

# WELCOME TO PAX CHRISTI

## WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

## 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.*

*Rosary prayed following weekday morning Masses.*

### SACRAMENTS AND PRAYER:

**Baptism** ~ registration and info at [www.paxchristi.com/baptism](http://www.paxchristi.com/baptism)

**Confirmation** ~ info at [www.paxchristi.com/confirmation](http://www.paxchristi.com/confirmation)

**First Eucharist** ~ registration and info at [www.paxchristi.com/eucharist](http://www.paxchristi.com/eucharist)

**First Reconciliation** ~ registration/info at [www.paxchristi.com/reconciliation](http://www.paxchristi.com/reconciliation)

**Marriage and Wedding Prep** ~ [www.paxchristi.com/marriage](http://www.paxchristi.com/marriage)

**Rosary** ~ Rosary prayed following weekday morning Masses.

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

### PRAYER BASKET:

Before and after each weekend Mass, you may write a prayer intention and drop it into the Prayer Basket located near the baptismal font. All intentions in the Prayer Basket are collectively included in the Prayers of the Faithful at each weekend Mass.

## HOMEcoming TAILGATE CELEBRATION

**OCTOBER 5/6 FOLLOWING SATURDAY 5:00pm and SUNDAY 11:00am Masses**

It happens only one weekend and there's no instant replay. Don't miss the Pax Christi Homecoming/Tailgate Celebration, the weekend of October 5 and 6 after Saturday's 5:00pm Mass and Sunday's 11:00am Mass. We will have food, games, and door prizes. Wear your favorite jersey and bring the whole family.

## A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



Dear Friends:

This past week, through a very circuitous set of connections, I was contacted by a religion writer from the Washington Post newspaper. I was recommended to her as someone who might have some insight to share on the culture of Catholic priests and seminarians that seems to make them unable or unwilling to "speak truth to power"—or to the press—when that is necessary. More specifically, she was wondering why so many victims of emotional and other abuse from their religious superiors in the church don't just come out and speak about that in a public way. It's an important question that I hadn't much reflected upon before, and I found myself not able to be very articulate in my responses...though it is certainly true that this happens. As you know, a number of recent troubling reports about some bishops and the treatment of "their" clergy and seminarians have involved years of secrets kept by people who were too unwilling to say anything about what they had seen, heard, and experienced. Why does that happen and how might it be rectified? Great questions. And the reporter wanted to know if there is something specifically theological as a rationale for this, or whether it's just about the personalities of the people involved.

As I've thought about it more, the theological piece boils down to this: Priests, and to a far, far greater extent seminarians, are completely vulnerable to the dispositions of bishops and others in authority over them. Our Catholic tradition teaches that ordained people are recipients of a call that comes from the Holy Spirit, one that needs to be discerned and tested by a community, especially through a bishop and, by extension, by a seminary. As a practical matter it means that, unlike most other professions or occupations, it is not the case that the demonstrably most expert person in the room is awarded the prize of his ministry. Sometimes God chooses the less evidently able in order to accomplish His will. (St. Paul can tell us a bit about this and has done so.) And sometimes He chooses the one who is not disposed to be the most compliant in his regimen of formation. I refer you once more to St. Paul as Exhibit A. But that also means that, again unlike other professions, there is a greater amount of prayer and subjective judgment that plays in to evaluating the suitability of a seminarian or clergy person. That is as it must be. But sometimes it can threaten to seem almost arbitrary to a candidate for ordination. That creates an incentive to put on the best possible public presentation for the edification of a bishop or professor or pastor. I've seen this more than once. If you cross the wrong person on the ecclesiastical food chain, it can threaten to be the end of your exploration of public ministry. This too I have seen more than once. Many professional lay ministers can speak of something similar. There is fear involved.

