

WELCOME TO PAX CHRISTI

WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR JANUARY 6, 2019

NEW HERE?

MASS TIMES:

Saturday ~ 5:00pm
Sunday ~ 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm
Mondays ~ 8:30am
Tuesdays ~ 8:30am with Rosary to follow
Wednesdays ~ 6:00pm
Thursdays ~ 8:30am
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:

Baptism ~ registration and info at www.paxchristi.com/baptism
Confirmation ~ registration and info at www.paxchristi.com/ffregistration
First Eucharist ~ registration and info at www.paxchristi.com/ffregistration
First Reconciliation ~ registration/info at www.paxchristi.com/ffregistration
Marriage and Wedding Prep ~ www.paxchristi.com/marriage

Questions? Contact Andrea in the parish office, 952-405-7207

MONTHLY MAGAZINE:

The *PaxChristiNews* is mailed each month to all registered members. If you are visiting this weekend, feel free to pick up a complimentary copy from the front desk receptionist.

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/joinpax.

CHILDCARE AT PAX CHRISTI:

Childcare is provided during all regular weekend Masses, Wednesday evenings during Faith Formation programs, and many other parish-wide events. We make a special effort to help your children feel secure and to keep them safe. Every nursery worker is screened and background-checked. Your children come first. The goal of the nursery is to meet the needs of the youngest people of our parish in such a way that they will feel loved and valued.

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A NOTE FROM FR. BILL MURTAUGH



January Reflection...

*It is not our abilities that show who we are,
but our choices. —Dumbledore to Harry Potter*

Anne Tyler, who is a Pulitzer-Prize writer, has had a career of telling the stories of small-town people enduring the everyday ups and downs of life. In her novel, *Saint Maybe*, she tells the story of three children who become orphans and of their 19-year-old Uncle Ian. Because he somehow holds himself responsible for their parents' deaths, Ian drops out of college and sets aside his plans in order to raise his brother's children. It's not easy, but in losing the life he wanted he gains his own soul. When the children leave home, he finds himself overwhelmed by the house's mess and clutter. Then in walks Rita, a strident, twenty-something, self-styled clutter counselor who throws out 90 percent of the contents of Ian's fridge, along with half the contents of the attic, basement, and almost every other room. With unnerving perception, she recognizes the exhaustion of the lingering memories and unmade decisions represented by every item of clutter. To everyone's surprise, Ian falls in love with Rita and marries her. Maybe it's because she returns him to the simplicity of the one thing that really matters—the simplicity that led him to do such a radical thing when he was an apparently carefree 19-year-old all those years before.

As I write this, it is New Year's Eve. During the holidays I caught up with a life-long friend, "Murph," who knows me so well and loves me despite it all. And he would say the same about me. We've been friends for 60 years, since freshman year of high school, college roommates, and a few years together in seminary before he left and eventually married. And he asks me, as usual, "What are you working on?" We both know it just doesn't mean, "What's keeping you busy?" but "What part of you is being tested, what's working, where are you having to grow in your life? What really matters?" I love it when "Murph" calls and asks tough questions because I am able to answer the question: "What is the one thing that really matters?" and in doing so I gain my soul, my true self.

When God became a human being in Jesus Christ, God hired Rita the clutter counselor and cleared out all that didn't matter. Jesus spent all His time on the one thing that really mattered: us! So I ask myself and you, "What's the one thing that really matters?" and "So why aren't you filling your whole time with that?"

As we begin a new year, maybe now is the time to call for Rita, clear out all that doesn't really matter, and humbly but seriously resolve to spend time on the one thing that really does matter.

Peace!

