

WELCOME TO PAX CHRISTI

WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR JANUARY 5, 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
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.

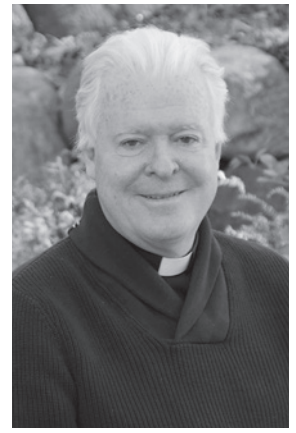
NAME TAG WEEKEND:

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.

WEDDINGS AT PAX CHRISTI:

Couples wishing to get married at Pax Christi should be registered members of our parish for at least one year prior to the wedding date. This encourages a couple to practice their faith, share their gifts, and participate in the life of the community at Pax Christi before they are married. The actual marriage preparation should begin a minimum of six months before a couple's wedding date. Additional information at www.paxchristi.com/marriage.

A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



There was a very interesting feature article last week in the *Star Tribune* which highlighted the long pastoral career of Leith Anderson. He was pastor for 35 years at our neighboring church, Wooddale, and by all accounts his is a distinguished and honorable ministerial legacy. Most recently he is retiring from leading the National Association of Evangelicals, a post he's held for the past 13 years. As an Evangelical Protestant, Pastor Anderson was reflecting in the article about the challenges of holding together a very large and diverse assembly of churches and congregations as a unified body. He expressed a sentiment that I have heard before from Evangelical leaders, namely, that they regret a widespread popular perception that the term "Evangelical" has over the years become narrowed and associated mostly with loud and large media voices like Jerry Falwell Jr., Franklin Graham, Pat Robertson, and other TV preachers. Those voices tend also to be overtly political, identifying the mission of the church with particular people and parties. Especially at this moment in our nation's history, Pastor Anderson cautioned that faithfulness to the gospel of Jesus Christ is not the same thing as blind allegiance to any specific political movement, and that Evangelical Christianity must be bigger than that.

I wholeheartedly agree. But as Catholics we must also be aware of an equal and opposite threat that would attempt to divorce the practice of Christian faith from political concerns. There is an essential social aspect to the living out of our faith. Catholicism is meant to spill out of the church doors after Mass and to spread into the streets and cities and public conversations that shape our world. And, yes, that means politics—not in any narrow sense of mindless partisanship or hero worship, not in being beholden to (or seduced by) a specific political agenda that emanates from someplace other than the Christian scriptures and tradition. But it does mean that there is something fundamentally inadequate about a Catholic practice that retreats from engaging the important social and political challenges (or crises) of our time. Ours is not a religion that is constricted to an imagination of "Me and Jesus" as the measure of what is important. (I'm not accusing Pastor Anderson of suggesting this, but it is a very widespread perception among Christians of all kinds in our culture...including some Catholics.)

The gospel we embrace is necessarily political in that sense. I believe that there is an essential "middle way" in our Catholic belief and practice, one that refuses to be taken in, on one hand, by the loud (and often wealthy) powerful, partisan, religious media preachers (including the "Catholic" ones) and, on the other hand, the temptation to think that "politics doesn't belong in church." It does and it must. If our Savior had constricted His religious practice to His own home and synagogue He would not have been executed by the government. This is the Jesus whom we must follow.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY JAMBOREE

The Call of the Shared Minister

Saturday, January 25, 5:00–8:00pm

You've been called! In appreciation of all Pax Christi shared ministers, please plan to attend January Jamboree, the Call of the Shared Minister. After a celebratory Mass on Saturday evening, join us for tasty appetizers and foamy beverages. Take a moment to visit with fellow parishioners, tell your stories, or have fun in the game area. Chase away the January winter cold with the warmth of laughter and fellowship. Enjoy all the gifts that make this community of faith so amazing.

THE BIBLE: GOD'S STORY, OUR STORY

A Parish-Wide Faith Formation Event

January 5, 6:30–7:45pm OR January 8, 6:00–7:15pm

FARE FOR ALL

Tuesday, January 7, 3:30–5:30pm

MOMS ROCK: SPEAKER KRISTIN KRAEMER

Wednesday, January 8, 9:30–11:30am, Room 212, \$10 RSVP

BOOMERS AND BEYOND EVENT

Holiday Party for the New Year

Saturday, January 11, 10:00am RSVP

MEN AND CHURCH FEATURING FR MIKE BYRON

An Evening for the Men of Pax Christi

Tuesday, January 14, 6:30–8:00pm, Room 212 RSVP

SWGC WINTER GRIEF SERIES RSVP

THURSDAYS, January 16–February 27, 5:30–7:30pm, St. Hubert's

SENIOR HIGH WINTER RETREAT

January 17-19, Episcopal House of Prayer, \$25 RSVP

JUSTICE SPEAKER SERIES - CLIMATE JUSTICE

THE POWER OF NEUTRALITY

Sunday, January 19, 2020 12:30–2:00pm, Room 212, No Fee

BOOK CLUB: THE FRIENDSHIP OF WOMEN

Two Six-Week Options: Mondays, 6:30pm, beginning January 20 OR

THURSDAYS, 10:00am, beginning January 23 RSVP

LABYRINTH WALK

Tuesday, January 27, 6:30–8:30pm RSVP

ARCHDIOCESAN LISTENING SESSION

Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 6:00-9:00pm, Worship Space

Join other Archdiocesan Catholics for a Listening Session with Archbishop Bernard Hebda. Participants will gather together to pray, discuss, and give feedback on what is working well in their parish and this archdiocese as well as naming the challenges. All are welcome, and all participants will be encouraged to give written feedback that will be read and considered.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, January 6

8:30am MASS

9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry

3:00pm Chair Yoga

6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg.

6:30pm Troop 370 Mtg.

Tuesday, January 7

8:30am MASS

9:00am Women w/Spirit Bible Study

3:30pm Fare For All

6:00pm 50+ Basketball

6:30pm Video Project Team Mtg.

Wednesday, January 8

9:30am Moms ROCK

11:00am Tai Chi

1:00pm Just Matters

4:00pm Affordable Housing Team Mtg.

6:00pm *The Bible* - Parish Wide Event

6:00pm MASS

Thursday, January 9

8:30am Word/Communion Service

6:00pm Just Matters

6:00pm BeFriender Ministry

7:00pm Al-Anon

7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous

7:30pm Music Ministry

7:30pm PREPARE Leadership Mtg.

Friday, January 10

8:30am MASS

Saturday, January 11

NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND

9:00am Women's AA Group

9:00am Overeater's Anonymous

10:00am Boomer's Holiday Party

4:00pm Private Reconciliation

5:00pm MASS - FR. POULIOT

Sunday, January 12

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES

NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND

9:00am MASS - FR. BYRON

9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:00am MASS - FR. BYRON

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12:00pm Environmental Justice Mtg.

5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON

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.

PRAYER AT PAX CHRISTI

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. –Romans 12:12

For all prayer intentions, visit the "PRAYER" image/link on our home page at www.paxchristi.com.

Please pray for the intentions on the PRAYER WALL or you may enter a prayer request of your own.

Prayer can also be requested by calling 952-405-7229.

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your generosity!

Week of December 22:

Basket Collection \$73,140

Online Giving 8,812

Other 44,407

Total Week #25 126,359

Budget 129,000

Variance -2,641

YTD Actual 1,359,678

YTD Budget 1,330,000

YTD Variance 29,678

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

Donate online at www.paxchristi.com/ donations or text to give at 952-234-6729.