

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 25, 2018

## 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](http://www.paxchristi.com/baptism)  
**Confirmation** ~ registration and info at [www.paxchristi.com/ffregistration](http://www.paxchristi.com/ffregistration)  
**First Eucharist** ~ registration and info at [www.paxchristi.com/ffregistration](http://www.paxchristi.com/ffregistration)  
**First Reconciliation** ~ registration/info at [www.paxchristi.com/ffregistration](http://www.paxchristi.com/ffregistration)  
**Marriage and Wedding Prep** ~ [www.paxchristi.com/marriage](http://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](http://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



November Reflection...

No one should ever say faith is easy. Some of the greatest saints knew that better than most.

The phrase "dark night of the soul" is sometimes used to describe a crisis in our relationship with God. It is often associated with the writings of St. John of the Cross, a Carmelite friar who lived in Spain during the sixteenth century and who knew how difficult it could be to stay on the journey of faith. He wasn't alone. St. Therese of Lisieux also spoke of her own struggles with her "dark night of the soul." In our times, Mother Teresa of Calcutta is said to have similar difficulties over the last half of her life, according to her letters released in 2007.

It is important to know that it is not unusual to experience such feelings; however, it is important to treat them as opportunities in which we seek a deeper knowledge of God and God's will for us. Good Friday was a "dark night of the soul" for Jesus dying on the cross.

The Bible has many examples of women and men of faith questioning and searching...Elijah, that lively prophet of the ninth century BC, is a good example. Elijah knew what it was like to become disillusioned. In his desperation he withdrew to the desert, overwhelmed by a sense of failure. He believed he had been God's only hope, and that his best efforts had been in vain. And not only was he a failure, but so were those who had gone before him. Those prophets before him had worked and witnessed and died in the service of God, but seemed to accomplish little. It's worth noting how Elijah's exchange with God ends, there in the lonely desert: God touched him and provided for his renewal and spiritual rejuvenation. It wasn't up to him after all; God was still in control.

Some of us Catholic Christians probably feel like Elijah today as we look at our Church and its future: declining attendance and an aging membership. Parents in particular are bound to feel sad when their children and grandchildren opt out of church life. There are signs, however, that a religion of convention is giving way to a religion of conviction and commitment! This will happen wherever the Church is faithful to Jesus Christ rather than itself, and wherever people are living rather than only discussing their faith.

The "dark night" is not only a religious issue. Going through bereavement, disappointment, failure, old age—these and countless other human experiences can overwhelm us in a "dark night." All these experiences confront us with our human limitations, raise fundamental questions on human existence, and contain a challenge to accept our vocation as human beings. We need to remember in our "dark nights" that God is always there for us, always loving us. God uses every occasion to illuminate us—and God's illumination can often be perceived as darkness.

Life is always a process of becoming. We are always **becoming** Christians until the day we die!

*Fr. Bill*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NAMI LISTENING SESSION

THURSDAY, November 29, 7:00-8:00pm, MARTIN LUTHER KING Room 247

### HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, December 1, 9:00am-3:00pm

### IN REMEMBRANCE: FEATURED ART EXHIBIT

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PARISHIONER: BRUCE KOPRUCKI  
RECEPTION: SUNDAY, December 2 FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES

### WISDOM OF THE BODY: A LABYRINTH WALK

Monday, December 3, 6:30-8:30pm, DOROTHY Day Hall

### SOULCOLLAGE® – OPEN CARD-MAKING SESSION

Tuesday, December 4, 6:00-8:00pm, Room 212 RSVP

### FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Friday, December 7, BEGINNING WITH Mass at 8:30am

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

HOLY Day Mass, Saturday, December 8, 8:30am

### HONORING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS AND QUEEN OF MEXICO  
SATURDAY, December 8, AT THE 5:00pm Mass

### CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT THE CARE CENTERS

Sunday, December 9, 2:00-4:00pm, DIETRICH BONHOEFFER Room 111

### CAST INTO THE DEEP: ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Monday, December 10, BEGINNING WITH a meal at 6:00pm RSVP

### BOOMERS' ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Saturday, December 15, 11:00am-1:00pm RSVP

### WHEN THE THOUGHT OF CHRISTMAS HURTS

PRAYER SERVICE WITH Fr. BILL MURTAUGH:  
THURSDAY, December 20, 7:00-8:00pm, THOMAS MERTON Chapel

### PRAYER CORNER

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:

Ed, Joe, Patricia, Bill, Trisha, Katie, Barb, Ken, Eric, Jackie, Gail, Rod, Brent, Tammie, Michelle, Carol, Jim, and Pam.

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 26

8:30am MASS  
6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg  
6:30pm Book Club  
7:00pm Venture Crew 370

### Tuesday, November 27

8:30am MASS  
9:00am Rosary Group  
9:00am Women with Spirit Bible Study  
3:00pm Chair Yoga  
6:00pm 50+ Basketball  
7:00pm Bell Rehearsal

### Wednesday, November 28

9:30am Moms ROCK  
11:00am Tai Chi  
6:00pm MASS  
6:30pm First Reconciliation  
6:30pm Faith Formation  
6:30pm RCIA

### Thursday, November 29

8:30am MASS  
9:00am Pax Christi Quilters  
10:00am Book Club  
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball  
7:00pm NAMI Listening Session  
7:00pm Alanon  
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:30pm Music Rehearsal

### Friday, November 30

8:30am MASS

### Saturday, December 1

SHARE THE JOY CHRISTMAS DRIVE  
9:00am Holiday Boutique  
9:00am Holiday Tea  
9:00am Women's AA Group  
9:00am Overeater's Anonymous  
3:30pm Private Reconciliation  
5:00pm MASS - FR. MURTAUGH

### The First Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 2

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES  
SHARE THE JOY CHRISTMAS DRIVE  
9:00am MASS - FR. BYRON  
9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
10:00am Art Exhibit Opens  
10:00am Gift Bible Study  
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 Young Married Couples Group

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND EVENT  
REGISTRATION AT  
[WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM](http://WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM)

## A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR SINGERS OF ALL AGES

Kids, parents, grandparents, families, and singles are all welcome to join together on special occasions to help lead our community in song during Mass. We have a vision of a diverse, intergenerational group of singers. You don't have to be a member of the Pax Christi Choir to join us! There are only two requirements: have a song in your heart and the time to join us for a one-time rehearsal of the music. For Christmas, we are calling for singers of all ages to sing with us for the Children's Christmas Eve Mass. We begin with Stories and Songs at 1:45pm and Mass begins at 2:00pm. There is a one-time rehearsal on December 15 at 9:00am. Contact Joan Howe-Pullis, 952-405-7247, for additional information.

	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
Week #20 Contributions	35,902	42,000	(6,098)	29,370	6,532
YTD through Week #20	897,316	968,000	(70,684)	978,495	(81,179)
18-19 Contributions Goal – \$2,835,000					

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