# **WELCOME TO PAX CHRISTI** WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE! WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR JANUARY 27, 2019

**NEW HERE?** 

Fridays ~ 8:30am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Private) ~ Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm

Interpreter for hearing impaired at 11:00am Mass.

# 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.

# CHECK OUT "SERVE" FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

You choose your involvement based on your interest areas, your skills, and your talents. From the comfort of your own home, you can go online to the Pax Christi website, select "SERVE," and scroll through shared ministry listings by program area, particular skill, or a talent that you may have. You can even search through opportunities that Pax Christi has listed under "Immediate Needs" and give of yourself based upon the available time you have to share right now or in the near future.

# 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

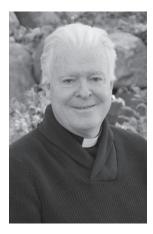
Nursery provided for infants through age 4 during Sunday Mass times.

# FR. MIKE BYRON

Dear Friends:

I am a member of the Minnesota Historical Society, which means that I receive its quarterly magazine. Invariably there are

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fascinating scholarly articles in it about aspects of our state's pastsometimes whimsical and sometimes dead serious. The current issue contains an extended piece on our chilling historical record of anti-Semitism in the Twin Cities, and I find it important for me to remember that our fair metropolitan area, particularly Minneapolis, was one of the most anti-Jewish places in the country as recently as 80 years ago. And it was more than just a vague bigotry among Gentile citizens; it was a well-organized and systemic oppression of Jews through commercial isolation, bullying, the legal system, and a vigorous anti-Semitic publishing enterprise. Near the end of his life, I recall my father expressing pride that his was among the first local law firms to hire Jewish lawyers back in the late 1950s. And I remember being astonished to learn that this was a decision that was regarded as brave and new and daring as recently as the time of my birth.

This past week has been the annual observance of Prayer for Christian Unity, and it's caused me to do a bit of reflection on the possible perils of getting what you ask for. Many local twentieth-century efforts to keep Jews down were carried out under the banner of "Christianity," and were publicly encouraged by clergymen from their pulpits on Sunday mornings. Thankfully, most of those weren't Catholic (surely because Catholics had endured their own version of exclusion here) but undoubtedly some were. I would wish to have nothing to do with unity in the work of hatred, fear, and exclusion.

This raises the question of the purpose of "Christian Unity," especially at a moment when we are witness to unusual persecution of Muslims and a recent recurrence of anti-Jewish violence in our country. We Catholics can be proud of our (relatively recent) embrace of religious diversity and we do it better than many other Christian sects...which is precisely why this question needs to be put forward. Unity, per se, is not our prayer. It is rather unity in the pursuit of Jesus' reign. And that in turn requires some serious deliberation about that in which the reign consists. It is far larger than a political stance against abortionalthough it includes that. And this is where many among our Catholic leaders have been satisfied to align themselves with other churches which do not share our broad social justice concerns at all. That must be challenged, especially as we consider what "unity" means.

Whatever the effects of Original Sin may be, it seems that it has instilled in human beings the need to hate somebody else or some group in order for them to feel good about themselves. We ignore that recurring fact only at our peril.

Michael Ber



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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, BEGINNING WITH MASS AT 8:30am

# LET THERE BE LIGHT: FEATURED ARTIST ASHLEY DULL

Artist reception February 3 following morning Masses On display February 2–17 in the Pacem In Terris Gallery

# SCOUT SUNDAY

Sunday, February 3, 9:00am Mass

THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS: A LABYRINTH WALK Monday, February 4, 6:30–8:30pm, Dorothy Day RSVP

# **FARE FOR ALL**

Tuesday, February 5, 3:30–5:30pm, NOTE: enter at door #3

# THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF WORD AND WITNESS The Life and Legacy of St. Oscar Romero Tuesday, February 5, 6:30–7:30pm, Thomas Merton Chapel

# QUARTERLY MINISTRY SHOWCASE

Weekend of February 9/10

CAST INTO THE DEEP: G. K. CHESTERTON Monday, February 11, beginning with a meal at 6:00pm RSVP

SOULCOLLAGE® – THE COMPANION SUIT Tuesday, February 12, 6:00–8:00pm, Room 212 RSVP

# SR HIGH WINTER RETREAT, BRAINERD, MN

Event: February 15–17; current 9–12 graders

# SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKERS SERIES:

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Anne Mavity, Executive Director, Minnesota Housing Partnership Sunday, February 17, 12:30–2:00pm RSVP

# ANNUAL CANA DINNER: EARLY LOVEBIRD RATE! Saturday, February 23, 2019, 6:00–10:00pm; \$80 per couple RSVP

# **PRAYER CORNER** PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:

Sherry, Rob, Nick, Kathleen, Connie, Lilly, Nedra, Fred, Joyce, the R Family, Ed, Joe, Patricia, Bill, Trisha, Katie, Barb, Ken, Jackie, Gail, Carol, and Jim.

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, January 28

8:30am MASS 6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg 6:30pm Pack 348 Parent Mtg 6:30pm Spring Book Club 6:45pm Cana Dinner Planning Mtg. 7:00pm Venture Crew 370

# Tuesday, January 29

8:30am MASS 9:00am Rosary Group 9:00am Women with Spirit Bible Study 6:00pm 50+ Basketball

### Wednesday, January 30

9:30am Moms & Kids Open Gym 11:00am Tai Chi 6:00pm MASS 6:30pm Faith Formation

# Thursday, January 31

8:30am MASS 9:00am Quilter's Ministry 10:00am Spring Book Club 6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball 6:30pm The Catholic Church and Science 7:00pm Alanon 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30pm Music Rehearsal

# Friday, February 1

8:30am MASS 9:00am First Friday Coffee

### Saturday, February 2

9:00am Women's AA Group
9:00am Overeater's Anonymous
4:00pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm MASS - FR. MURTAUGH

### Sunday, February 3

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES9:00amMASS - FR. BYRON10:00amArt Exhibit Opening Reception11:00amMASS - FR. BYRON3:30pmTeen Choir5:00pmMASS - FR. MURTAUGH

### ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND EVENT REGISTRATION AT WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM

# PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY AT PAX CHRISTI

Would you like to work in a paid, part-time position for Pax Christi Catholic Community? We have a position available in Building Services. The person in this position would work every other weekend on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings.

# PRINCIPLE JOB FUNCTIONS:

- Work independently every other weekend to provide building services to the community of Pax Christi Catholic Community.
- Provide care for our church building, conduct event set-ups, and respond to the physical asset needs of programs for all ministries.
- Provide a secure environment for members, visitors, and staff.
- Maintain proper settings for heating and cooling systems and act as the focal point for addressing any building or equipment needs and/ or malfunctions.

All training is provided, and you work with the greatest community of faith! If you are interested in working for our community, please call the Director of Operations, Ken Reineccius at 952-405-7250 to discuss the job more fully.

	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
Week #29 Contributions	32,518	35,000	(2,482)	26,822	5,696
YTD through Week #29	1,545,200	1,641,000	(95,800)	1,794,216	(249,016)
18–19 Contributions Goal – \$2,835,000	eCheck and credit card giving available at www.paxchristi.com.				