

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR MARCH 1, 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 3:30-4:30pm

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.

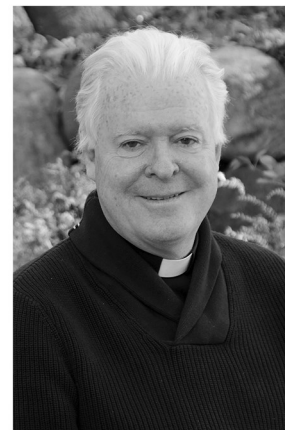
Questions? Contact Andrea in the parish office, 952-405-7207.



Participants Needed for Good Friday
Living Stations of the Cross

Complete details at www.paxchristi.com

A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



Dear Friends:

During the years that I lived in Boston while in graduate school, Friday nights in Lent were special at my home/parish rectory. Most often our dinners were decadently delicious fresh lobster with all of the trimmings proper to a New England feast. We abstained from red meat all right, but I'm not sure we were really getting into the spirit of the season or of the discipline to be more sparse in our eating behaviors. And nobody spoke of it around the table, including me, the young and lowly Midwestern boarder in the house. The fact is that in that part of the country it requires almost no sacrifice at all to be technically faithful to the prescriptions of Catholic Lenten practice. We generally dined in fine style throughout the 40 days, but I don't think that was/is the point.

And I will use that memory here to raise the issue of a local "sacred cow," namely the phenomenon of the parish Lenten Friday fish fry. We don't have such a thing here at Pax Christi, so I guess I'm safer than some other pastors to be mentioning it. In some parishes where I have previously served, the fish fry is an enormously important seasonal event. In many ways that has proven to be a very good thing; it has brought in guests and visitors who otherwise would never have visited the community to be welcomed in. And it is an occasion to bring the regular parishioners together for several consecutive weeks to enjoy fellowship and friendship over a meal. Many people who no longer reside in the immediate area will return each year to volunteer to work the fish fry, and the youth of the parish are often involved in the serving and cleanup, too. And, to be honest, it can be a tremendous money-maker for the church.

But there's another aspect to these gatherings, one which puts me in mind of those evenings in Boston. Specifically, sometimes the fish fry can be elevated to an almost carnival-like occasion, in which the purpose of observing a certain austerity and sacrifice may easily be passed over. I have seen gatherings that are accompanied by various vendors selling their wares at the door to the dinner. I don't think it's too frumpy of me to raise it as a point for spiritual reflection. It can happen sometimes that all of our good intentions to hold sacred time get detached from the rituals in which we actually participate. It is healthy, I think, to recall that abstaining from meat on Lenten Fridays is intended to awaken us to the need for self-sacrifice for the sake of our Christian mission. It's not necessarily a time for being morose, but it isn't exactly meant to be party time either. To keep the question, "Why are we doing this?" before us is always a helpful instinct in religious practices of all kinds.

And of course there are many among us for whom the giving up of meat on one day a week for six weeks is not much of a hardship at all. In fact it's a perceived benefit to one's self. And who doesn't love the fact that every fast food restaurant in town has fish sandwiches at discounted prices right now. Save money by observing Lent!

The bottom line is that we are invited in this season to be deliberate in our decisions to engage in moderate (but important) acts of self-denial, and Friday abstinence is one time-honored way to do that. If it isn't the fish, or fish fry, for you, then please make it something.

Michael Byron

UPCOMING EVENTS

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/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**

FEATURED ART EXHIBIT: KATHY FLEMING

Opening reception March 15 following morning Masses

EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY THROUGH APRIL 15, MLK JR., Room 247

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS

A Self-Care Program for Caregivers

Wednesdays, March 18-April 22, 1:00pm, Norm. Luth., \$45 **RSVP**

TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

Friday, March 20, 7:00pm in the sanctuary

SPECIAL BURGUNDY BAG COLLECTION

Weekend of March 21/22

PET MINISTRY INFORMATIONAL GATHERING

Pet Ministry Needs More Teams

Sunday, March 22 following 9:00am Mass, Room 212

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER SERVICE WEEK

Week of July 20, 8:30am- 4pm, Room 111, \$175 **RSVP**

CONSIDER PARTICIPATION IN THE CRS RICE BOWL PROGRAM

Join nearly 14,000 faith communities in 180 dioceses around the U.S. who are participating in the CRS Rice Bowl Program. You are invited to use the Lenten Calendar—included with every CRS Rice Bowl—to reflect on the realities of our brothers and sisters around the world and how we can be in solidarity during the Lenten season. CRS Rice Bowls will be available to take home starting We encourage you to participate in this life-giving, love-giving, transformational journey right in your own home!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, March 2

8:30am MASS
9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg
3:15pm Chair Yoga
6:30pm Pack 348
6:45pm Troop 370

Tuesday, March 3

8:30am MASS
9:00am Women w/Spirit Bible Study
3:30pm Fare For All
6:30pm SoulCollage®
7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
7:00pm Baptism Prep Class

Wednesday, March 4

9:30am Tot-Time
11:00am Tai Chi
5:15am Faith Formation Sessions
6:00pm Faith Formation Sessions
6:00pm MASS

Thursday, March 5

8:30am Word/Communion Service
9:00am Quilter's Ministry
6:00pm Theology Day
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball
7:00pm Al-Anon
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
7:30pm Music Ministry

Friday, March 6

8:30am MASS
9:00am First Friday Coffee
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 7

9:00am Women's AA Group
9:00am Overeater's Anonymous
10:00am Spanish Rosary and Lectio Divina
3:30pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm MASS - FR. McMICHAEL
7:30pm St. John's/St. Ben's Choir Concert

Sunday, March 8

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

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**ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND EVENT
REGISTRATION AT WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM**

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your generosity!

Week of February 16:

Basket Collection	\$13,437
Online Giving	41,234
Other	5,217
Total Week #33	59,888
Budget	64,000
Variance	(4,112)

YTD Actual	1,822,861
YTD Budget	1,757,000
YTD Variance	65,861

Other contribution methods include Qualified Charitable Distributions. If you are at least 72 years old, a donation to Pax Christi directly from your IRA is excluded from your taxable income.

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