROZE ...

Winter in the Rio Grande Valley is normally a season of balmy temperatures, sunny skies and ocean breezes. However, in February of this year, Mother Nature brought Winter's Wrath to our area and our state. Many of us were without power. Some of us were without water. It was the proverbial 'cold day in Hades' that I've heard about all my life. For a week, we suffered the bitter temperatures (relatively speaking). Whoever heard of a 21 degree low and a 27 degree high, but we had them. And, because of the really low lows, we lost a lot of vegetation.

On Saturday, March 13, some of us along with the one of our Scout troops tackled the job of pruning, cutting off, and hauling off. The area looks bare. But there are already signs of new life growing. Thank you, Lord, for new life (and warmer temperatures)!!



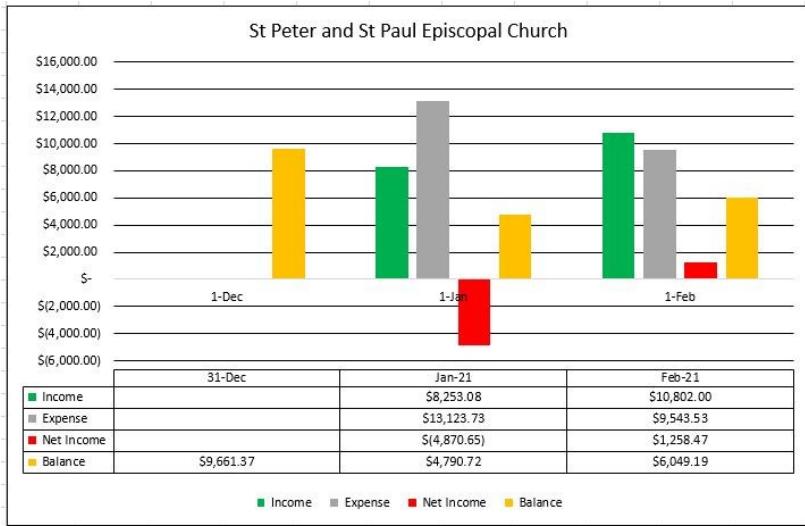
Our plan is to do this again in two weeks to finish the pruning and add some new flowers to some pots. Thankyou all for your hard work!!

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

This is the graph of income and expenses through February 28, 2021.

If you have any questions about expenses, please contact Martha Oxford or one of the Bishop's Committee members.

Our goal is to keep the **RED**, above the line not below. Your financial gifts are critical in the success of this church. Every dime you give will be spent with caution and prayerfulness.



## SCHEDULE UPDATE

3/27 Church Work Day—8 AM—Noonish

(Finish cleaning up after February Freeze)

3/28 Palm Sunday—10 AM

## BPOD

## READERS

H Oertel / R Flynn

4/1 Maundy Thursday

M Segovia / W Schroeder

4/2 Good Friday

M Oxford / H Oertel /

D Burleson

4/4 Easter Sunday—Eucharist—10 AM

J. Trevino

M Oxford / W Schroeder

4/10 Craft Show / Bake Sale - 9 AM—Noon

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Blood Drive—8 AM—4 PM

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4/11 Eucharist—10 AM

E&A Barbee/J.Mejia

J Mejia / L Mejia

4/18 Eucharist—10 AM

D. Burleson

R Redd / S Redd

4/25 Eucharist—10 AM

L. Fletcher/M.Segovia

M Segovia / D Burleson

5/2 Eucharist—10 AM

M. Oxford

H Rutledge / C Leon

5/9 Eucharist—10 AM

H. Oertel

H Oertel / R Flynn

5/16 Eucharist—10 AM

H. Rutledge

M Oxford / W Schroeder

5/23 Eucharist—10 AM

M. Schroeder

J Mejia / L Mejia

5/30 Eucharist—10 AM

J. Trevino

R Redd / S Redd

COUNTERS: April: P Oertel/H Spalding

May: J Trevino/E Barbee

Typical office hours are 9:00 AM—2:00 PM Monday through Friday.

## FATHER MIKE'S MUSINGS

Dear St. Peter and St Paul family,

As I write this, I have been working on the services for Holy Week. Thinking about the services and the events they remember of that amazing week 2000 years ago, gives me the chill bumps sometimes. The magnificence of Jesus facing death willingly knowing that death could not hold him down or contain him in the ground can be awe inspiring.

The chills take hold of me, I think, because of the incredible power of what Christ has done for me and for all of us whose hope is in Jesus. Yet, there's this even more powerful moment on Sunday after Holy Week is done, where we read that Christ came out of the tomb alive and all the implications of that means for our lives.



*“...let us ask ourselves as individuals and as a church how we might proclaim that Jesus Christ was dead, and now is alive, to the world around us?”*

St. Paul said if Christ has not been raised from the dead, then our faith is useless. If Christ has not been raised from the dead, then we are the most miserable people on Earth (1Cor 15:17-19 paraphrased). Of what hope is the forgiveness of our sins if we still die and remain dead? Christ rose from the dead so that we who live by faith in him, might also live WITH him in all of eternity.

On Sunday mornings we sometimes say, “Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.” This is our hope and our message to the world around us. As Spring rolls on into summer, let us ask ourselves as individuals and as a church how we might proclaim that Jesus Christ was dead, and now is alive, to the world around us?

Jesus said that when he is lifted up, he will draw all people to himself. How is God calling us to lift Jesus up so that the people in our community might find life with him? These are the things I hope will energize us as a community.

He is Risen!

Fr. Mike

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### FILLING THE LAST SPACE ...

Just a note about the service videos. In case you are wondering, for a year we have been “filming” the live service using a cell phone. Now, we have been fortunate to purchase a camera and a laptop which gives it a better quality. However, there is a learning curve for us old folks. And, we may be returning is camera and purchasing a different camera. Please be patient as we learn this process. There have been plenty of “goofs” ... internet disconnecting, fuzzy images, audio static and best of all, last Sunday I forgot to push the ‘Go Live’ button until the sermon started. \*Sigh\*

Your prayers and patience are appreciated. And, if any of you are AV experts, PLEASE let us know.

Martha Oxford

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Eola Martin  
Mike Martin  
Terri Burleson  
San Juana  
Vidal, Sarah & Family  
Karen Peterson  
Ruth Flynn  
Norma  
Faustino  
Nancy Ingle

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.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Peggy Beckman	3/1
Maria Pereda	3/2
Louise Wright	3/6
Barbara Bina	3/11
Terri Burleson	3/16
Brian Lunn	3/30

#### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Joe Segovia	5/5
Gigi Mejia	5/11
Carol Rodriguez	5/11
Henry Oertel	5/14
Marco Rodriguez	5/23
Mike Atkinson	5/24
Romeo Mejia	5/26
Dennis Burleson	5/29

#### MARCH, APRIL AND MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Rick & Subie Redd	3/26
Mike & Wendy Schroeder	4/7
Dennis & Terri Burleson	4/16
Rome & Molly Mejia	5/18

#### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Marina Trevino	4/2
Leonor Fletcher	4/5
Mary Harris	4/9
Jim Naida	4/10
Nancy Ingle	4/12
Samantha Rodriguez	4/19
Tom Carnell	4/22
Gina Trevino	4/25
Jim Herron	4/26



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TO:

The St. Peter & St. Paul Family