

# The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity



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I have often heard, and have said myself, that in church, the summer is a “dead time”. Attendance goes down, and most programs take a break. It’s also said that there shouldn’t be any substantive committee or policy work done in the summer because people are away.

Well, we’ve already lost over a year of programs, committees, and substantive policy work. I don’t want to wait any longer. There’s too much to do.

Before I became rector, we had planned on having small groups of members get together to discuss the questions: “Who are we as a church?”, “Who do we want to be?”, and “How do we get there?”. In fact, the bishop included in my letter of agreement for becoming rector, that we complete this task by December 2020. Because we felt that the in-person aspect of these meetings was important, we chose not to hold them while we could not meet.

I would like this process completed and analyzed by early fall so that the vestry can consider the suggestions to inform our 2022 budgeting process. (I.e.: putting our money where our mouths are).

If you’re a member, or a regular attender, you’ll get an invitation to attend a gathering in someone’s home to help with this process. Please come. We need as much input as possible, and from as diverse a group as possible, to be able to set a direction for the future. (If you don’t get one by late June, let us know. We must have you mis-coded in the computer.)

One of the realities of living in the Permian Basin is that people transfer in and transfer out depending on the energy industries. This is one of those “transfer out” cycles for us. We’ve lost a couple of families who have moved out of town for job and educational opportunities. This has left holes in our various ministries.

As we resume our “normal” service styles, we need to fill vacancies in our liturgical ministries. We need ushers for both Sunday services. We need readers for both services. As long as we can administer the host at Communion, readers don’t have to administer the cup, so anyone of any age can read. We need acolytes for the 10:30 service. And we need audio-visual workers for both services.

Starting in July, I’m hoping we can restart breakfast between services and coffee hour after the 10:30 service. We need someone to head this ministry and volunteers to set up, cook and clean up. Wednesday dinners will start up with the new school year. We’ll need a coordinator and volunteers for that.

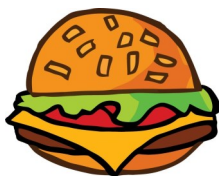
We also need nursery workers. These are paid positions, so if you or someone you know, are interested, let the office know.

As I said in my sermon on Pentecost, I believe we are on the verge of a Holy Spirit empowered surge in enthusiasm, opportunity, and ministry. Get ready! Holy Trinity is going to need people to flow with the holy wind that will sweep us into the future. Please pray and consider where you’ll best meet God’s call. Fr. Bob



for families of Children  
& Youth  
Sunday June 6, 2021  
2-4 pm  
(Please bring Snacks & Drinks)  
1506 Douglas

Sunday, May 30th



Join us for a picnic on the front lawn 10:30 am service. Hamburgers and sides will be provided!  
If it rains we be inside!



Sundays

9:15 am  
Parish Hall  
also available on zoom

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8860761681>  
Meeting ID: 886 076 1681  
One tap mobile  
+13462487799,8860761681# US (Houston)

## Prayer List

**THOSE WHO BEAR THE AUTHORITY OF GOVERNMENT:** Joe, our President; Greg, our Governor; Patrick, our Mayor.  
**FOR THOSE IN TROUBLE, SORROW, NEED, SICKNESS OR ANY OTHER ADVERSITY:** Jay Bates, Ruben Gomez, Fred Newman, Patrick & Elizabeth Peek, Bob Poer, Jim May, Katheryn, Harry Harrison, Marilyn Allen, Marilynn Philpy, Adalyn Grace, Diane Brown, Marianne Green, Florinda Gomez, Ellia, Nancy Newman Goodnight, Skip, Marcia, Viola, Robert Stewart, Holly, Jeanie Patterson, Frances Veazey, Denise, Tip, Linda, Bettie Thornsburg, Luke Bromm, Scott Tilley & Kay Berry.

(If a name has been removed that you would like replaced please call the Parish Office.)

**FOR ALL THOSE IN QUARANTINE, OR AFFECTED BY COVID-19.**

**FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:** Cameron Kading, Alex, and Noah.

**FOR ALL EXPECTANT FAMILIES:** Victoria (Olive) & Ty Desilets



- 2nd - J.K. Wilson**
- 3rd - Evan O'Leary**
- 5th - Ryan Stewart**
- 6th - Jordynn Gomez**
- 7th - Sydney Stephens**
- 8th - Vicky Saxe**
- 10th - Caleb Washington**
- 11th - Chuck Howbert**
- 13th - Mike McKinney, Donna Omar**
- 14th - Caroline Wheeler**
- 20th - Bella Spangher**
- 22nd - Jane Lamphere**
- 23rd - Brian Becker**
- 26th - Jennifer Wilson**
- 29th - Jenness Gilles, Robbie Shepard,  
Cindy Olive, William Grella**

## 2021 Financial Summary

	Monthly Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Pledge	2,161	20,798	28,333	85,000
Plate	27,845	200,220	131,277	393,832
Transfers	0	0	34,331	102,993
Other	3	48,713	54,733	164,200
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>30,009</b>	<b>269,731</b>	<b>248,674</b>	<b>746,025</b>
Staff	22,023	102,245	110,414	331,242
General Operations	28,627	72,129	84,424	253,273
Apportionment	8,764	35,036	35,057	105,172
Liturgy & Worship	791	1,576	5,867	17,600
Christian Education	0	51	4,800	14,400
Membership and Community	409	441	2,183	6,550
Outreach	0	0	933	2,800
Pastoral Care	0	0	167	500
Preschool	1,284	11,267	4,829	14,488
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>61,898</b>	<b>222,745</b>	<b>248,674</b>	<b>746,025</b>
<b>Income less Expenses</b>	<b>(31,889)</b>	<b>46,986</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Notes: Monthly expenses fluctuate depending on when various quarterly payments are made.

