

WELCOME TO PAX CHRISTI WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2020

NEW HERE?

MASS TIMES:

Saturday ~ 5:00pm
Sunday ~ 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm
Mondays ~ 8:30am
Tuesdays ~ 8:30am
Wednesdays ~ 6:00pm
Thursdays ~ 8:30am (Word/Communion Service)
Fridays ~ 8:30am
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Private) ~ Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm

Interpreter for hearing impaired at 11:00am Mass.

Nursery provided for infants through age 4 during Sunday Mass times.

SACRAMENTS AND PRAYER:

Baptism ~ registration and info at www.paxchristi.com/baptism
Confirmation ~ info at www.paxchristi.com/confirmation
First Eucharist ~ registration and info at www.paxchristi.com/eucharist
First Reconciliation ~ registration/info at www.paxchristi.com/reconciliation
Marriage and Wedding Prep ~ www.paxchristi.com/marriage
Prayer ~ For all prayer intentions, visit www.paxchristi.com/prayer
Rosary ~ Rosary prayed following weekday morning Masses.
Questions? Contact Andrea in the parish office, 952-405-7207.

BECOME A REGISTERED MEMBER:

New Member registration takes place on the second Sunday of each month after every Mass or any time by visiting the parish office. Additional information at www.paxchristi.com/aboutus.

NAME TAG WEEKEND:

To help guests and demonstrate a spirit of hospitality, everyone in attendance at Mass is encouraged to wear a name tag next weekend. Name tags are available near the sanctuary entrance.

SNOWBIRDS FLY SOUTH

This time of year many of our shared ministers become "snowbirds." We are seeking some extra hands to help with hospitality on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in helping, or would like more information, please contact Janell McBeain in hospitality at jmcbeain@paxchristi.com. Sharing a spirit of hospitality is a core value of the Pax Christi community.

A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



You are likely aware of our parish having hosted one of the many prayer and listening sessions on January 28 in preparation for the Archdiocesan Synod that will occur about a year from now. I give our archbishop enormous credit and thanks for his having shown up to all of those sessions in order to hear and to endure the questions and comments of so many Catholic people. Not all of those comments have been entirely pleasant for him to take in, but he is respectful in hearing people out. What a tremendous change in tone from our leader over the past few years.

I've been thinking about what might be my first personal responses to the two overarching categorical questions: 1. *What is working well in our parishes/archdiocese?*, and 2. *What are our challenges?* In both cases I believe they have to do with ministry formation, both clergy and lay. I've spoken here before about some of my concerns with the way we form and assign priests and deacons in our parishes, but the issue of professional lay ministry is no less significant.

What is working well here, and has been working well for a long time, is an incredibly talented and dedicated cadre of lay church ministers who serve our people in areas like faith formation, liturgy, pastoral care, justice, administration, finance, hospitality, and more. They are, for the most part, highly skilled, well-educated, and experienced in the work that they do. But they are also increasingly a rare breed. A generation or two ago we had quite a lot of lay ministers (and prospective ones) enrolled in advanced degree programs in local/regional schools in order to better hone their skill set for the requirements of their work. That has now changed for what seems to me to be a variety of reasons. The most important of those reasons, I think, is finances. It costs a lot of money and time for a person to earn an advanced degree in pastoral theology and ministry. And often the salaries of those graduates are not adequate to erase the debt that is taken on during the time of their formation. And the climate of the Catholic church has, I believe, changed in the willingness to support would-be lay professionals in their studies. And in some places, the work environment for such ministers has become something bordering on hostile. I'm happy to say that, as far as I'm aware, that's not our situation at Pax Christi.

The result of all this is that we have many long-serving professional lay ministers here who are within five or ten years of retirement, and there is no equivalently equipped group of younger people coming up behind. This is a very significant challenge to our local church, especially to a parish like ours that relies so heavily and deliberately on the leadership of lay ministers (professional and otherwise). Having an undergraduate degree in theology or Catholic studies does not prepare one for the rigors of church leadership, even though some believe otherwise.

