

Summer in the RGV

IT'S HOT! HOT! HOT!

July and August are typically slow months here in the Rio Grande Valley. Life slows down. Outdoor chores get done early morning or late evening. Mid-day is spent indoors in our nice air conditioned air. The Winter Texans have all headed north. The locals are taking vacations or hosting visitors who want to go to Mexico or to the beach.

All of this leads me to say, finances also take a hit in the summer. Giving statements against pledge are available on the information table in the Narthex. Special and 'In-Kind' giving reports can be requested. Simply let Blanca Adame know—903-585-5005.

Happening—2021

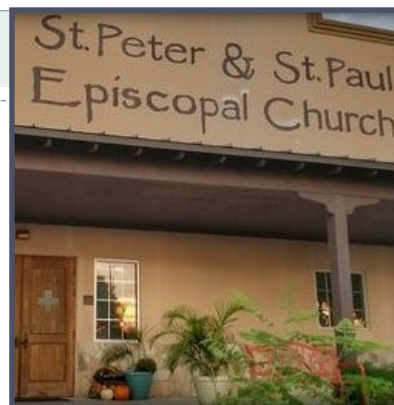
SPSP SERVING MEALS

The Happening (a youth spiritual renewal weekend) is happening at St. John's-McAllen the weekend of August 6-8. Our church has been asked to feed some of the participants/leaders on Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday the attendees feasted on Breakfast Tacos (Breakfast), Sandwiches (Lunch) and Lasagne (Dinner). Sunday's breakfast was breakfast casseroles followed by burgers at lunch.

Thank you to Wendy Schroeder and Maura Pricer for chairing this event. Also, thanks to all the ladies of the congregation to prepared food, served food and cleaned up afterwards.

Note: This is a shorter newsletter than usual. As I said, it's rather slow in the RGV in the summer.



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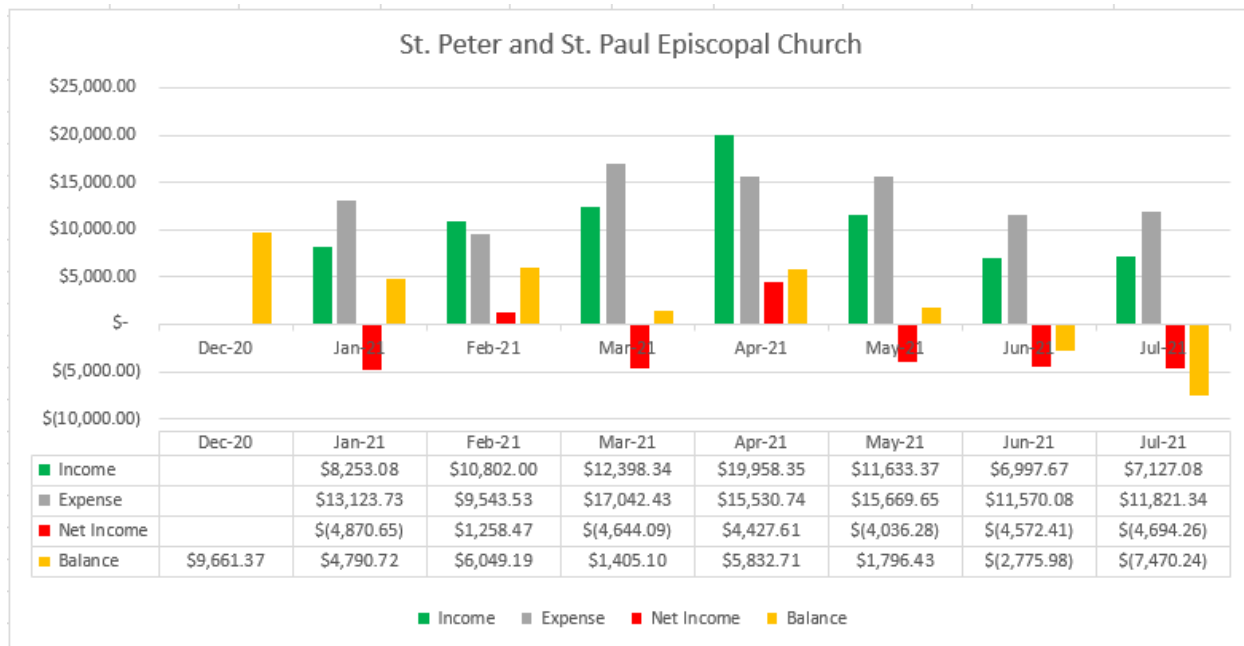
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Bishop's Committee

Jose Trevino, Senior Warden
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FINANCIAL UPDATE

