

WELCOME TO PAX CHRISTI

WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 17, 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.

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/aboutus.

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. 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.

PRAYER BASKET:

Before and after each weekend Mass, you may write a prayer intention and drop it into the Prayer Basket located near the baptismal font. All intentions in the Prayer Basket are collectively included in the Prayers of the Faithful at each weekend Mass.

A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



One of the most significant cultural upheavals in the past couple of generations in America, at least in my experience and opinion, is the public conversation about sexuality in general, and homosexuality in particular. When I was in high school, LGBTQ people did not exist. Well, actually they did, of course, but it was never overtly acknowledged by my peers and it was ignored by teachers and parents (and I went to a public high school!). And about the worst thing that could be rumored of a classmate was that she or he might be homosexual. Social shunning was all but guaranteed if that were to happen to a person. Today, things are completely different. Not only do young people of diverse sexual attractions present themselves honestly to their circles of friends and family, but they are often (not always) warmly welcomed as they are, and frequently enough with a sentiment of "what's the big deal here?". I think that people younger than I may not have an appreciation for what a sea change that represents since the 1970s. There's a kind of "new normal" about this discussion now.

Christian churches in our country have reacted variously over the years to this phenomenon. Some mainline Protestant communities, like many Lutherans and Episcopalians, moved fairly quickly to affirm the human dignity of people from all kinds of sexual experience, and the result was often a lot of conflict and tension in congregations. In some cases there have been schisms in their denominations over it, and there may yet be more to come. Many Roman Catholics, unfortunately in my opinion, tended to respond at first by not responding at all, and events passed them by. Communal discussions were not allowed by Catholic leaders, and doctrinal clarifications were issued from high places in order to put the matter to rest. That didn't really help or work, and it had the effect of alienating a lot of Catholic people from the Christian communities that they love. Even this past month there was a small (but loud and shrill) tempest in a teacup among some Catholics, particularly in Rome and in the U.S., because Pope Francis met with a Jesuit priest who has written a book about the Church's need to "build a bridge" to minister and pray among LGBTQ people. The instinct among some still seems to be simply not to speak about it, and it is difficult to ignore the hurt that this reaction causes regularly among our brothers and sisters.

The worst effect of the strategy of silence or univocal declaration is that it prevents a very complex and important conversation from happening about a matter of human experience that is of utmost importance. And in the absence of such a discourse among us Christians, others will fill that vacuum. It's why, for example, in our country that the matter of homosexuality has been framed today largely in terms of civil rights rather than in terms of human dignity. Those are related, but not just the same kinds of discussions. Our pope's urging for us to be "a church of encounter" is hard work, but necessary.



UPCOMING EVENTS

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS FOR SOCIAL ACTION

Sunday, November 17, 12:30–2:00pm

MOMS ROCK: SPEAKER DEACON CHARLES A. BOBERTZ

Wednesday, November 20, 9:30–11:30am, Room 212, \$10 RSVP

COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE

Thursday, November 21, 3:00–4:30pm RSVP

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Saturday, November 23, 7:30pm, Pax Christi

TWELVE BASKETS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MEAL DRIVE

DROP-OFF WEEKEND: November 23/24

PARISHIONER ART EXHIBIT IN PACEM IN TERRIS GALLERY

EXHIBIT RUNS November 24–December 15; ARTIST RECEPTION December 8

COLLEGE PLANNING STRATEGIES WORKSHOP

Sunday, November 24, 3:15–4:45pm, Room 212 RSVP

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 28, 9:00am in the Sanctuary

FARE FOR ALL

Tuesday, December 3, 3:30–5:30pm

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

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

BAKE SALE: BAKED GOODS NEEDED TO BENEFIT YOUTH

DROP-OFF: December 6, 4:00–8:00pm OR December 7, 7:30–8:45am

BAKE SALE: Saturday, December 7, 9:00am–3:00pm

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Saturday, December 7, 9:00am–3:00pm

HONORING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Patroness of the Americas and Queen of Mexico

Saturday, December 14 beginning with 5:00pm Mass

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT LOCAL CARE CENTERS

Sunday, December 15, 2:00–4:00pm RSVP

SOULCOLLAGE

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

PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:

Maureen, Liz, Wayne, Kris, Greg, Amanda, Sherry, Ira, Steve, Calvin, Carmen, Martin, Alann, Ana Marie, Curt, Kathryn, Mark, Steve, Gayle, Mary Jane, Sidney, 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, November 18

8:30am MASS

3:00pm Chair Yoga

5:00pm Interfaith Rehearsal

6:30pm Fall Book Club

6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg.

6:30pm Troop 370 Mtg.

6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball

7:00pm Al-Anon

7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous

7:30pm Music Ministry

Friday, November 22

8:30am MASS

Tuesday, November 19

8:30am MASS

9:00am Women w/Spirit Bible Study

6:00pm 50+ Basketball

6:30pm Leadership Council Meetings

7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal

Saturday, November 23

THANKSGIVING MEAL DROP-OFF WEEKEND

9:00am Women's AA Group

9:00am Overeater's Anonymous

4:00pm Private Reconciliation

5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON

7:30pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration

Wednesday, November 20

9:30am Moms ROCK

11:00am Tai Chi

1:00pm Boomer's Planning Mtg.

5:15pm Faith Formation Sessions

6:00pm Faith Formation Sessions

6:00pm MASS

6:30pm Ambassador Meeting

Sunday, November 24

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES

THANKSGIVING MEAL DROP-OFF WEEKEND

9:00am MASS - FR. BYRON

9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:00am MASS - FR. POULIOT

11:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON

6:00pm Sunday Community Meal

6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions

6:30pm RCIA

Thursday, November 21

8:30am Word/Communion Service

9:00am Quilter Ministry

10:00am Fall Book Club

3:00pm Compassionate Care Circle

Interpreter for hearing impaired at 11:00am Mass.

Nursery provided during Sunday Mass times.

Rosary prayed following weekday morning Masses.

RING THOSE COLORED CHRISTMAS BELLS!

Children, grades 1 through 6 are invited to be a bell ringer for the Christmas Eve 2:00pm Family Mass. Rehearsal is scheduled for Sunday, December 15, 10:00am in the chapel. If you can be at the rehearsal and present at 1:15pm on Christmas Eve, please register online at www.paxchristi.com. Deadline is December 6. Come Ring the Bells!

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your generosity!

Week of November 3:

Basket Collection \$18,001

Online Giving 37,852

Other 19,894

Total Week #18 75,747

Budget 72,000

Variance 3,747

YTD Actual 847,855

YTD Budget 823,000

YTD Variance 24,855

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

