

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2019

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.

ON-SITE 12-STEP SUPPORT GROUPS:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Saturday Sisters AA for Women, Al-Anon/Prairie Peace, and Overeaters Anonymous. These support groups each meet weekly to offer listening, guidance, and hope for those working to overcome a specific addiction interfering with their lives.

ROSARY GROUP:

Each Tuesday morning at 9:05am, the rosary is prayed in the chapel. Come and join others in this timeless prayer.

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A NOTE FROM FR BILL MURTAUGH



John Newton wrote the words of "Amazing Grace," one of the world's best known and best loved hymns, as a result of his remarkable escape from death on a storm-ravaged ship off the coast of Ireland. He was convinced that God had spared him for a reason.

Prior to his religious conversion, Newton had been a sea captain engaged in the transportation of kidnapped Africans who were to be sold as slaves in our country. The hymn is an acknowledgement of both his cruel past and God's grace working in him. The journey from captain of a slave ship to the pulpit (he was ordained as an Anglican priest) was the result of God's amazing, healing grace.

His story and his hymns suggest that God never gives up on anybody, and that there is always the hope and the possibility of change and restoration. The famous gospel story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) makes the same point. This parable of the Prodigal Son is not about someone who was absent; it is about someone who is missing and, more importantly, missed. There is a difference. When we see reports about missing people and listen to anxious family members appeal for information, we can only imagine what they are going through. Imagine Jamie Closs' family, and all those families on our borders whose children were taken from them. It is a reminder of how costly love can be and how precious every person is to somebody somewhere.

The parable of the Prodigal Son makes the point that every child, woman, and man is precious to God no matter what they have done. But it goes further. It is significant that the father insisted that the community come together to celebrate the return of the one who had been missing, highlighting that each individual, no matter what he or she has done, is a member of the human family.

There is a tendency to assume that slavery was abolished. Yet, we still read about the trafficking of millions of people, including young children, just like John Newton was doing two centuries ago. Most of us don't see it because it is hidden. Generally, people would not believe that it is possible under modern conditions. They would say, "I think you are making it all up," because it is just too incredible. Reports that over 180 million children are engaged in the worst forms of slave labor—the sex industry—and forced into prostitution. They are bought and sold within and across national borders. They often have no contact with their families and are left to the mercy of ruthless employers. Slavery is only one example of how vulnerable people can be excluded and, worst of all, forgotten.

It's tempting to think of the Prodigal Son story as only a personal reassuring message: no matter how I have failed, God is always willing to welcome me. But the story has a wider application with its emphasis on social responsibility and the right of all to be treated decently. John Newton only discovered his own worth when he came to respect and recognize the worth of those he once despised and abused.

Fr. Bill



UPCOMING EVENTS

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKERS SERIES: ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING
Anne Mavity, Executive Director, Minnesota Housing Partnership
Sunday, February 17, 12:30-2:00pm RSV

PRESIDENT'S DAY MASS
Monday, February 18, 9:00am
BUILDING CLOSED FOLLOWING MASS.

ANNUAL CANA DINNER
Saturday, February 23, 2019, 6:00-10:00pm; \$80 PER COUPLE RSV

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION PRESENTATION BY FR MIKE
Sunday, February 24, 6:30-7:30pm, Room 212

TWELVE BASKETS BRIDGING DRIVE
Weekend of February 23/24

JUSTFAITH INFORMATION SESSION
Tuesday, February 26, 6:30-9:00pm,
BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, 4100 LYNDALe Ave. S, Minneapolis

GATHERING WHOLENESS: A LABYRINTH WALK
Monday, March 4, 6:30-8:30pm, DOROTHY DAY RSV

FARE FOR ALL
Tuesday, March 5, 3:30-5:30pm

SOULCOLLAGE® – THE TRANSPERSONAL CARDS
Tuesday, March 5, 6:00-8:00pm, Room 212 RSV

A PROGRAM OF SACRED AND SECULAR MUSIC
The Saint John's University Men's Chorus
Friday, March 8, 7:30pm

CAST INTO THE DEEP: MICHELANGELO
Monday, March 11, BEGINNING WITH a meal at 6:00pm RSV

SILENT SATURDAY: HEAR THE SOUND OF MY CALL
Saturday, March 16, 9:00-11:30am RSV

PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:

Jerry, Bill, Judy, Roni, David, Maret, Sherry, Rob, Nick, Kathleen, Connie, Lilly, Nedra, Fred, Joyce, the R Family, Ed, Joe, Patricia, Bill, Trisha, Katie, Ken, Jackie, Carol, and Jim.

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

Presidents' Day
Monday, February 18
9:00am MASS

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR BUSINESS AND THE BUILDING WILL CLOSE FOLLOWING MASS.

Tuesday, February 19
8:30am MASS
 9:00am Rosary Group
 9:00am Women with Spirit
 3:00pm Chair Yoga
 6:00pm 50+ Basketball
 6:30pm Leadership Meetings

Wednesday, February 20
 9:30am Mom and Kids Open Gym
 11:00am Tai Chi
6:00pm MASS
 6:30pm Faith Formation

Thursday, February 21
8:30am MASS
 9:30am Pax Christi Quilters Ministry
 9:15am Boomers' Event
 10:00am Spring Book Club
 3:00pm Compassionate Care Listening
 6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball
 7:00pm Alanon
 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:30pm Music Ministry Rehearsal

Friday, February 22
8:30am MASS

Saturday, February 23
 9:00am Women's AA Group
 9:00am Overeater's Anonymity
 4:00pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON
 6:30pm Annual Cana Dinner

Sunday, February 24
 HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES
9:00am MASS - FR. MURTAUGH
 9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:00am MASS - FR. MURTAUGH
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 3:30pm Faith Formation Sessions
 3:30pm Teen Choir
5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON
 6:00pm Sunday Evening Meal
 6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions
 6:30pm RCIA
 6:30pm Fr. Mike Presentation - Vocations
 6:30pm Young Married Couples Group

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND EVENT REGISTRATION AT
WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM

BE AWARE OF SCAMS AND IDENTITY THEFT

Thursday, February 21, 9:15am

Technology! Helpful when used for good, but there is a dark side which allows scammers to know so much about us. Scams and fraud, like fake emails and trolling phone calls, are part of our world today. If you would like information on how to protect yourself, set aside some time to attend this helpful Boomer and Beyond Event. "Be Aware of Scams and Identity Theft," will be presented by Pauline Sager, Investigative Aide for the Eden Prairie Police Department. She will teach us how to keep ourselves safe from scams and fraud with information on identifying red flags, tips on what to do if you are a victim of a scam, and news on common scams happening locally. There will be time for questions and answers after the presentation. Treats will be served. There is no fee or registration required.

	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
Week #32 Contributions	69,470	66,000	3,470	59,677	9,793
YTD through Week #32	1,710,536	1,820,000	(109,464)	1,980,146	(269,610)
18-19 Contributions Goal – \$2,835,000	eCheck and credit card giving available at www.paxchristi.com .				