This is the graph of income and expenses through July, 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

	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>BPOD</u>	<u>READERS</u>
8/1	Morning Prayer—10 AM	E. Barbee/J. Mejia	L.Mejia/G. Mejia
8/8	Eucharist—10 AM	D. Burleson	R.Redd/S.Redd
8/15	Eucharist—10 AM	L. Fletcher	M. Oxford/W. Schroeder
8/22	Eucharist—10 AM	M. Oxford	D.Burleson/M.Trevino
8/29	Eucharist—10 AM	H. Oertel	H Rutledge / C Leon
9/5	Eucharist—10 AM	H.Rutledge	H. Oertel/R. Flynn
9/12	Eucharist—10 AM	M. Schroeder	R.Redd/S.Redd
9/19	Eucharist—10 AM	J. Trevino	R.Flynn/W. Schroeder
9/26	Eucharist—10 AM	E.Barbee/J.Mejia	J.Mejia/L.Mejia

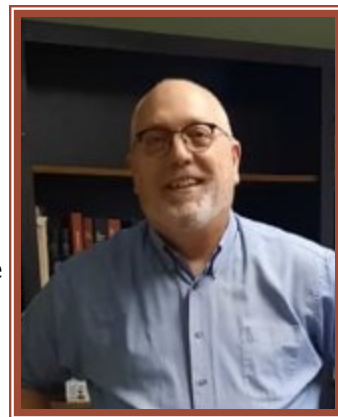
COUNTERS: August: E.Barbee/H.Spalding

September: P. Oertel/S. Redd

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

FATHER MIKE'S MUSINGS

It is so good to be back in the Valley! It was a busy time in Wisconsin, but I so appreciated the time away to see some of my family. Thank you all for the time off! Thank you also to Helen Spalding for filling in with Morning Prayer on the Sundays I was gone and for Fr. Mike Fulk for his being available if there were any pastoral emergencies. Another big thank you to Blanca Adame, our secretary for holding down the fort while I was gone as well.



While I was dawdling through one of the many construction zones along the way, the cars in the next lane over started moved ahead of me so I began reading bumper stickers that went past while I was idling. As you can imagine some people share everyone of their feelings on the back of their cars. But there was this one that got me thinking for the rest of the day.

“We are called to move forward, sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly, but to draw nearer to Christ and to be more like him each day.”

In the window was a large sticker with the logo and name of their church, in the other corner of the window was a sticker that said, “I can do all things through Christ.” It’s a paraphrased version of the verse in Philippians 4:13, where Paul describes the ups and downs of his life and learning to be content in every circumstance because “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

Whether we’re up or down. Whether we have plenty or not enough, Paul’s focus was on God’s provision. In the same way so should our focus be on God’s provision in our individual lives and in our life together at St. Peter and St Paul. It is easy to let circumstances overwhelm us or lead us to such mountaintops that we never want to leave thinking we finally have it all.

But that was not what Paul did or the life to which God calls us in Christ. We are called to move forward, sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly, but to draw nearer to Christ and to be more like him each day. When it seems as if we are stuck, God is still at work in us preparing us for the work of the future. In those times pay attention, God is building something that we don’t always see right away. This is my prayer for each of you and for St. Peter and St. Paul.

Fr. Mike Scolare

EAGLE PROJECT IN THE WORKS

Alexya Garza, a member of our Scouts BSA Troop 1065, has received approval for her Eagle Badge project. She will be repairing and improving the pergola that surrounds the Labyrinth on the south side of the church. We are excited for her to complete this project which will include replacing rotted wood, painting the structure, trimming or replacing shrubbery as necessary.

Hopefully, in the next issue at the beginning of October, we will have some pictures to share.

Happy hammering, sawing, painting, weeding and planting, Alexya. We will hold you in our prayers while you are completing this project.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

- Eola Martin
- Terri Burleson
- Sarah
- Norma
- John Wudarczyk
- Roy Becho
- Easton Michael
- Anna
- Gordie
- Billie Jo
- Zuniga Family

Our Military:
Peter, Kevin, Recardo
Ben, Drew, Teman

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



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- Karliene Davis 8/11
- Subie Redd 8/17
- Eleanor Blott 8/18
- Molly Mejia 8/29

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Karen Peterson 9/2
- Carlos Ponce 9/4
- Lola Mejia 9/13
- Wendy Schroeder 9/19
- Cynthia Ponce 9/23
- Martha Oxford 9/27

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- Brian & Donna Lunn 8/4
- Bob & Nina Nelson 8/7
- Jesus & Delia Perea 9/13
- Marco & Carol Rodriguez 9/20
- Chet & Martha Oxford 9/29



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