

WELCOME TO PAX CHRISTI

WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 10, 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.

THIS IS NEW MEMBER SIGN UP WEEKEND:

This is new member signup weekend. If you have been attending Pax Christi but haven't registered as a parishioner, we extend an invitation for you to see one of our shared ministers after Mass this weekend to assist you with the registration process. You are also welcome to stop by the parish office anytime for a registration packet. Additional information is available at www.paxchristi.com/aboutus.

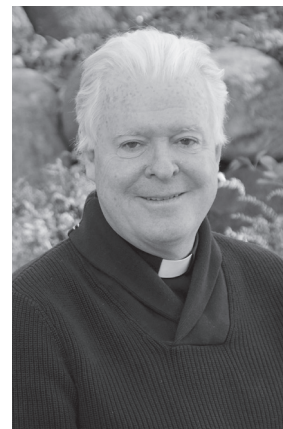
NAME TAG WEEKEND:

To help welcome guests and demonstrate a spirit of hospitality, this weekend everyone in attendance is encouraged to wear a name tag. Name tags are available near the sanctuary entrance.

CHILDCARE AT PAX CHRISTI:

Childcare is provided during all Sunday 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.

A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



Back in the days when I was teaching graduate students in theology at the University of St. Thomas, one of the courses that I was assigned to direct was titled, "Christian Theology of God." I regularly used to ponder the preposterousness of me, or anyone, presuming to step up to teach anybody about the topic of "God" in twelve easy weeks. Who exactly dares to do that? And who should trust an alleged scholar who dares to do that? It's actually an ancient question that was perhaps best handled by the wise St. Thomas Aquinas about 800 years ago. It was he who recognized that the minute anybody presumes to ascribe human words to a discussion about God, he/she has already begun to get it wrong.

So, where does that leave us? With nothing to say at all? No, that's not it. St. Thomas said that we merely need to be appropriately humble about the limitations of the words we use when we attempt to speak about matters of The Divine. We can indeed speak of things that are true about God, so long as we are aware that such speech is not univocal (i.e. not to be understood literally in the same way that we speak about earthly things). The words we use are, rather, what he called "analogical." For example, he taught that it is absolutely correct to speak of God as "Father," provided that we begin by recognizing the fact that God is not a father in exactly the same sense that we human beings understand that word. The same holds true for any other name that we attempt to pin on God (like the scriptural titles of "King" or "Lord" or "Master") from our own relatively poor powers of language. Words are necessary to name what is real, but they immediately have the effect of constricting our imaginations about what we think we are talking about, at least when we are talking about God.

OK, by now this has started to become a really cerebral and perhaps boring theology lesson, but I think it's important for all of us to remember because of the frequency with which a whole lot of people tend to think that they've got the idea of "God" (and by extension "God's Will") nailed down in a theory or a political platform or a moral agenda or a Code of Canon Law. It's easy to do, and it's not adequate to capture the One who is, in fact, our God. Even to quote the beautiful psalm which proclaims that "The Lord is Kind and Merciful" is, as St. Thomas would be quick to remind us, not entirely correct. God is not a "Lord" as earthlings understand that term, nor is His kindness and mercy just like the quality of human goodness that we experience here and now. It's all bigger than that. That's really the essence of what it means to speak of God as Holy Mystery. So how about a bit of humility here?

Heading into an election year shortly, the minute you hear the words "God" or "God's Will" attached to any politician or political party or platform, my advice would be to run away and to pray deeply for wisdom.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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**

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS FOR SOCIAL ACTION

Sunday, November 17, 12:30–2:00pm

MOMS ROCK: SPEAKER DEACON CHARLES A. BOBERTZ

Wednesday, November 20, 9:30–11:30am, Room 212, \$10 **RSVP**

COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE

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

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Saturday, November 23, 7:30pm, Pax Christi

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

RING THOSE COLORED CHRISTMAS BELLS!

Children, grades 1 through 6 are invited to be a bell ringer for the Christmas Eve 2:00pm Family Mass. Rehearsal is scheduled for Sunday, December 15, 10:00am in the chapel. If you can be at the rehearsal and present at 1:15pm on Christmas Eve, please register online at www.paxchristi.com. Deadline is December 6. Come Ring the Bells!

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 WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, November 11

8:30am **MASS**
3:00pm Chair Yoga
6:00pm Justice Grant Board Mtg.
6:30pm Fall Book Club
6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg.
6:30pm Troop 370 Mtg.

Tuesday, November 12

8:30am **MASS**
9:00am Women w/Spirit Bible Study
5:30pm Mass Coordinator Mtg.
6:00pm 50+ Basketball
6:30pm Twelve Baskets Mtg.
7:00pm Environmental Challenge Mtg.
7:00pm Holiday Tea Hostess Mtg.
7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 13

9:30am Wounded Body of Christ
9:30am Moms ROCK
11:00am Tai Chi
5:15pm Faith Formation Sessions
6:00pm Faith Formation Sessions
6:00pm **MASS**
6:30pm First Reconciliation Service
6:30pm Pax Pet Ministry Mtg.
6:30pm Men's Ministry Event

PARISHIONERS' ART EXHIBIT:

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 20 AND THE DROP-OFF DATE IS NOVEMBER 24.

Thursday, November 14

8:30am **Word/Communion Service**
8:30am APBA Mtg.
10:00am Fall Book Club
4:30pm Kranz Basketball
6:00pm BeFriender Ministry
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball
6:30pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mtg.
7:00pm Al-Anon
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
7:30pm Music Ministry

Friday, November 15

8:30am **MASS**

Saturday, November 16

8:30am Engaged Couples Retreat
9:00am Women's AA Group
9:00am Overeater's Anonymous
9:00am First Reconciliation Service
4:00pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm **MASS - FR. BYRON**

Sunday, November 17

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES
9:00am **MASS - FR. BYRON**
9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:00am **MASS - FR. BYRON**
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12:30pm Justice Action Event
5:00pm **MASS - FR. MURTAUGH**
6:00pm Sunday Community Meal
6:30pm First Reconciliation Prep
6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions
6:30pm RCIA

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REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your generosity!

Week of October 27:

Basket Collection	\$15,625
Online Giving	3,956
Other	6,961
Total Week #17	26,542
Budget	26,000
Variance	542

YTD Actual	772,109
YTD Budget	751,000
YTD Variance	21,109

Other contribution methods include grants from donor-advised funds, stock donations, IRA distributions, payroll deductions and online bill payments.