Transfers reflect transfers from operating reserves to cover cash or shortfalls.



## Peggy Simmons

Back in the days when we did normal, habitual stuff like going to church on Sundays, Peggy Simmons' spot in the nave of HT at 10:30 was the lectern side, about six rows down, next to the aisle.

Peggy was headmaster of Trinity School from 1984 to 1997, having come to Midland from

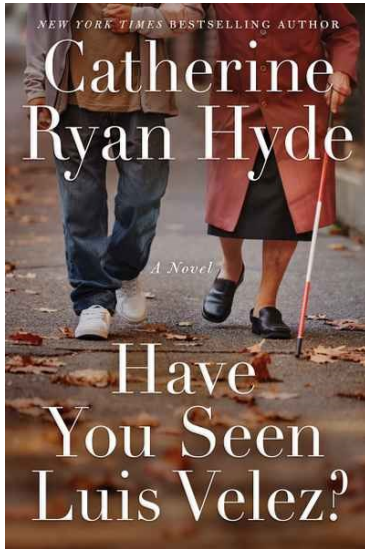
Ohio, and because of her, Charles Simmons came here from Delaware. They were married in 1985, and Charles, after years of college administration back east, returned to teaching as professor of sociology at UTPB. Early on, they became active at Holy Trinity and throughout the community, serving on the board at Casa de Amigos, volunteering at the Midland Soup Kitchen and Meals on Wheels, and others.

Charles was an exceptional speaker. In 1988, when the first woman was named suffragan bishop in Massachusetts. many Episcopalians found the news hard to accept. Allen Whitman, H T rector at the time, took advantage of the uproar to stage a debate between his associate rector, John Sorenson, and Charles. It was an electrifying hour, with the debaters pulling out quotes from the Bible about vomit, and at one point declaring that Christ's crucifixion had nothing to do with genitalia. "Charles loved to shock people," Peggy recalls, "especially the straight-laced." Peggy says they decided early on to stay in Midland when they retired. "We both felt at home in Midland and at Holy Trinity."

Charles died in 2009..."on the Queen Mum's birthday," Peggy says, quite appropriately for the anglophile Charles was. Their children (They had seven between them.) now live back east, in New York City, Ohio, Kentucky and Georgia.

As for Peggy, she's feeling her years. "I am still moving along, albeit very slowly," she says. "I am deaf, with a problem that hearing aids can not help, and my eyesight is pretty weak, so I am really grateful for the computer." Yet, at 93, she says she feels "very lucky to be comparatively independent," She also feels glad to have Holy Trinity. "Aren't we lucky to have Bob as our rector?" she says.

**Book Club**  
**Thursday, June 24th**  
**4:00 pm**



**Have you seen  
Luis Velez?**

**Host:  
Kay Arrell**



**In search of LEMs, Sound-techs,  
& Ushers**

If you are interested in serving in one or more of these ministries please contact the parish office or for an Usher sign up in the Narthex of the church.

### Holy Trinity Preschool Graduation



### Happy Anniversary!

We are at the two-year point in our dating and now marriage with Fr. Bob. Or that is what Bishop Scott told me this relationship was very much like. He was not wrong!

Fr. Bob, I am forever thankful for your love and guidance with our parish. You love us. It's really that simple, you love us. The good, the bad, and the questionable actions all rolled into one package. Thank you.

Nothing about your coming to our Church was normal. Nothing has been normal since you came. I appreciate your understanding of what we needed and what we still need. (Even during the times we were not totally sure of it or agreed with you!) Thank you for your leadership and directness. Thank you for making us laugh - it feels good to do that!

On a personal note - Thank you for trusting me, loving me, and seeing me. Thank you for being my pastor and my friend.

Grace, love, and mercy!

Carla Sr. Warden



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**HOLY TRINITY**

1412 West  
Illinois Ave  
Midland, Texas 79701

Sunday - May 30, 2021  
Trinity Sunday  
8:00 Rite I  
10:30 am - Rite II  
11:30 am - Picnic Lunch

Monday - May 31, 2021



Memorial Day  
Parish Office Closed

Wednesday - June 2, 2021  
7:00 pm Adult Ensemble

Upcoming Meeting:  
**Vestry**  
Monday  
June 14th  
at 6:00 pm  
Parish Hall

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• Kate Menaul  
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