

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR MARCH 3, 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS MARCH 6:

6:45am Ash Wednesday Mass

12:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass

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

7:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass

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

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A NOTE FROM FR BILL MURTAUGH



Lent is about something more radical and important than giving up some modest pleasure for a few weeks and then getting back to what is considered normal. It is an invitation to reflect deeply about self, and the values and priorities that control our lives. It is a discipline based on the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness.

There is something very contemporary to what is offered to Jesus in that wilderness event: power, wealth, celebrity status. These temptations are very real to many in our culture. But the issue is not about having them, but how we use them. There is a difference between possessing something and being possessed by it.

Jesus alerts us to this danger. In Luke's Gospel we are told He commends the poor, saying, "Blessed are those of you who are poor." To us, such a remark may seem surprising; to the people of that time it was crazy. For them, prosperity was a sign of God's approval, whereas poverty was a disgrace, a sign of God's disfavor. **BUT JESUS CHALLENGED THIS!** He gave a blessing to the hungry, the sad, and the persecuted, and pitied the well-off, the happy, and the popular. In these few words, He challenged the beliefs of the average man or woman, who, if asked, would probably say that what they wanted most in life was a good job, a good home, and a reasonable lifestyle.

A positive view of poverty for poverty's sake is hard to make sense of, especially for anyone who has known the reality of it in our modern world. But Jean Vanier, a man who has dedicated his life to caring for the disabled and disadvantaged says: "The option for the poor is not to say that Jesus loves some people more than others, but rather that he rejoices with those who open their hearts to him...they welcome him, they have time to listen to him and to rejoice in him. The rich often seem too busy; they think they have everything they need; they feel self-sufficient...they create a false world made up of pretense and appearance. They have no time to waste on Jesus. They have better things to do; making and defending wealth, exercising power."

That kind of obsession has a strong element of self-destruction built into it. We can see this, for example, in the attitudes of national, powerful interests in the reckless exploitation of the environment. Closed and selfish minds ignore the damage being done to the planet, and the consequences for future generations. We nod disapprovingly, but not enough to accept necessary political action, nor make the changes to the way we live. It can also touch us more intimately when we allow ambition and careers to take precedence over relationships and family. It is so easy to end up having everything and having nothing.

Jesus was not opposed to wealth and enjoying it. But He does warn about the dangers of neglecting our spiritual lives and allowing selfishness to take control of our lives. The Christian concept of self-denial is not a call to morbid living, but a process of self-discovery and the things that contribute to our well-being.

Fr. Bill

UPCOMING EVENTS

FARE FOR ALL

Tuesday, March 5, 3:30–5:30pm

SOULCOLLAGE® – THE TRANSPERSONAL CARDS

Tuesday, March 5, 6:00–8:00pm, Room 212 RSVP

A PROGRAM OF SACRED AND SECULAR MUSIC

The Saint John's University Men's Chorus

Friday, March 8, 7:30pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL 'MINUTE TO WIN IT'

Sunday, March 10, 6:30–7:45pm, Room 111, no fee

CAST INTO THE DEEP: MICHELANGELO

Monday, March 11, beginning with a meal at 6:00pm RSVP

WALKING THE WAY

Special Lenten Friday Evening Prayer, March 15, 7:00pm

SILENT SATURDAY: HEAR THE SOUND OF MY CALL

Saturday, March 16, 9:00–11:30am RSVP

BURGUNDY BAG LENTEN COLLECTION

Weekend of March 16/17

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKERS SERIES: ON CLIMATE JUSTICE

Julia Frost Nerbonne, Exec. Dir., MN Interfaith Power & Light

Sunday, March 17, 12:30–2:00pm RSVP

BEING CHURCH

Elements of Ecclesiology Presentation by Fr. Mike

Sunday, March 17, 6:30–7:30pm, Room 212

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY INFORMATION NIGHT

Monday, March 18, 7:00–8:00pm, Room 239

MARY MAGDALENE AND JESUS

Through The Lens Of Medieval Spirituality and Art with Fr. Steve McMichael

Thursday, March 21, 6:30–8:30 pm, Room 211

SOUTHWEST GRIEF COALITION SPRING SERIES

Thursdays beginning March 28, 5:30–7:30pm at Pax Christi

SENIOR HIGH SERVICE/ JUSTICE TRIP

July 21–27; current 9–12 graders RSVP

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

3 years through 5th grade; July 29–August 2, 9:00am–12:00pm

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, March 4

8:30am MASS
9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg
6:30pm Troop 370 Mtg
6:30pm Spring Book Club
6:30pm Labyrinth Walk
7:00pm Venture Crew 370

Tuesday, March 5

8:30am MASS
9:00am Rosary Group
9:00am Women with Spirit
3:00pm Chair Yoga
6:00pm 50+ Basketball
6:00pm SoulCollage®

Ash Wednesday, March 6

6:45am MASS w/Ashes
11:00am Tai Chi
12:00pm MASS w/Ashes
5:00pm SERVICE w/Ashes
7:00pm MASS w/Ashes

Thursday, March 7

8:30am MASS
9:00am Pax Christi Quilter Ministry
10:00am Spring Book Club
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball
7:00pm Alanon
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
7:30pm Music Ministry Rehearsal

Friday, March 8

8:30am MASS
7:00pm Stations of the Cross
7:30pm St. John's University Men's Chorus

Saturday, March 9

NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND
9:00am Women's AA Group
9:00am Overeater's Anonymous
4:00pm Private Reconciliation
5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON

Sunday, March 10

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES
NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND
9:00am MASS - FR. MURTAUGH
9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:00am GIFT Group
11:00am MASS - FR. MURTAUGH
11:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word
3:30pm Faith Formation Sessions
3:30pm Teen Choir
5:00pm MASS - FR. VAN DORN
6:00pm Sunday Evening Meal
6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions
6:30pm RCIA

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND EVENT
REGISTRATION AT
WWW.PAXCHRISTI.COM

LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday, March 12, 7:00pm

Join us for our Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service where we come together as a community of hope, to support each other in wholehearted courage and love, bringing our struggles and our commitment to one another. We walk together on this Lenten journey.

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 Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
Week #34 Contributions	64,274	70,000	(5,726)	63,373	901
YTD through Week #34	1,795,573	1,917,000	(121,427)	2,070,123	(274,550)
18–19 Contributions Goal – \$2,835,000					

Text to give at 952-234-6729.