We have our work to do in this regard. The good news is that we are beginning to do it. Stay tuned.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FARE FOR ALL

Tuesday, February 4, 3:30-5:30pm

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Friday, February 7, beginning with Mass at 8:30am

CALLING ALL SCOUTS! SCOUT SUNDAY

Sunday, February 9, 9:00am Mass

MEN'S MINISTRY EVENT: SPEAKER FR STEVE MCMICHAEL

Jesus in Christianity and Islam

Tuesday, February 11, 6:30-8:00pm, Room 212, No Fee RSVP

MOMS ROCK: SPEAKER CHRISTY ENGELHART

Wednesday, February 12, 9:30-11:30am, Room 212, \$10 RSVP

PRESIDENTS' DAY MASS

Monday, February 17, 9:00am

BRIDGING BLANKET DRIVE

Weekend of February 22/23

SOULCOLLAGE®

Workshop and Introduction

Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 6:30-8:00pm, Room 239 RSVP

LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 26, Ashes will be distributed at:

9:00am, 12:00noon, 5:00pm, and 7:00pm

LENTEN PARISH RETREAT

Be Who You Are and Be That Well

Saturday, February 29, 2020, 9:00am-Noon, Room 266, Free

THEOLOGY DAY

The Bible And The Modern World

Thursday, March 5, 6:00-9:00pm, Hall of Martyrs RSVP

ANNUAL CANA DINNER – EARLY LOVE BIRD RATE

Saturday, April 25, 6:00-9:30pm, \$70 per couple RSVP

ADULT LENTEN PARISH RETREAT

Be Who You Are and Be That Well

Saturday, February 29, 9:00am-Noon, Room 266, Free

Facilitated by Melissa Borgmann-Kiede of the Loyola Spirituality Center, participants will be guided through an examen-based discernment exercise identifying moments of knowing God's great love. Through creative reflection prayer practices, participants will come to a greater understanding of a classic discernment process taught by St. Ignatius of Loyola. Participants will have an opportunity to reflect on their personal, lived experiences and be introduced to a protocol for discerning vocation within a group. It is our hope that, in offering this experience, the community of Pax Christi will become empowered to better hear and respond to the call of God at both the personal and communal levels. There is no fee to attend but please RSVP online.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, February 3

8:30am MASS

9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry

3:15pm Chair Yoga

6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg.

6:30pm Troop 370 Mtg.

6:30pm Book Club

Tuesday, February 4

8:30am MASS

9:00am Women w/Spirit Bible Study

3:30pm Fare for All

6:00pm 50+ Basketball

6:45pm Handbell Rehearsal

7:00pm Baptism Prep Session

Wednesday, February 5

9:30am Tot-Time Open Gym

11:00am Tai Chi

1:00pm Just Matters

5:15pm Faith Formation Sessions

6:00pm Faith Formation Sessions

6:00pm MASS

6:30pm Pet Ministry

Thursday, February 6

8:30am Word/Communion Service

9:00am Pax Christi Quilter's Ministry

10:00am Winter Book Club

6:00pm Just Matters

6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball

7:00pm Al-Anon

7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous

7:30pm Music Ministry

Friday, February 7

8:30am MASS

9:00am First Friday Coffee

Saturday, February 8

NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND

9:00am Women's AA Group

9:00am Overeater's Anonymous

4:00pm Private Reconciliation

5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON

w/Deacon Charles Preaching

Sunday, February 9

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES

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9:00am MASS - FR. BYRON

w/Deacon Charles Preaching

9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:00am MASS - FR. McMICHAEL

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5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON

w/Deacon Charles Preaching

6:00pm Sunday Community Meal

6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions

6:30pm RCIA

6:30pm Young Married Couples Group

Interpreter for hearing impaired at 11:00am Mass.

Nursery provided during Sunday Mass times.

Rosary prayed following weekday morning Masses.

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your generosity!

Week of January 19:

Basket Collection \$10,776

Online Giving 35,613

Other 18,679

Total Week #29 65,068

Budget 60,000

Variance 5,068

YTD Actual 1,622,463

YTD Budget 1,572,000

YTD Variance 50,463

Other contribution methods include grants from donor-advised funds, stock donations, IRA distributions, payroll deductions and other contributions mailed or delivered to the office.

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