

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 3, 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.

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.

ON-SITE 12-STEP SUPPORT GROUPS:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Saturday Sisters AA for Women, Al-Anon/Prairie Peace, and Overeaters Anonymous. These support groups each meet weekly to offer listening, guidance, and hope for those working to overcome a specific addiction interfering with their lives.

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY – A LISTENING PRESENCE:

BeFriender ministers are trained laypersons who are available to offer a listening ear to those who are experiencing a difficult or transitional situation. BeFrienders are here to listen and care; BeFrienders do not give advice or judge, and all conversations are kept confidential.

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.

A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



We come now to November, in which both the palette of nature and the rhythm of our liturgical cycle in the Church invite us to ponder the inevitability of death. Contrary to what many assume, to ponder the mortality of ourselves and of every other created thing is not to be morose or fatalistic. It is to place our lives today into an appropriate context. It was the great St. Benedict, some 1,500 years ago, who instructed his monks to "keep death daily before your eyes." That is not a command to be sullen but is rather an encouragement to distinguish what is of greatest importance in our existence from what is not so much. In his wisdom, Benedict knew how easy it was then (as now) to get that calculus wrong. Among other things, the habit of keeping death's reality before us invites us to take a longer view of our daily activities than that which will merely benefit us for the moment. And that can change everything.

I had the opportunity this past week to visit my alma mater, St. John's University, for a day just to be back in the place where I cultivated so many good memories as a young person. I never miss the opportunity to visit the cemetery on the campus there, created originally for the monks but now containing many graves of people who have had various attachments to that community over the past 160 years. It's a gorgeous piece of property overlooking the pristine lake. A whole lot of the monks and lay women and men buried there are people I once knew above ground as my teachers, mentors, true friends, leaders, or just odd ducks around campus—every one of them with a story in my memory—many of them virtuous and wise and generous and kind, but not all. At one point I happened across the grave site of Jacob Wetterling, whom I'd forgotten was buried there (even though his family was not Catholic, but who was given quiet welcome by the Abbey amid all the chaos surrounding his discovery).

To savor all these memories is not merely to sadden us, although sometimes it does. It is to remember the fact that the things that endure ultimately about our lives are not much about things at all. They are about the quality of the love, care, and encouragement which we bequeath to those around us, especially to the younger ones. This is the treasure that we have to share with those who come next. These are the virtues that they may, we pray, embrace and pass along to their own children and loved ones.

On this weekend in which we remember in public prayer our parishioners deceased within the past 12 months (and there are a LOT of them), we do so not only to be wistful, but to be grateful for lives beautifully led (if sometimes imperfectly), and to remember what is really important about our being here. This is a season in our world, in my opinion, in which such sacred remembering has never been more important.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUSTICE SPEAKERS SERIES:

Eleazar Fernandez on "The Theology of Migration"
Sunday, November 3, 12:30–2:00pm, Room 212

INDOOR LABYRINTH WALK

Tuesday, November 5, 7:00–8:30pm **RSVP**

TOT-TIME OPEN GYM

Wednesday, November 6, 9:30–11:30am

WINE, WOMEN, AND SCRIPTURE

Friday, November 8, 7:00–9:00pm **RSVP**

MOMS ROCK: SPEAKER MARY KELLET

Wednesday, November 13, 9:30–11:30am, Room 212, \$10 **RSVP**

MEN'S MINISTRY EVENT

What the Bible Teaches About Male and Female

FEATURING Deacon Charles Bobertz

Wednesday, November 13, 6:30–8:00pm, Room 212 **RSVP**

COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE

Thursday, November 21, 3:00–4:30pm **RSVP**

TWELVE BASKETS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MEAL DRIVE

DROP-OFF WEEKEND: November 23/24

COLLEGE PLANNING STRATEGIES WORKSHOP

Sunday, November 24, 3:15–4:45pm, Room 212 **RSVP**

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 28, 9:00am in the Sanctuary

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Friday, December 6, beginning with Mass at 8:30am

BAKE SALE: BAKED GOODS NEEDED TO BENEFIT YOUTH

DROP-OFF: December 6, 4:00–8:00pm OR December 7, 7:30–8:45am

Bake Sale: Saturday, December 7, 9:00am–3:00pm

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT LOCAL CARE CENTERS

Sunday, December 15, 2:00–4:00pm **RSVP**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, November 4

8:30am MASS
 9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry
 1:00pm Environment Group
 3:00pm Chair Yoga
 6:30pm Fall Book Club
 6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg.
 6:30pm Troop 370 Mtg.

Tuesday, November 5

8:30am MASS
 9:00am Women w/Spirit Bible Study
 6:00pm 50+ Basketball
 7:00pm Baptism Prep Class
 7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
 7:00pm Labyrinth Walk

Wednesday, November 6

9:30am Wounded Body of Christ
 9:30am Tot-Time Open Gym
 11:00am Tai Chi
 5:15pm First Reconciliation Prep
 5:15pm Faith Formation Sessions
 6:00pm First Reconciliation Prep
 6:00pm Faith Formation Sessions
6:00pm MASS
 6:30pm RCIA

Thursday, November 7

8:30am Word/Communion Service
 9:00am Pax Christi Quilter Ministry
 10:00am Fall Book Club
 4:30pm Kranz Basketball
 6:00pm FIT Mtg.
 6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball
 7:00pm Al-Anon
 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:30pm Music Ministry

Friday, November 8

8:30am MASS
 6:00pm Confirmation Retreat
 7:00pm Wine, Women, and Scripture

Saturday, November 9

NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND
 9:00am Women's AA Group
 9:00am Overeater's Anonymous
 10:00am Confirmation Retreat
 4:00pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm MASS - FR. POULIOT
 6:00pm PREPARE Advance Training

Sunday, November 10

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. SCHWARTZ
 11:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word
 12:30pm Justice Speaker
5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON
 6:00pm Sunday Community Meal
 6:30pm First Reconciliation Prep
 6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions
 6:30pm RCIA

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Your generosity makes it possible for Pax Christi to flourish. We celebrate Eucharist and sacraments, we work for justice, we feed our hungry neighbors, we visit the sick and homebound, we hold serious conversations, we make music, and we teach our Catholic faith. We believe that **CHRIST IS ALIVE** at Pax Christi!

PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:

Maureen, Liz, Wayne, Kris, Greg, Amanda, Sherry, Ira, Steve, Calvin, Carmen, Martin, Alann, Ana Marie, Curt, Kathryn, Mark, Steve, Gayle, 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.

	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
Week #16 Contributions	68,427	65,000	3,427	71,466	(3,039)
YTD through Week #16	745,566	725,000	20,566	759,450	(13,884)
19-20 Contribution Goal - \$2,700,000					