

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR FEBRUARY 23, 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.



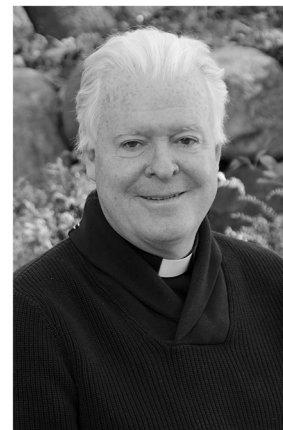
ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26

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

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

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

A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



Among the titles that I bear in my ministerial role is that of *Censor Librorum* (i.e. a member of the Archdiocesan Board of Censors—literally a "censor of books"). I've "served" in that capacity for almost 20 years, although it has been more than a dozen years since I actually did any work for it. It is the best of boards: it has no meetings ever. Every diocese is required to have such a group, and it's kind of a hold-over from a time that many Catholic publishers sought to have a bishop's "imprimatur" (or seal of approval) on the books and catechetical materials that they publish. Occasionally bishops themselves require it when allowing educational materials to be used in their dioceses.

The idea is simple enough. A publisher presents a new newly-minted resource to a bishop and requests his official public statement that the content is faithful to Catholic doctrine. But of course the bishop doesn't actually have time to read the material himself, so he hands it off to a *Censor Librorum* to do the reading for him, and to render a judgment that there is *Nihil Obstat*, or "nothing standing in the way" of formal approval. It's a negative recommendation to the bishop, who uses that to make his positive, formal OK.

The last time I was assigned a task as a censor, it involved a local parish that had decided to develop and publish its own curriculum from scratch for its children's faith formation programs. It involved boxes and boxes of material—books, worksheets, games, puzzles, activities—that took me weeks to wade through. And since it wasn't from a professional Catholic publishing organization, I did indeed find quite a number of questionable claims being made amid the mountain of material. This required revisions and then more reading. At the end, I made it fairly clear to the understanding Chancellor at the archdiocese that I believed I had done far more than what was reasonably expected of me in that role. To date I have not been requested again!

I'm remembering all this here because it's a reminder to me that we can sometimes get too caught up in the idea of equating "faith" with "correct answers to correctly-posed religious questions." That often is indeed the function of catechesis, but all of that is only a jumping off point for more mature engagement with the living God as we grow into faith each day. It is quite possible for people to confuse the act of amassing lots of religious data (even when it is entirely correct) with encountering our Lord in the Holy Spirit. Our faith is not invested in doctrine; it is grounded in God. And as St. Augustine once famously said, "If you can entirely understand it, then it's not God."

So may your Lenten journey with God be one that tempts you into a bit of mystery as well as certainty.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

MOM'S ROCK: WITH LINDSEY FROEMMING

Wednesday, March 11, 9:30-11:30am, Room 212, \$10 **RSVP**

MARRIAGE BOOSTER RETREAT

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

PAX CHRISTI JUSTICE SPEAKER SERIES

Sunday, March 15, 12:30-2:00pm, Room 212 **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 details.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, February 24

8:30am MASS
3:15pm Chair Yoga
6:00pm Winter Book Club
6:30pm Pack 348
6:45pm Troop 370

Tuesday, February 25

8:30am MASS
9:00am Women w/Spirit Bible Study
5:30pm Video Team Meeting
6:00pm 50+ Basketball
6:30pm SoulCollage@
7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 26

9:00am ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
12:00pm ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
1:00pm Just Matters
5:00pm ASH WEDNESDAY WORD SERVICE WITH ASHES
7:00pm ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Thursday, February 27

8:30am Word/Communion Service
10:00am Winter Book Club
6:00pm Just Matters
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball
7:00pm Al-Anon
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
7:30pm Music Ministry

Friday, February 28

8:30am MASS
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 29

9:00am Women's AA Group
9:00am Overeater's Anonymous
9:00am Parish Lenten Retreat
3:30pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm MASS - FR. McMICHAEL

Sunday, March 1

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

Interpreter for hearing impaired at 11:00am Mass.

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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 9:

Basket Collection	\$8,626
Online Giving	3,613
Other	19,822
Total Week #32	32,061
Budget	29,000
Variance	3,061

YTD Actual	1,762,972
YTD Budget	1,693,000
YTD Variance	69,972

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