

WELCOME TO PAX CHRISTI

WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2020

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
Prayer ~ For all prayer intentions, visit www.paxchristi.com/prayer
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.

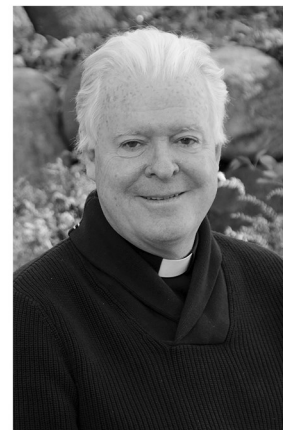
CHILDCARE AT PAX CHRISTI:

Childcare is provided during all Sunday Masses, Wednesday evenings during Faith Formation programs, and many other parish-wide events. We make a special effort to help your children feel secure and to keep them safe. Every nursery worker is screened and background-checked. The goal of the nursery is to meet the needs of the youngest people of our parish in such a way that they will feel loved and valued.

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



Dear Friends:

Like you, I have been reading about the scary spread of the coronavirus recently, emanating from China and now afflicting various parts of the world. Particular attention has been paid to the cruise ship that is quarantined in the harbor at Yokohama, Japan, with dozens of cases having been diagnosed among the thousands of passengers on board. I am not an infectious disease expert, but I've wondered whether it is more wise to hold all of those people in a confined space that is known to be toxic or whether it would be better to get them all out of there to be evaluated elsewhere. After all, they are removing the sick passengers anyway upon discovery of their illness.

The thing about a ship is that once you are aboard and at sea you are pretty well stuck with whomever and whatever is traveling with you. Normally that is not cause for much concern, especially on a luxury cruise liner, but as we are seeing it comes with risk.

You may be aware that one of the most ancient images for depicting the Christian church in art is the image of a ship. Archaeologists have found evidence of that kind of iconography dating back to the third or fourth century. It strikes me that a ship is a very ambiguous symbol for attempting to depict the Church. On one hand it can be viewed as a place of safety, a refuge from the storms and angry seas, something along the lines of Noah's ark. On another hand it can be imagined as a place of great vulnerability, where a group of people is at the mercy of gales and hurricanes and other unknown dangers, something along the lines of the disciples getting swamped on the Sea of Galilee. And on still another hand a ship may be seen as a place of deliberate community, bearing along people who have willingly hitched their futures and fortunes together with everyone else on board, under the direction of the captain. Getting on board involves an act of trust and commitment to the whole. With respect to the passengers at Yokohama today, it must be awkward for them not to know if an individual is part of the dangerous contagion or whether he/she is merely stuck with others who are potential threats to the entire population.

It seems that any and all of those images of the Church as a ship can be aptly applied to the Christian community today. At times this gathered group of disciples is a very tangible place of safety and reassurance when threats and disappointments come along. At other times this community may feel very tenuous as a place of comfort and encouragement when our expectations are frustrated or our hopes are unrealized. And at still other times our Church requires of us a willingness to stay on board with a collection of fellow travelers whom we might find off putting or difficult to be with. Occasionally, as we have recently experienced, this ship can be toxic and in need of fresh disinfectant. But for many of us, it is our best, necessary expression of faith in our Captain, Jesus Christ. So we sail onward.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PRESIDENTS' DAY MASS

Monday, February 17, 9:00am

BRIDGING BLANKET DRIVE

Weekend of February 22/23

SOULCOLLAGE®

Workshop and Introduction

Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 6:30-8:00pm, Room 239 **RSVP**

LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Masses: 9:00am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

Service with Ashes (no Mass): 5:00pm

LENTEN PARISH RETREAT

Be Who You Are and Be That Well

RSVP

Saturday, February 29, 9:00am-Noon, Dorothy Day, Free

THEOLOGY DAY

The Bible And The Modern World

Thursday, March 5, 6:00-9:00pm, Hall of Martyrs **RSVP**

CHAMBER CHOIR OF ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE OF ST. BENEDICT

Saturday, March 7, 7:30pm

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday, March 10, 7:00pm in the sanctuary

MARRIAGE BOOSTER RETREAT

Saturday, March 14, 9:15am-4:45pm, \$125 per couple **RSVP**

ANNUAL CANA DINNER – EARLY LOVE BIRD RATE

Saturday, April 25, 6:00-9:30pm, \$70 per couple **RSVP**

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Save the date for the best week of the summer!

Week of July 20-24, 9:00am-12:00pm

CREATIVE? ENJOY BRINGING SCRIPTURE STORIES TO LIFE?

We are in need of an adult drama team leader for our Bible Camp drama team (grades 6-12). All scripts and props are provided. Experience with theater is helpful but not required. Rehearsal/leadership week is July 13-17 (9:00am-4:00pm) and Bible Camp is July 20-24 (8:30am-3:00pm). Times may be flexible. We do require the Essential Three (Background check, attendance at a VIRTUS session, and a signed Code of Conduct). Information can be found at www.virtus.org. This is a perfect opportunity for a college student to gain experience. Contact Reneé Dignan, Youth Formation Minister, 952-405-7212, or rdignan@paxchristi.com, for additional information.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, February 17

9:00am PRESIDENT'S DAY MASS
Building Closed After Mass

Tuesday, February 18

8:30am MASS
9:00am Women w/Spirit Bible Study
3:00pm Chair Yoga
6:00pm 50+ Basketball
6:30pm Leadership Meetings
7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 19

9:30am Mom's ROCK
11:00am Tai Chi
1:00pm Just Matters
1:00pm Boomers & Beyond Planning
5:15am Faith Formation Sessions
6:00pm Faith Formation Sessions
6:00pm MASS

Thursday, February 20

8:30am Word/Communion Service
9:00am Pax Christi Quilter's Ministry
10:00am Winter Book Club
3:00pm Compassionate Care Group
6:00pm Just Matters
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball
7:00pm Al-Anon
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
7:30pm Music Ministry

Friday, February 21

8:30am MASS

Saturday, February 22

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

Sunday, February 23

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES
BLANKET DRIVE WEEKEND
9:00am MASS - FR. BYRON
11:00am MASS - FR. BYRON
5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON
6:00pm Community Meal
6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions
6:30pm RCIA
6:30pm Young Married Couples Group

Interpreter for hearing impaired at 11:00am Mass.

Nursery provided during Sunday Mass times.

Rosary prayed following weekday morning Masses.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND EVENT REGISTRATION AT WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your generosity!

Week of February 2:

Basket Collection	\$16,143
Online Giving	33,915
Other	14,920
Total Week #31	64,978
Budget	68,000
Variance	(3,022)

YTD Actual	1,730,911
YTD Budget	1,664,000
YTD Variance	66,911

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