

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 18, 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:

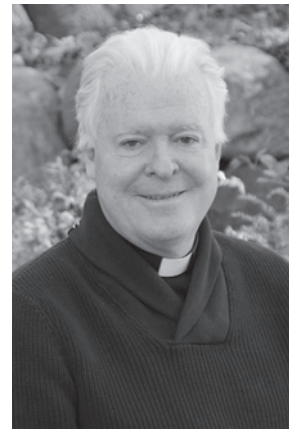
New Member registration takes place on the second Sunday of each month after every Mass or any time by visiting the parish office. Additional information at www.paxchristi.com/joinpax.

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.

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A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



As one who has had both the incalculable blessing and the protracted discomfort of studying and teaching theology for a long time, I'm afraid that I may have learned to think too much. Well, maybe not really, but I have become skilled at the art of turning most every religious question into a theoretical consideration of concepts.

Historically our "official" Church has been very adept at doing that, but it has come at a steep cost to people. Let me try to be more clear about this.

Our religion began with the experience of a real person, Jesus Christ, raised from the dead and newly alive in glory among us, in community. The first apostles actually encountered Him that way, despite all of the prevailing wisdom of the time that there is no such thing as life after death and that God must be regarded as residing far away in His Heaven. None of those first witnesses would willingly have marched off to their martyrs' deaths (as virtually all of them did) unless the genuine meeting of the resurrected Lord was rock solid, trustworthy, and true.

But it didn't take long for the idea of "the Christian Religion" to be transformed into a body of belief statements, creeds and catechisms, and theological treatises that no longer needed necessarily to cohere with anybody's actual life experiences. Religious authority came to evaluate "true faith" on the basis of what was in the books rather than what was actually happening to people. The books were and are useful and good, but only insofar as they offer meaning to real life.

For centuries, peoples' "real life" experiences were disallowed as sources for "true" religious knowledge, at least to the extent that those experiences seemed to contradict the books. An important re-awakening began in the early 20th century in Catholic theology. Thinkers like Karl Rahner and Bernard Lonergan (both Jesuit priests) began to argue that religion and human experience had to be able to cohere with one another, or else religion threatened to decay into mythology or fantasy. It was a good first move, and one that was embraced by the modern popes up to and including Benedict XVI. But even here the whole notion of "human experience" was spun into a theory. These thinkers claimed that it is possible to know what is the essence of true "human experience," on a soul level, for every person who has ever lived, Christian or not. This meant that if what was actually going on in your life didn't fit with the universal theory of "human experience," you were mistaken...perhaps even sinful.

Pope Francis is the first pope in centuries truly to take the category of human experience out of the realm of abstract ideas and into the trenches of daily living. This is among the reasons that some see him as revolutionary, because actual experience on Planet Earth is far more varied, messy, and resistant to neat theories than we've been used to thinking about. For example, dare we consider the possibility that the actual experiences of Muslims, homosexual people, atheists, millennials, the poor, etc. have a place at the table in the discussion of God's truth? This is "revolutionary" only in the sense that it takes us back to our very beginnings. And it's what Vatican II sought to do also. It is an indictment of our recent past if it seems radical.

UPCOMING EVENTS

“THE MODERN SAINTS” DISPLAY

On display in the Pacem in Terris Gallery, Room 247, through November 15

TWELVE BASKETS SHARE THE JOY CHRISTMAS DRIVE

Through December 1/2

HOLIDAY GRIEF: WHEN ALL ISN'T SHINY AND BRIGHT

Monday, November 19, 6:30pm, Thomas Merton Chapel

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS AND WEEKEND

Mass Thursday, November 22, 9:00am in the Sanctuary

A PLACE AT THE TABLE: FILM AND DISCUSSION

Saturday, November 24, 3:00-5:00pm, Room 212

NAMI LISTENING SESSION

Thursday, November 29, 7:00-8:00pm, Martin Luther King Room 247

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Saturday, December 1, 9:00am-3:00pm

BAKE SALE: BAKED GOODS NEEDED

Saturday, December 1, 9:00am-3:00pm

IN REMEMBRANCE: FEATURED ART EXHIBIT

Celebrating the life of Parishioner: Bruce Koprucki
Reception: Sunday, December 2 following morning Masses

WISDOM OF THE BODY: A LABYRINTH WALK

Monday, December 3, 6:30-8:30pm, Dorothy Day Hall

SOULCOLLAGE® – OPEN CARD MAKING SESSION

Tuesday, December 4, 6:00-8:00pm, Room 212 RSVP

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

Holy Day Mass, Saturday, December 8, 8:30am

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT THE CARE CENTERS

Sunday, December 9, 2:00-4:00pm, Dietrich Bonhoeffer Room 111

BOY SCOUT WREATH SALES THIS WEEKEND

Stop by display tables following Mass November 17/18

It is that time again! Time to order your Holiday wreaths from our local Boy Scout Troop! Stop by following Mass to check out their selection.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, November 19

8:30am MASS
6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg
6:30pm Book Club
6:30pm Exploring Migration
6:30pm Shared Ministry Event
7:00pm Venture Crew 370

Tuesday, November 20

8:30am MASS
9:00am Rosary Group
3:00pm Chair Yoga
6:00pm 50+ Basketball
6:30pm Conversation Circles
6:30pm Twelve Basket Meeting
7:00pm Alanon
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00pm Bell Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 21

11:00am Tai Chi
6:00pm MASS
6:30pm Companion Visit

THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 22

9:00am MASS
BUILDING WILL CLOSE FOLLOWING MASS;
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, November 23

BUILDING CLOSED; NO MASS;
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 24

SHARE THE JOY CHRISTMAS DRIVE
BOY SCOUT WREATH SALES
9:00am Women's AA Group
9:00am Overeater's Anonymous
3:00pm A Place at the Table Film Event
4:00pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON

Sunday, November 25

SHARE THE JOY CHRISTMAS DRIVE
BOY SCOUT WREATH SALES
9:00am MASS - FR. MURTAUGH
11:00am MASS - FR. MURTAUGH
5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND EVENT
REGISTRATION AT
WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM

CONVERSATION CIRCLES:

OUR CONTRIBUTION TO JUSTICE IN THE CHURCH

Tuesday, November 20, 6:30-8:00pm, Hall of Martyrs

Join us for our second Conversation Circle, with the sharing of the story by the Consultation Group of Pax Christi's contribution to the Victim/Survivors Fund, and an exploration together of what else can be done as individuals or as a community to continue to contribute to justice within the church.

PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:

Joe, Patricia, Bill, Trisha, Katie, Barb, Ken, Bob, Eric, Jackie, Gail, Rod, Brent, Tammie, Michelle, Carol, Diane, Katherine, Jim, Pam, and Ryan.

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 Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
Week #19 Contributions	73,173	80,000	(6,827)	71,408	1,765
YTD through Week #19	861,415	926,000	(64,585)	949,124	(87,709)
18-19 Contributions Goal – \$2,835,000					

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