

Rodriguez Memorial

IT TAKES A CHURCH ...

It does take a church and family to celebrate the life of young Marc Rodriguez. On Saturday, October 10, many gathered to set the memorial benches in their place. We joined with Marco, Carol & Kayla Rodriguez to speak of Marc's life with joy. Yes, we grieve but we also celebrate the joy that he brought to his family, his church and his friends.

The benches are in place looking out at the playground. So if you ever need to just stop for a moment to rest, to watch your children play, to pray or to just take a break, feel free to enjoy these benches and the joy they represent.

#leaveyourmarc.



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BLESSING OF THE PETS

The Blessing of the Pets service was held on Saturday, October 10. Fr. Mike Fulk gave a blessing to all the pets that attended.

This custom is conducted in remembrance of Saint Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. Francis, whose feast day is October 4th, loved the larks flying about his hilltop town. Francis considered all nature as the mirror of God and as so many steps to God.



He called all creatures his "brothers" and "sisters," and, in the most endearing stories about him, preached to the birds and persuaded a wolf to stop attacking the people of the town of [Gubbio](#) and their livestock if the townspeople agreed to feed the wolf.

The hummingbirds and butterflies will soon enjoy the flowers in the re-vamped flower bed in front of the church.

The landscaping of the front flower bed has been completely revamped and will soon be full of blossoms for the butterflies and hummingbirds to enjoy. A special reminder of Mark Rodriguez has been placed in the garden and will light up at night. A huge thank you to the Mejia family and their friends for the hard work that you put into this gift to the church. You not only created this beautiful bed, but you've added fall mums and color and help to make our church look very cared for.



thank
you!

WELCOME! WE'RE BACK!

Oh, what a joy to gather with our brothers and sisters in worship and to share in the Holy Eucharist. We invite you to come back to worship on Sunday mornings, at 10 a.m. The sanctuary has been spaced for social distancing. We have room for you to attend.

Coffee, juice & snacks are served both before and after worship on the front porch as long as the weather permits. Please allow us to serve you at this time. It's so nice to visit with those we haven't seen in a while. So stay a bit. Have a bite to eat. Drink a cup of coffee or juice. Share some conversation with others.

In order to follow safe practice guidelines, we have masks if you don't have one. We have hand sanitizer on the table in the Narthex that you may use. The church is sanitized after each service.

Come! Can't wait to see you Sunday!!

SCHEDULE UPDATE

- 11/1 FALL BACK—Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11/1 Holy Eucharist—10 a.m.
- 11/8 Holy Eucharist—10 a.m.
- 11/15 Holy Eucharist—10 a.m.
- 11/15 Bishop's Committee Monthly Meeting—11:30 a.m.
- 11/22 Holy Eucharist—10 a.m.
- 11/25 Colonia Thanksgiving—Details to follow
- 11/26 Thanksgiving Day
- 11/29 Holy Eucharist—10 a.m.

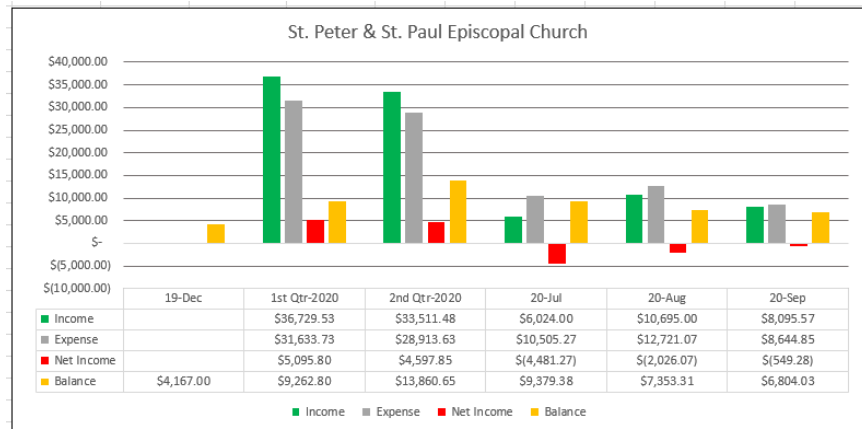
You may currently attend services in person with social distance practices. We have masks available if you don't have one. And, hand sanitizer is also available in the Narthex. We will always be online via Facebook Live and our website—peterpaul.org.

Office hours 9 am—2 pm Monday thru Friday. Fr. Mike Fulk is in the office on Wednesdays.

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.



NEW PIANO DELIVERED!!

We have just purchased a new (used) K. Kawai Grand Piano. The funds used to purchase the piano came from the Marc Rodriguez Memorial Fund. We are so grateful for the Rodriguez family for sharing these funds with us. This piano will be played for years to come and the music that comes from it will fill us with love, joy and peace.

We will remember Marc Ramon Rodriguez always!

