

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR DECEMBER 1, 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:

If you would like to become a member of Pax Christi, shared ministers are here and ready to assist you in the registration process. You are also welcome to stop by the parish office anytime for a registration packet. Additional information at www.paxchristi.com/aboutus.

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION:

Join other parishioners for Mass in the chapel at 8:30am on the first Friday of each month, followed by coffee and hospitality. The event is sponsored by Pax Christi Boomers and Beyond Senior Ministry. All are welcome!

TOT-TIME OPEN GYM AT PAX CHRISTI:

Tot-Time Open Gym is a great opportunity for parents and children to play alongside others. This is a great activity for those long winter months or when you are looking for some interaction and companionship. Gatherings are Wednesday mornings opposite of Moms ROCK as schedule permits. Parents MUST stay with children. For more information, check the website at www.paxchristi.com/opengym.

A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



Dear Friends:

Just a couple of thoughts about Advent hope this week. I recently read an article written by a person tormented by depression to the point of contemplating suicide. He said that he's still not sure why he didn't go through with it, but that it was a combination of small acts of others reaching out that had kept him alive. It put me in mind of a conversation that I once had with an expert in mental health. I had asked what I as a pastor could do to help people in church who deal with emotional distress, and the response was that my best gift would be simply to acknowledge publicly that it exists. That's not hard to do, and it's obviously true, and there is no reason for it to be stigmatized, especially in a community of faith. I know that many of us have loved ones who live with debilitating stress, depression, anxiety, and hopelessness. We don't have to be the singular heroes to save them, but we can be the friends, family, and parishioners to accompany them. There are plenty of resources, printed ones, online ones, personal ones, community ones, that exist to assist people who feel overwhelmed to the point of desperation. And if you yourself are one of those people, you should also know about these supports. Take a look at some of the printed materials in our rack in church, or give a call to one of our Care and Support staff here at Pax Christi. But don't let yourself or loved ones try to go at this alone. It's hard enough to deal with the daily struggle to feel good, without having to pile on the threat of feeling judged by others. You will not be judged here.

The other wonderful source of hope for me this past week was our Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration, hosted here at Pax Christi last Saturday night. The theme for the event was "Building Bridges in a Broken World," and it was absolutely beautiful and powerful. As I told the people in my brief welcoming remarks, I cannot think of a time in my life when we have been in greater need of such a gathering than right now. For a couple of hours we were all there together in prayer, dance, drumming, song, ritual and friendship: The Christians (of many kinds), the Muslims, the Mormons, the Hindus, the Jews, the Buddhists, the Sikhs, and the Baha'i ... The event ended, before the feast, with a spontaneous joining of hands as we sang our closing song together. It's pretty clear to me that our public institutions and officials are either incapable of or unwilling to commit to this sort of coming together, so it has to begin with us. And it did!

Let me finish here with part of what was printed in the program published by our local Interfaith Circle:

"As our nation celebrates a National Day of Thanksgiving, we collaborate on this event to share each one's own expression of faith or spirituality in order to celebrate our vast, mysterious, diverse understanding of God, Creator, Higher Power, and indeed our understanding of ourselves... We share not to convert, not to instruct, but to connect with one another at the place that is most sacred for each of us." What a blessing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PARISHIONER ART EXHIBIT IN PACEM IN TERRIS GALLERY

EXHIBIT RUNS THROUGH December 15; ARTIST RECEPTION December 8

TWELVE BASKETS SHARE THE JOY

STOP BY SIGNUP DISPLAYS IN DOROTHY DAY SOCIAL HALL

Weekends November 30/December 1 and December 7/8 FOLLOWING Mass

FARE FOR ALL

Tuesday, December 3, 3:30–5:30pm

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

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

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND BAKE SALE

Saturday, December 7, 9:00am–3:00pm

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

Mass Monday, December 9, 8:30am in the Chapel

MOMS ROCK: SPEAKER LORI VANDER POEL

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

TAKE BACK YOUR HOLIDAYS

Thursday, December 12, 7:00–8:30pm, St. Richard's Catholic Church

HONORING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Patroness of the Americas and Queen of Mexico

Saturday, December 14, beginning with 5:00pm Mass

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT CARE CENTERS

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

SIMBANG GABI

FILIPINO CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Monday, December 16, 7:00pm–8:30pm, Thomas Merton Chapel **RSVP**

SOULCOLLAGE®

Wednesday, December 18, 6:00–8:30pm **RSVP**

JUST MATTERS: FAITH AND RACIAL EQUITY

OPENING RETREAT: Saturday, January 4, 8:30am–5:00pm **RSVP**

CHOOSE A SESSION: Wednesdays, January 8–February 26, 1:00pm OR

THURSDAYS, January 9–February 27, 6:00pm

SHARED MINISTRY APPRECIATION

Saturday, January 25, 2020 6:00pm

PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:

Juli, Mike, Maureen, Liz, Wayne, Kris, Greg, Amanda, Sherry, Ira, Steve, Calvin, Carmen, Martin, Alann, Ana Marie, Kathryn, Mark, Steve, Mary Jane, 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, December 2

8:30am MASS

3:00pm Chair Yoga

6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg.

6:30pm Troop 370 Mtg.

Tuesday, December 3

8:30am MASS

9:00am Women w/Spirit Bible Study

3:30pm Fare for All

6:00pm 50+ Basketball

7:00pm Baptism Prep Class

7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 4

9:30am Tot-Time Open Gym

11:00am Tai Chi

1:00pm Affordable Housing Social Action

5:15pm Faith Formation Sessions

6:00pm Faith Formation Sessions

6:00pm MASS

6:30pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mtg.

6:30pm Pax Pet Ministry Mtg.

Thursday, December 5

8:30am Word/Communion Service

9:00am Pax Christi Quilter Ministry

9:00am Tea Table Decorating

1:00pm Holiday Tea Food Prep

7:00pm Al-Anon

7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous

7:30pm Music Ministry

Friday, December 6

8:00am Tea Table Decorating

8:30am MASS

9:00am First Friday Coffee/Conversation

10:30am Holiday Tea Food Prep

Saturday, December 7

SHARE THE JOY DISPLAYS IN DOROTHY DAY HALL

9:00am Women's AA Group

9:00am Overeater's Anonymous

9:00am Bake Sale

9:00am Holiday Boutique

9:00am Holiday Tea

10:00am Rosary and Lectio Divina

4:00pm Private Reconciliation

5:00pm MASS - FR. McMICHAEL

Sunday, December 8

SHARE THE JOY DISPLAYS IN DOROTHY DAY HALL

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES

9:00am MASS - FR. BYRON

9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:00am Artist Reception Begins

10:00am GIFT Married Couples Group

11:00am MASS - FR. BYRON

11:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

12:30pm Immigration Justice Action

3:30pm Just Five Days Parent Mtg.

5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON

6:00pm Sunday Community Meal

6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions

6:30pm RCIA

6:30pm Young Married Couples Group

Interpreter for hearing impaired at 11:00am Mass.

Nursery provided during Sunday Mass times.

Rosary prayed following weekday morning Masses.

BAKE SALE: BAKED GOODS NEEDED

Drop-off: December 6, 4:00–8:00pm or December 7, 7:30–8:45am

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

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your generosity!

Week of November 17:

Basket Collection \$10,825

Online Giving 4,126

Other 16,381

Total Week #20 68,468

Budget 73,000

Variance -4,532

YTD Actual 946,627

YTD Budget 932,000

YTD Variance 14,627

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

Donate online at www.paxchristi.com/ donations or text to give at 952-234-6729.