Fr. Bill

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAST INTO THE DEEP: BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Monday, January 7, beginning with a meal at 6:00pm RSVP

FARE FOR ALL

Tuesday, January 8, 3:30-5:30pm

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCIENCE

Answering the Questions, Exposing the Myths

THURSDAYS, 6:30-8:00pm, 5 weeks beginning January 10 RSVP

BOOK CLUB: UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF JESUS

Mondays, 6:30-8:00pm, 8 weeks beginning January 14 OR

THURSDAYS, 10:00-11:30am, 8 weeks beginning January 17 RSVP

COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE

THURSDAY, January 17, 3:00-4:30pm RSVP

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKERS SERIES: ON IMMIGRATION RIGHTS

Emilia Gonzalez Avalos, Executive Director, Navigate MN

Sunday, January 20, 12:30-2:00pm RSVP

SOULCOLLAGE® – OPEN CARD-MAKING SESSION

Tuesday, January 22, 6:00-8:00pm, Room 212 RSVP

BOOMERS AND BEYOND: MOVIE AND POPCORN EVENT

Wednesday, January 23, 1:30pm, Lower Level John XXIII Room

PROP HOST HOME PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION

THURSDAY, January 24, 5:30-6:30pm, Eden Prairie Community Center

MINNESOTA MARDI GRAS: A SHARED MINISTRY CELEBRATION

Saturday, January 26, 6:00-8:00pm

ANNUAL CANA DINNER: EARLY LOVEBIRD RATE!

Saturday, February 23, 2019, 6:00-10:00pm; \$70 per couple RSVP

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP 2019

Week of July 15-19, register online now! RSVP

PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:

Fred, Joyce, the R Family, Ed, Joe, Patricia, Bill, Trisha, Katie, Barb, Ken, Jackie, Gail, Brent, Tammie, Michelle, Carol, and Jim.

Pax Christi offers, as a community, the gift of prayer. If you would like to have your name listed in this Prayer Corner during a time of need, contact Care and Support, 952-941-3150.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, January 7

8:30am MASS
9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00pm Cast into the Deep Session
6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg
6:45pm Cana Dinner Planning Mtg.
7:00pm Venture Crew 370

Tuesday, January 8

8:30am MASS
9:00am Rosary Group
9:00am Women with Spirit Bible Study
3:00pm Chair Yoga
3:30pm Fare for All
6:00pm 50+ Basketball
7:00pm Baptism Prep Class
7:00pm Environmental Challenge Mtg.

Wednesday, January 9

9:30am Moms ROCK
11:00am Tai Chi
1:00pm Boomers Planning Mtg.
5:00pm Sr. High Service Trip Info Mtg.
6:00pm MASS
6:30pm Faith Formation

Thursday, January 10

8:30am MASS
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball
6:30pm *The Catholic Church and Science*
6:30pm Walking the Way Mtg.
7:00pm Alanon
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
7:30pm Music Rehearsal

Friday, January 11

8:30am MASS

Saturday, January 12

NEW MEMBER SIGNUP WEEKEND
9:00am Women's AA Group
9:00am Overeater's Anonymous
4:00pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm MASS - FR. MURTAUGH

The BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 13

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES
NEW MEMBER SIGNUP WEEKEND
9:00am MASS - FR. BYRON
9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:00am MASS - FR. BYRON
11:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word
3:30pm Faith Formation Sessions
3:30pm Teen Choir
5:00pm MASS - FR. MURTAUGH
5:00pm Children's Liturgy of the Word
6:00pm Sunday Evening Meal
6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions
6:30pm RCIA Session
6:30pm Young Married Couples Group

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND EVENT
REGISTRATION AT
WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM

ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS AND OTHER "MOVERS"

How would you like to help Pax Christi save money by a simple email or phone call? If you plan on being out of town and notify the post office to forward your mail, also contact Maria Miller in the parish office, 952-405-7217, or mmiller@paxchristi.com, and she will do a temporary address change for the magazine, the PaxChristiNews. Or you can have the magazine stopped until you are back in town. You always have the option to view it each month online on our "NEWS" page. Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.

	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
December Contributions	436,494	432,000	4,494	566,247	(129,753)
YTD through week #27	1,443,632	1,530,000	(86,368)	1,702,477	(258,845)

Due to the charitable contribution deduction implications arising from the new tax bill, parishioners accelerated approximately \$125,000 of contributions into December 2017. These contributions were budgeted to have been received throughout calendar 2018.