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STEWARDSHIP TIME

The month of October typically kicks off our Stewardship Campaign for the coming year. This current year has been a strange one to say the least. I could not have imagined the type of life we are living now—masks, social distancing, sanitizing, hand washing have all become common words these days. We mask to shop; we mask to see the doctor; we mask to go to the bank (Who would have ever thought it would be required to wear a mask at the bank??); we mask to worship on Sundays. We are learning new ways of socializing. Our social time at church is outside under the porch surrounded by God's creations—grass, flowers, blue sky, birds, butterflies and, yes, ants. But, it's great to see people I haven't see in a while and to share a cup of coffee and a cookie and some conversation!!

Bishop Reed recently shared, "We're in the midst of a time of tremendous financial anxiety and uncertainty. There's uncertainty about what the future is going to be like, what the economy is going to be like next year. And yet, just as Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever, the practice of stewardship is not determined by the environment in which we practice it. Stewardship is all we do, all the time, with all we have in response to the Good News of Jesus Christ. And so, our giving, even in a time of pandemic, is not based on the circumstances around us. It's based on the relationship we have, the relationship we *desire to have with God and Jesus Christ.*"

Part of your Stewardship is your time and talent. Do you have extra time? Sanctuary needs to be vacuumed. Kitchen needs to be cleaned. Pantry needs to be sorted. Volunteers are needed to open the church on Sunday mornings and make the coffee. Send birthday, anniversary and get well cards to members and friends. Pray for our church. Pray for the members that are still here. Pray for the winter Texans that won't be down this year. Pray for the people who aren't a part of our church family anymore. We miss them.

So, if you haven't yet, come back to worship. Get back in the habit of church on Sunday mornings. There's just something about gathering with other believers to sing and worship together. See you Sunday!!

FATHER MIKE'S MUSINGS



As you know, I have never spoken publicly about politics or which candidate I support for president. I do not believe that clergy should do so, but November is upon us along with the election and I think it is important for me to offer a few comments as your interim vicar. Thank you, Fr. John Inserra, for the inspiration to write this.

Does it matter who wins? This is the hot button issue on the national scene. For Christians, it shouldn't since Jesus is Lord. He will never need to stand for election since his appointment is eternal from the Father. So if your candidate loses, take comfort in this fact.

In your political world, is it OK to look with contempt on those who do not agree with your politics? From what we read through social media the answer appears to be yes. Four years ago and also in this election year I have been sorely tempted to close my Facebook account. I find the posting to be the anthesis of what Christ has called us to do...love one another and pray for those who hate us. We are never called to put down the opinion of others with hatred and anger. We do not give glory to God by demeaning each other on social media.

I hear individuals say that if candidate "X" wins, our country will go down the tubes and that there will be no hope for the future. Christians should be saying that we put our trust in the Lord because he alone saves.

As Christians our identity is tied to the Kingdom, not to a political party. Political parties are important, but our Christian identity is more important. This Kingdom and Jesus' words should be tantamount in shaping our identity. Remember that whatever happens on November 3rd, God's love for us and his will for us will remain unchanged.

Some great things have happened at SPSP during the month of October. The Scouts and parents cleaned up the landscaping and planted new specimens. It looks great. Thank you Scouts and parents! On October 12 we installed and dedicated the Marc Rodriguez memorial benches. On the same date we held a late Blessing of the Animals. I thank all who came and brought their pets. I have never blessed so many dogs. Using funds from the Rodriguez memorial we were able to purchase a new to us grand piano which will enhance the beauty of our Eucharist celebrations. SPSP is on the move!

We start the month of November with All Saints Day where we remember the saints, known and unknown, who have gone before us. We celebrate Thanksgiving towards the end of the month, but we need to remember that this day is more than just "pigging out," it is a day for us to give thanks for all the blessings we have received. We end the month by starting the season of Advent, the time of preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth.

We are seeing a slight increase in the number of people at Sunday Eucharist as more and more people become comfortable with the new normal for in-person worship. This is good news!

I have rambled on long enough for this month. Peace and blessings to all y'all!!

Fr. Mike

REMEMBER THE SAINTS



November 1 is All Saints Sunday. It's a time to remember those we've lost this year and to pray for their families.

Marc Rodriguez

Gracie Guzman

Paul Tannehill

Louise Fowler

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
O blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER REQUESTS

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



- Eola Martin
- Mike Martin
- Terri Burluson
- San Juana
- Linda Teuling
- Irene Dimas
- Rosie Palacios
- Rodriguez Family (Marco, Carol, Kayla)
- Vidal, Sarah & Family
- Blanca Adame
- Guzman Family
- Karen Peterson & Paul Tannehill family

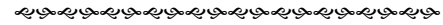
Names are kept on this prayer list for 30 days. If someone needs to be kept on after 30 days, we ask that you please contact Blanca Adame in the church office.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Gail Matson 11/1
- Ramon Pereda 11/5
- Margie Segovia 11/6
- Juan Morales 11/21
- Cindy Young 11/23
- Edward Barbee 11/24
- Alma Morales 11/24
- James Burluson 11/25
- Gordy Wright 11/25
- Michael Martin 11/27



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

None were shown in our listing. If we missed your special day, please let Blanca Adame know in the church office.



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REMEMBER!!!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON 11/1.

TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT, 10/31.

See you Sunday at 10:00.