

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR APRIL 7, 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

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.

CHECK OUT "SERVE" FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

You choose your involvement based on your interest areas, your skills, and your talents. From the comfort of your own home, you can go online to the Pax Christi website, select "SERVE," and scroll through shared ministry listings by program area, particular skill, or a talent that you may have. You can even search through opportunities that Pax Christi has listed under "Immediate Needs" and give of yourself based upon the available time you have to share right now or in the near future.

ROSARY GROUP:

Each Tuesday morning at 9:05am, the rosary is prayed in the chapel. Come and join others in this timeless prayer.

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A NOTE FROM FR. MIKE BYRON



Dear Friends:

You probably have no idea how "kept" your priests are by the current system of compensation. Recently we all received an annual instruction from the Archdiocese about what is to be our salary, maximum housing allowance, insurance, food (only that food which is consumed in the home!), gas remuneration, allowance for retreat/continuing education, and so on. I am not complaining about my compensation here, because I live a more secure and comfortable existence than many and I have more than what I need. But I have long wondered why we don't just pay clergy a living wage, as every other church does, and then expect them to behave as normal adults do, purchasing their own medical and dental coverage, finding decent places to live, and making intelligent judgments about how much they need to spend for the basic provisions of getting along in life. To me the present system is much more about control, and I think it's wrong. It's hard for me to think of any other profession that dictates to its members where and how they can live, how they must dress, how and to what extent they must be insured, etc. I give our current Archbishop Hebda credit for tending to minimize the worst of these policies, but the policies remain.

I think of it all as a kind of "infantilizing" of Catholic clergy, and I don't think it's completely unrelated to some of the emotional immaturity that we sometimes see in priests. To be "kept" is both a blessing, insofar as we/I don't have to worry about being provided with many of the things that most human beings do, but it is also a kind of emasculation of adult responsibility. It starts from the moment a person enters a seminary for priestly formation. He is responsible for almost nothing of the cost of four to six years of graduate education, housing and food, counseling, and other support services when needed, whether he proves to be a fine candidate or a lousy one. And once ordained, he never has to demonstrate competency "on the job" in order to be assured of lifelong employment and compensation (short of criminal behavior, and even that only until recently). It's a system that is a holdover from medieval times when indentured servitude was considered normal. Don't get me wrong here...I do not feel like an indentured servant. I am only pointing out a bunch of operating procedures in clergy oversight that seem, to say it politely, to be somewhat out-of-date.

Recently a proposed assessment instrument was circulated to priests in our archdiocese, a way that clergy could be held accountable to a set of standards for how they are providing their ministry to the people and to the bishop. At our recent clergy deanery meeting, I pointed out that the first such proposed instrument (at least in my memory) was circulated 30 years ago, when I was newly ordained and in which I participated as a "test case" in my parish. It gave parish staff and parishioners a voice in reacting to the quality of service that the ordained were providing to a parish. And it caused the participants like me to learn something. For example, I still recall the parish school principal telling the focus group that I was something of a Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde in my work. She meant to say that I was obviously happy and at ease when providing pastoral care to people, but was obviously testy and impatient when being made to sit in parish staff meetings. She was right, and I have never forgotten that. Ultimately, the proposal

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUTHWEST GRIEF COALITION SPRING SERIES

THURSDAYS THROUGH May 16, 5:30-7:30pm at Pax Christi

EASTER BASKET DRIVE

DROP-OFF WEEKEND: APRIL 6/7

GREEN CARD VOICES EXHIBIT

ON DISPLAY APRIL 6-11

FEATURED ART EXHIBIT: LOVED & LOVING

ON DISPLAY APRIL 6-28 IN THE PACEM IN TERRIS GALLERY

FARE FOR ALL

Tuesday, April 9, 3:30-5:30pm

GIVING INSIGHTS SOCIAL FORUM

Catholic Response to Immigration

Tuesday, April 9; 6:00-8:30pm; Hall of Martyrs RSVP

BOOMER'S AND BEYOND: FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Thursday, April 18, 9:30-11:30am, Chanhassen Location

THE POWER OF OUR STORIES

Sponsored by the Interfaith Circle

Sunday, April 28, 1:30-3:00pm, Eden Prairie Community Center

SOULCOLLAGE® - OPEN CARD-MAKING

Tuesday, April 30, 6:00-8:00pm, Room 212 RSVP

SENIOR HIGH SERVICE/ JUSTICE TRIP

July 21-27; current 9-12 graders RSVP

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

3 years through 5th grade; July 29-August 2, 9:00am-12:00pm, \$60

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE CAMP

6th through 8th grade youth; July 29-August 2, 8:30am - 4:00pm, \$150

DRAMA CAMP

PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:

Mary Jane, Amy, Sidney, Greg, Bob, Jerry, Bill, Judy, Roni, David, Maret, Sherry, Rob, Nick, Connie, Lilly, Nedra, Fred, Joyce, the R Family, Ed, Joe, Patricia, Bill, Trisha, Ken, Jackie, 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.

FR MIKE BYRON

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went nowhere because, as it turned out, priests and bishops didn't want pastors to be accountable to the faithful, and the only clergy who were interested in the test instrument were (dare I say!) the ones who least needed it. I'm not sure anything has changed.

Some of our Protestant church communities can serve as a way to challenge us to something better. Their structures are not without their own faults, but in most of them, if the presiding minister/priest is incompetent or divisive or just unpleasant, there are ways for a congregation to put the brakes on what he/she is able to do. We have no comparable system in Catholic law or local practice. It would be a good idea to make that happen.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, April 8

8:30am MASS

6:00pm Justice Grant Board Mtg.
6:30pm BeFriender Training
6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg
6:30pm Troop 370 Mtg
6:30pm Venture Crew 370

Thursday, April 11

8:30am MASS

5:30pm Southwest Grief Coalition
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball
6:30pm Leadership Info Session
7:00pm Alanon
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
7:30pm Music Ministry Rehearsals

Tuesday, April 9

8:30am MASS

9:00am Rosary Group
9:00am Women w/Spirit Bible Study
3:00pm Chair Yoga
3:00pm Fare For All
6:00pm 50+ Basketball
6:00pm Catholic Response to Immigration
6:30pm Leadership Info Session
6:30pm Twelve Baskets Mtg.
7:00pm Environmental Challenge Mtg.
7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal

Friday, April 12

8:30am MASS

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 13

NEW MEMBER SIGNUP WEEKEND

9:00am Music Rehearsal
9:00am Women's AA Group
9:00am Overeater's Anonymous
3:30pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm MASS - FR. MURTAUGH

Wednesday, April 10

9:30am Mom's ROCK

11:00am Tai Chi

6:00pm MASS

6:30pm RCIA Prep Session
6:30pm Faith Formation

Sunday, April 14

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
5:00pm MASS - FR. MURTAUGH
6:00pm Sunday Evening Meal
6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions
6:30pm Young Married Couples

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND EVENT
REGISTRATION AT
WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM

	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
Week #39 Contributions	23,563	29,000	(5,437)	40,614	(17,051)
YTD through Week #39	2,037,972	2,154,000	(116,028)	2,305,849	(267,877)
18-19 Contributions Goal - \$2,835,000					

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