

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2019

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS MARCH 6:

6:45am Ash Wednesday Mass
12:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass
5:00pm Ash Wednesday Service with Ashes (no Mass)
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass

A light lunch of soup and bread will be served following the Noon Mass and again between 5:45–6:45pm.

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A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



God has a way of finding us through all kinds of "accidental" (?) human encounters. Music, especially vocal music, has always been an important part of my life. And I often reflect on the lives of those who made it so. My first mentor in singing was my grade school church choir director, George Carthage, with whom Donna Kasbohm and I conspired more than 45 years ago to make music at our parish. George is unquestionably one of the few most significant reasons that I am a priest today. He waited until middle age to decide to enter the seminary. While there, he was diagnosed with cancer. He ultimately was ordained at the exact age that I now am and lived for another six weeks after that before succumbing to that terrible disease. He was so disappointed at never being able to minister as he had hoped. I was a pallbearer at his funeral, and vividly recall resolving then that I would not wait until I was "old" to decide whether ordained life was right for me. That was his last—and lasting—gift to me as a young man.

At about the same time, my parents gave me a wonderful Christmas gift: several weeks of private voice lessons with George's singing teacher, who was and is a most gracious woman. She was the wife of the pastor (recently deceased) of a small Danish Lutheran church in south Minneapolis, and she taught out of the parish house. She used to let me sing solos in their Sunday worship services from time to time. Those several weeks turned into 12 years, when she retired. I had to find a new teacher, which I did, but only for several months before she quit in order to go off to rabbinical school.

After that I moved to graduate school in Cambridge, MA. There I lived not far from a well-respected music school, and so one day I presented myself for singing lessons. Because I was a merely "recreational" vocalist and not a degree-seeking student, I was assigned to a mostly-retired singing teacher, a former New York opera diva and a fairly lonely widow with no children. She and I became fast friends, and even though her best teaching days (and her hearing) were long behind her, she was absolutely dedicated to encouraging me. She used to invite me out to dinners at the Ritz Carlton and then to concerts at the Boston Symphony Orchestra. When I told her that I could no longer afford the outrageous weekly fees for lessons, she told me not to register as a student any more, and to just show up at school where she'd teach me for free. The year after I finished my degree and returned to Minnesota, I got word of her death. She was 100 years old. And she was a staunch New England Episcopalian besides. Her great friend and retired colleague from the music school was a Jewish woman not much younger than she. She was a holocaust exile from Germany and also a widow who had found her way to Boston via Israel after the war. She also welcomed me into her home each week for German diction lessons, and eventually to sing the "Lieder," all for free. Our lessons were always part music and part political banter. She also died several years ago after keeping up a wonderful letter exchange with me for a very long time.

I have been so "accidentally" blessed by so many teachers and mentors across generations, denominations and religions, all bound by the shared love of music. I am grateful for them all.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SLED PARTY!

Sunday, February 24, 12:15–1:30pm, meet by Door 1, No fee

JUSTFAITH INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday, February 26, 6:30-9:00pm,

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, 4100 Lyndale Ave. S, Minneapolis

GATHERING WHOLENESS: A LABYRINTH WALK

Monday, March 4, 6:30–8:30pm, DOROTHY Day RSVP

SOULCOLLAGE® – THE TRANSPERSONAL CARDS

Tuesday, March 5, 6:00–8:00pm, Room 212 RSVP

A PROGRAM OF SACRED AND SECULAR MUSIC

The Saint John's University Men's Chorus

Friday, March 8, 7:30pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL 'MINUTE TO WIN IT'

Sunday, March 10, 6:30–7:45pm, Room 111, no fee

CAST INTO THE DEEP: MICHELANGELO

Monday, March 11, beginning with a meal at 6:00pm RSVP

SILENT SATURDAY: HEAR THE SOUND OF MY CALL

Saturday, March 16, 9:00–11:30am RSVP

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKERS SERIES: ON CLIMATE JUSTICE

Julia Frost Nerbonne, Exec. Dir., MN Interfaith Power & Light

Sunday, March 17, 12:30–2:00pm RSVP

BEING CHURCH

Elements of Ecclesiology Presentation by Fr. Mike

Sunday, March 17, 6:30–7:30pm, Room 212

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY INFORMATION NIGHT

Monday, March 18, 7:00–8:00pm, Room 239

MARY MAGDALENE AND JESUS

Through The Lens Of Medieval Spirituality and Art with Fr. Steve McMichael

Thursday, March 21, 6:30–8:30 pm, Room 211

GRIEF COALITION SPRING SERIES

THURSDAYS BEGINNING MARCH 28, 5:30–7:30pm at Pax Christi

SENIOR HIGH SERVICE/ JUSTICE TRIP

JULY 21–27; CURRENT 9–12 GRADERS RSVP

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

3 YEARS THROUGH 5TH GRADE; JULY 29–AUGUST 2, 9:00am–12:00pm

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, February 25

8:30am MASS

6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg

6:30pm Troop 370 Mtg

6:30pm Spring Book Club

7:00pm Venture Crew 370

Tuesday, February 26

8:30am MASS

9:00am Rosary Group

9:00am Women with Spirit

3:00pm Chair Yoga

6:00pm 50+ Basketball

Wednesday, February 27

9:30am Mom's ROCK

11:00am Tai Chi

6:00pm MASS

6:00pm FIT Mtg

6:30pm Pax Pet's Ministry Mtg

6:30pm Faith Formation

Thursday, February 28

8:30am MASS

10:00am Spring Book Club

6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball

7:00pm Alanon

7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous

7:30pm Music Ministry Rehearsal

Friday, March 1

8:30am MASS

9:00am First Friday Coffee Social

Saturday, March 2

9:00am Women's AA Group

9:00am Overeater's Anonymous

4:00pm Private Reconciliation

5:00pm MASS - FR. MALEK

Sunday, March 3

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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3:30pm Faith Formation Sessions

3:30pm Teen Choir

5:00pm MASS - FR. VAN DORN

6:00pm Sunday Evening Meal

6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions

6:30pm RCIA

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND EVENT
REGISTRATION AT
WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM

PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:

Jerry, Bill, Judy, Roni, David, Maret, Sherry, Rob, Nick, Kathleen, Connie, Lilly, Nedra, Fred, Joyce, the R Family, Ed, Joe, Patricia, Bill, Trisha, Katie, Ken, Jackie, 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.

NOW OFFERING TEXT GIVING

Send a text message with the dollar amount of your contribution to 952-234-6729. Fill out a short form with your billing information and then giving is as easy as sending a text message. Credit card and echeck giving is also available at www.paxchristi.com.

	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
Week #33 Contributions	20,763	27,000	(6,237)	26,604	(5,841)
YTD through Week #33	1,731,299	1,847,000	(115,701)	2,006,750	(275,451)
18–19 Contributions Goal – \$2,835,000	eCheck and credit card giving available at www.paxchristi.com .				