It's not a healthy situation, which is why the questions proposed by the reporter this week are very apt. If theology is somehow justifying a manner of being church that inflicts harm to people, then the theology is bad. It may be worth another look at how we organize things.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TWELVE BASKETS BOOK DRIVE

THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND – September 21/22

### WOMEN WITH SPIRIT BIBLE STUDY **RSVP**

Tuesdays, Beginning September 24, 9:30–11:30am

### MOMS ROCK: RAISING OUR CHRISTIAN KIDS **RSVP**

Beginning Wednesday, September 25, 9:30–11:30am, Room 212

### JUST ENGAGEMENT: THE POWER TO CHANGE **RSVP**

Seven THURSDAYS BEGINNING September 26, 6:00–8:30pm, Anne Frank Rm

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Seven Mondays STARTING September 30–November 11, 5:30–7:30pm

### FALL BOOK CLUB

*The Universal Christ* by Fr. Richard Rohr **RSVP**

Beginning Mondays, 6:30pm–8:00pm, September 30 Or

THURSDAYS, 10:00am–11:30am, October 3

### FARE FOR ALL

Tuesday, October 1, 3:30–5:30pm

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 5, 9:00am

### MOMS ROCK: BALANCING ACT WITH ANGELA EIFERT

Wednesday, October 9, 9:30–11:30am, Room 212, \$10 **RSVP**

### THE WOUNDED BODY OF CHRIST

*Clergy Abuse Discussion Groups* **RSVP**

Four Tuesdays, beginning October 22, 6:30–8:00pm

OR Four Wednesdays, beginning October 23, 9:30–11:00am

### TWELVE BASKETS HAT & MITTEN DRIVE

Weekend of October 26/27

## TUITION IS WAIVED FOR CATECHISTS!

Faith, Fun, and Friendships! We need catechists in the Finding God program on both Sunday at 6:30pm and Wednesdays at 5:15pm and 6:00pm. Training, support, materials, and more are all provided. Groups of 8–10 children are placed within grades and our goal is to have two leaders per group. We waive tuition for leaders as well as offer childcare. Our wonderful youth need YOU! Questions? Contact Renee Dignan, [rdignan@paxchrisi.com](mailto:rdignan@paxchrisi.com).

**THE FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM BEGINS THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6!**

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Monday, September 23

8:30am MASS

3:00pm Chair Yoga

6:30pm Fall Book Club

6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg.

6:30pm Troop 370 Mtg.

6:30pm Venture Crew 370

### Tuesday, September 24

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS

8:30am MASS

9:00am Women w/Spirit Bible Study

2:30pm Lector Training

6:00pm 50+ Basketball

7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal

### Wednesday, September 25

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS

9:30am Moms ROCK

11:00am Tai Chi

6:00pm VIRTUS Session

6:00pm MASS

### Thursday, September 26

8:30am Word/Communion Service

10:00am Fall Book Club

10:00am Grace Hospice Training

6:00pm F.I.T. Meeting

6:00pm Just Engagement

6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball

6:30pm Vatican II Session

7:00pm Al-Anon

7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous

7:30pm Music Ministry

### Friday, September 27

8:30am MASS

### Saturday, September 28

9:00am EP Basketball

9:00am VIRTUS Session

9:00am Women's AA Group

9:00am Overeater's Anonymous

4:00pm Private Reconciliation

5:00pm MASS - FR. POULIOT

### Sunday, September 29

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES

9:00am MASS - FR. BYRON

10:00am GIFT Married Couples Group

11:00am MASS - FR. BYRON

12:00pm New Member Event

3:00pm Catechist Training

5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON

6:00pm Catechist Training

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**ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND  
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## PRAYER CORNER

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:**

Sherry, Ira, Steve, Calvin, Carmen, Martin, Alann, Ana Marie, Curt, Kathryn, Mark, Steve, Gayle, Sandy, Mary Jane, Sidney, Bob, Joyce, and the R Family.

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.

## TOT-TIME OPEN GYM

Tot-Time Open Gym is a great opportunity for parents or grandparents and children to play alongside others. This as a great activity for those long winter months or when you are looking for some interaction and companionship. Wednesday mornings from September–May opposite of Moms ROCK gatherings as schedule permits. Parents MUST stay with children. For more information, check the Pax Christi Calendar for dates and location.

	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
<b>Week #10 Contributions</b>	26,780	24,000	2,780	24,466	2,314
<b>YTD through Week #10</b>	460,419	448,000	12,419	479,248	(18,829)
19-20 Contribution Goal - \$2,700,000					