

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR MARCH 15, 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 3:30-4:30pm

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.



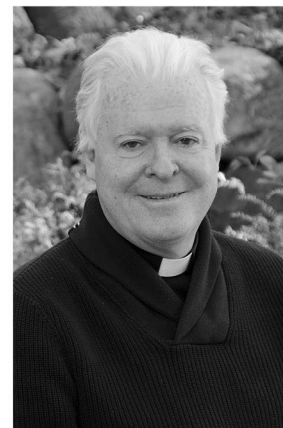
You're invited to A CALLING TO LEADERSHIP

Join us at one of
the information sessions,
April 14 or 16.

Please RSVP at www.paxchristi.com/rsvpleadership

Council members will be located in the gathering space THIS weekend, March 14/15. Stop by to learn more about involvement in Pax Christi Leadership Councils.

A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



Dear Friends:

Several days ago I was out with a large group of long-time friends to enjoy dinner at a restaurant. I was seated across the table from a couple whom I've known for most of 40 years. We were sharing memories of olden days and catching up on family news. I told them that I recall being at their wedding and that I remember three things in particular about it. One is that it was undoubtedly the hottest church ceremony I'd ever attended in the non-air-conditioned building (the 130 year-old St. Michael's in Stillwater). Another is that there was a bird flying around in the rafters all during the liturgy, making it somewhat difficult to focus. And the third was that the bride's father sang, and it was an incredibly beautiful gift to all of us. He had an operatic kind of bass quality that was memorable, and it fit nicely with his jovial and large personality. I asked how he was doing now, and she told me that he was living comfortably in a senior residence in Kirkland, Washington, a place which had no other particular meaning for either of us at that moment.

Yes, that Kirkland, Washington. What are the chances that the one identifiable epicenter of the coronavirus in the country is the home where her father was living? He was taken to the hospital a few days after our dinner gathering, and he died earlier this week, having tested positive for the disease. Needless to say, the sadness for the family is only matched by the shock of it all. Thankfully there is a great deal of faith among them, which is making it easier during these hard days.

As the news of all of this got to me, I was just finishing up a fine new book titled, *Musings: A Benedictine on Christian Life*, by Fr. Don Talafous OSB, a monk of St. John's Abbey. It is a collection of half-page reflections on living faith in everyday life, written from the perspective of an author who is now in his mid-90s. Among the things that struck me in reading was a rather consistent theme of coming to terms with suffering, especially that suffering that seems unfair or unexpected, including the loss of loved ones in death. No honest Christian can escape the challenge that comes at moments like that, and neither Jesus nor the bible ever attempted to tiptoe around the issue. Quite to the contrary. In the scriptures we find a repeated and brutal honesty about the bewilderment that confronts believers when "bad things happen to good people." St. Peter was perhaps the most famous disciple to express astonishment and denial when Jesus tried to lay it out for him: "Heaven forbid that such things will happen to you, Lord!". We've all been there, haven't we?

This Lenten season is one in which we are invited to focus more deliberately than usual on the facet of our Christian journey that demands self-denial, sacrifice, and suffering. That's not all there is to it, of course, but it's unavoidable if we both live long enough and are open to loving and being loved by others. We don't have to invent artificial ways to suffer. It will find us. And when it does, God is right there in the midst of it, not with neat explanations, but with consoling presence.

Michael Byron

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEATURED ART EXHIBIT: KATHY FLEMING

Opening reception March 15 following morning Masses

Exhibit on display through April 15, MLK Jr., Room 247

MOMS ROCK: DAVID TOFT

Wednesday, March 18, 9:30–11:30am, Room 212, \$10 RSVP

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS

A Self-Care Program for Caregivers

RSVP

Wednesdays, March 18–April 22, 1:00pm, Norm. Luth., \$45

TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

Friday, March 20, 7:00pm in the sanctuary

SPECIAL BURGUNDY BAG COLLECTION

Weekend of March 21/22

PET MINISTRY INFORMATIONAL GATHERING

Pet Ministry Needs More Teams

Sunday, March 22 following 9:00am Mass, Room 212

LGBTQ+ MINISTRY KICK-OFF

Sunday, March 29, 12:30– 2:00pm, Room 212

RSVP

TWELVE BASKETS EASTER BASKET DRIVE

Weekends of March 28/29 and April 4/5

A CALLING TO LEADERSHIP

Council Information Sessions

Tuesday, April 14, or Thursday, April 16, 6:30pm

RSVP

BOOMERS AND BEYOND BRUNCH AND SPEAKER

Wednesday, April 15, 10:00am

RSVP

EASTER EVENING OF REFLECTION WITH FR. MCMICHAEL

Thursday, April 23, 6:30–8:30pm, Room 212

RSVP

ANNUAL CANA DINNER

Saturday, April 25, 6:00–9:30pm

RSVP

HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE/ JUSTICE TRIP

June 28–July 3, \$200

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER SERVICE WEEK

Week of July 20, 8:30am–4:00pm, \$175

RSVP

LIVING STATIONS PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

Be a part of this Pax Christi Good Friday tradition! Youth from sixth through twelfth grade are needed to act out the scenes from the passion of Jesus. If interested in participating, registration and complete details are online or contact Joan Howe-Pullis, jhowe-pullis@paxchristi.com.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, March 16

8:30am MASS
3:15pm Chair Yoga
6:30pm Pack 348
6:30pm Troop 370

Tuesday, March 17

8:30am MASS
9:00am Women With Spirit
6:00pm Pax Christi Adult Basketball
6:30pm Leadership Meeting
7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 18

9:30am Mom's ROCK
11:00am Tai Chi
5:15pm Faith Formation Sessions
5:15pm First Eucharist Preparation
6:00pm Faith Formation Sessions
6:00pm First Eucharist Preparation
6:00pm MASS

Thursday, March 19

8:30am Word/Communion Service
9:00am Pax Christi Quilter Ministry
3:00pm Compassionate Care Group
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball
7:00pm Al-Anon
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
7:30pm Music Ministry

Friday, March 20

8:30am MASS
7:00pm Taize Prayer Service

Saturday, March 21

SPECIAL BURGUNDY BAG COLLECTION
9:00am Women's AA Group
9:00am Overeater's Anonymus
3:30pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON

Sunday, March 22

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES
SPECIAL BURGUNDY BAG COLLECTION
9:00am MASS - FR. MCMICHAEL
10:00am Pet Ministry Info Event
11:00am MASS - FR. BYRON
12:00pm Justice Potluck
5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON
6:00pm Community Meal
6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions
6:30pm Young Married Couples

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**ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND EVENT
REGISTRATION AT WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM**

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your generosity!

Week of March 1:

Basket Collection	\$16,915
Online Giving	31,314
Other	18,931
Total Week #35	67,160
Budget	70,000
Variance	(2,840)

YTD Actual	1,913,933
YTD Budget	1,857,000
YTD Variance	56,933

Other contribution methods include non-taxable Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs). The IRS requires that you begin taking income from your IRA when you turn 72. A donation to Pax Christi directly from your IRA can be excluded from your taxable income.

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