

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR DECEMBER 2, 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
Confirmation ~ registration and info at www.paxchristi.com/ffregistration
First Eucharist ~ registration and info at www.paxchristi.com/ffregistration
First Reconciliation ~ registration/info at www.paxchristi.com/ffregistration
Marriage and Wedding Prep ~ 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.

MOM & KIDS OPEN GYM AT PAX CHRISTI:

Mom & Kids 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. Wednesday mornings from September–May opposite of Moms ROCK gatherings as schedule permits. Parents MUST stay with children. For more information, check the website at www.paxchristi.com/opengym

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A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



I was blessed to share a Thanksgiving feast this year with, among others, my two youngest nephews. They are ages 16 and 14, just at the point of life that involves transitioning from childhood to adulthood. That has never been an easy season for young people, and I suspect that there are not many who negotiate it without making a few significant mistakes. That includes the parents. It is a time that is demanding of tolerance, forgiveness, flexibility, structure, hanging on, and letting go. My family is very fortunate at the moment to have two emerging young men who appear to be navigating the challenge with grace and goodness. That can be hard work, and there is something faintly heroic about doing it well.

What is true of family dynamics is also true for faith communities and civil societies. They (we) are never static, which means that as we move and grow through time, we are made to confront new questions, new situations, new possibilities. For a teenager, "Because I say so" eventually wears out as a reason for parents to enforce household rules and practices. New freedoms demand new negotiations about order. In the same way, for social bodies it can often happen that "It's the law" or "These are the rules" ceases to be compelling as grounds for behavior. In both instances there eventually arises a more fundamental issue, namely: What is the effect of this system of order upon actual human beings? Why exactly are the rules as they are, and do they need to be re-examined? The Christian church has an additional challenge in this regard because we profess some particular rules to be of divine origin, not to be modified. But those commandments are relatively few and basic.

Here's an example. In the document titled *Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours*, which is the Vatican's rule book for how clergy are obliged to pray each day, there are exactly 77 single-spaced pages containing 284 rubrics in five chapters. I can guarantee you that nobody anywhere ever conforms to all those rules because not a one of them is titled "Common Sense" or "Allowing For the Human Condition." And the vast majority of them are not from the hand of God.

So, what is to be done? Throw out the rules and dispense with the laws? No. What is needed is a modicum of reflection and adult appropriation of "The Rules" in specific situations, the very same evolution of judgment that confronts any thoughtful teenager at some point. Only we must do this together and in public.

I mention this here because we often seem to live in a Church and in a country in which "Because (insert your favorite authority figure or law here) says so" is deemed to be an adequate, mature response to difficult questions about our common life. Think here about immigration, law enforcement, biomedical ethics, racial and religious conflicts, tax policy, affordable housing, and welfare. Our basic questions must be less about what is permitted, and more about what the effects of our practices upon real people are, especially those who are most defenseless and voiceless in matters of social policy.

The same can be said for our Church's manner of governance, but that's a topic for another time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

IN REMEMBRANCE: FEATURED ART EXHIBIT

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PARISHIONER BRUCE KOPRUCKI
ON DISPLAY IN THE PACEM IN TERRIS GALLERY THROUGH DECEMBER 16

WISDOM OF THE BODY: A LABYRINTH WALK

Monday, December 3, 6:30–8:30pm, DOROTHY DAY HALL

FARE FOR ALL

Tuesday, December 4, 3:30–5:30pm

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

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

January 1, 9:00am in the Sanctuary

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, December 3

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

Tuesday, December 4

8:30am MASS
 9:00am Rosary Group
 9:00am Women with Spirit Bible Study
 3:00pm Chair Yoga
 3:30pm Fare for All
 6:00pm 50+ Basketball
 6:00pm Open SoulCollage@
 6:30pm Care and Support Ministry
 7:00pm Bell Rehearsal
 7:00pm Baptism Prep Class

Wednesday, December 5

9:30am Mom and Kids Open Gym
 11:00am Tai Chi
6:00pm MASS
 6:30pm Faith Formation
 6:30pm RCIA

Thursday, December 6

8:30am MASS
 9:00am Pax Christi Quilters
 10:00am Book Club
 5:00pm OLG Planning Meeting
 6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball
 7:00pm FIT Meeting
 7:00pm Alanon
 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:30pm Music Rehearsal

Friday, December 7

8:30am MASS
 9:00am First Friday Coffee
 6:00pm Confirmation Retreat Begins

Saturday, December 8

NEW MEMBER SIGNUP WEEKEND
 8:30am Immaculate Conception Mass
 9:00am Women's AA Group
 9:00am Overeater's Anonymous
 3:30pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON
 6:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

The Second Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 9

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES
NEW MEMBER SIGNUP WEEKEND
9:00am MASS - FR. MURTAUGH
 9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:00am MASS - FR. BYRON
 11:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word
 2:00pm Christmas Caroling Event
 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

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 #21 Contributions	73,341	85,000	(11,659)	80,875	(7,534)
YTD through Week #21	970,657	1,053,000	(82,343)	1,059,370	(88,713)
18–19 Contributions Goal – \$2,835,000					

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