

# WELCOME TO PAX CHRISTI

## WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

## 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.*

*Rosary prayed following weekday morning Masses.*

### SACRAMENTS AND PRAYER:

**Baptism** ~ registration and info at [www.paxchristi.com/baptism](http://www.paxchristi.com/baptism)

**Confirmation** ~ info at [www.paxchristi.com/confirmation](http://www.paxchristi.com/confirmation)

**First Eucharist** ~ registration and info at [www.paxchristi.com/eucharist](http://www.paxchristi.com/eucharist)

**First Reconciliation** ~ registration/info at [www.paxchristi.com/reconciliation](http://www.paxchristi.com/reconciliation)

**Marriage and Wedding Prep** ~ [www.paxchristi.com/marriage](http://www.paxchristi.com/marriage)

**Rosary** ~ Rosary prayed following weekday morning Masses.

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

### ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS AND OTHER "MOVERS":

How would you like to help Pax Christi save money by a simple email or phone call? If you plan on being out of town and notify the post office to forward your mail, also contact Maria Miller in the parish office, 952-405-7217, or [mmiller@paxchristi.com](mailto:mmiller@paxchristi.com), and she will do a temporary address change for the magazine, the PaxChristiNews. Or you can have the magazine stopped until you are back in town. You always have the option to view it each month online on our "NEWS" page.

## HOMECOMING TAILGATE CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 5/6 FOLLOWING SATURDAY 5:00pm and SUNDAY 11:00am Masses

Whether you wear the purple, or the green and gold, all are welcome! Wear your favorite jersey of any color to the Pax Christi Tailgate/Homecoming Celebration. Join us as we celebrate the start of stewardship month. We'll be serving hotdogs, chips, and refreshments after Saturday's 5:00pm Mass and Sunday's 11:00am Mass.

## A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



Dear Friends:

This past week brought the death of our former archbishop, Harry J. Flynn, who led this archdiocese for about a dozen years until his retirement in 2007. It was an often tumultuous tenure for him, and he would frequently say that if he had his life to live over again, "I'd spend every day as a priest but not one of them as a bishop." I think he meant that. Archbishop Flynn had his limitations and weaknesses, as we all do, but I don't think I ever met a more gracious, kind, and compassionate man—even amid all of the pressures of his ministry. He was unfailingly kind to me and to my parents, especially at the time of their deaths. I last saw him about 18 months ago at a restaurant in St. Paul, dining with some other priests. When he saw me he immediately came over to the table to say hello, and when I stood up to greet him he politely demanded that I sit right back down. He tended to be formal in his manners, but didn't demand that from others in return.

Archbishop Flynn also had a great sense of humor. About 20 years ago I was invited to a Christmas party at the home of some parishioners in Richfield. I had no idea that he'd be part of the guest list, and when I walked into the house, he arose and said, "Hello Fr. Byron, it's such a pleasure to see you." One of the other guests there looked at him blankly and said, "What's up with this 'Father Byron?' Hell, this is 'Little Mikey.'" Ever afterward when I'd see the archbishop he would tell me that he thought "Little Mikey" was a perfect name for me, and that he intended to use it henceforth.

I have often reflected on his telling of the story of how he became a bishop. He was a priest in the diocese of Albany, New York, and was called one day by the Vatican's Apostolic Nuncio to request that he agree to take on this new role. He didn't want to, and at first he said no. Then the nuncio called back and explained to him that this was Jesus Christ inviting him to take on the role of bishop, and so he relented. I am aware that I am a bit jaded in some respects about church institutions, but it struck me that Archbishop Flynn was able to be persuaded that the desires of the Roman Curia and the will of Jesus Christ could be conflated to be the same thing. He was unquestionably a "man of the church," perhaps to a fault sometimes, and he submitted in obedience to do what was being asked of him. I don't think I could have done that (and don't worry, the occasion will never present itself).

He made a lot of friends among us and decided to live out his final years in Minnesota rather than at his cabin in the mountains of his native eastern New York. I count it a true blessing to have known him, as I'm sure many of you do, too. May he rest well in God's peace.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Seven Mondays STARTING September 30–November 11, 5:30–7:30pm

### FALL BOOK CLUB

*The Universal Christ* by Fr. Richard Rohr **RSVP**  
Beginning Mondays, 6:30–8:00pm, September 30  
OR Thursdays, 10:00–11:30am, October 3

### FARE FOR ALL

Tuesday, October 1, 3:30–5:30pm

### FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Friday, October 4, beginning with Mass at 8:30am

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 5, 9:00am

### SEPARATED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

Beginning Monday, October 7, 6:30-8:00pm, The Church of St. Edward

### MOMS ROCK: BALANCING ACT WITH ANGELA EIFERT

Wednesday, October 9, 9:30–11:30am, Room 212, \$10 **RSVP**

### SMARTPHONE 101

Saturday, October 19, 9:30–11:00am **RSVP**

### THE WOUNDED BODY OF CHRIST

*Clergy Abuse Discussion Groups* **RSVP**  
Four Tuesdays, beginning October 22, 6:30-8:00pm  
OR Four Wednesdays, beginning October 23, 9:30–11:00am

### TWELVE BASKETS HAT & MITTEN DRIVE

Weekend of October 26/27

### MEMORIAL MASS

Saturday, November 2, 5:00pm Mass

## FAITH FORMATION BEGINS NEXT WEEK!

Faith, Fun, and Friendships! We need catechists in the Finding God program on both Sunday at 6:30pm and Wednesdays at 5:15pm and 6:00pm. Training, support, materials, and more are all provided. Groups of 8–10 children are placed within grades and our goal is to have two leaders per group. We waive tuition for leaders as well as offer childcare. Our wonderful youth need YOU! Questions? Contact Renee Dignan, rdignan@paxchrisi.com.

**THE FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM BEGINS THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6!**

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Monday, September 30

8:30am **MASS**  
3:00pm Chair Yoga  
6:30pm Fall Book Club  
6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg.  
6:30pm Troop 370 Mtg.  
6:30pm Venture Crew 370

### Tuesday, October 1

8:30am **MASS**  
9:00am Women w/Spirit Bible Study  
3:30pm Fare for All  
6:00pm 50+ Basketball  
7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal  
7:00pm Baptism Prep Session

### Wednesday, October 2

9:30am Tot-Time Open Gym  
11:00am Tai Chi  
6:00pm **MASS**

### Thursday, October 3

8:30am **Word/Communion Service**  
9:00am Quilter's Ministry  
10:00am Fall Book Club  
6:00pm Just Engagement  
6:00pm Pax Christi Basketball  
6:30pm Vatican II Session  
7:00pm Al-Anon  
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:30pm Music Ministry

### Friday, October 4

8:30am **MASS**  
9:00am First Friday Coffee Social

### Saturday, October 5

STEWARDSHIP KICK-OFF WEEKEND  
9:00am Blessing of the Animals  
9:00am Women's AA Group  
9:00am Overeater's Anonymous  
4:00pm Private Reconciliation  
5:00pm **MASS - FR. BYRON**  
6:00pm Homecoming Celebration

### Sunday, October 6

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES  
STEWARDSHIP KICK-OFF WEEKEND  
9:00am **MASS - FR. BYRON**  
9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
11:00am **MASS - FR. BYRON**  
11:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
12:00pm Homecoming Celebration  
5:00pm **MASS - FR. BYRON**  
6:00pm Sunday Evening Meal  
6:30pm Faith Formation Sessions  
6:30pm Young Married Couples Group

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

## PRAYER CORNER

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:**

Kris, Greg, Amanda, Sherry, Ira, Steve, Calvin, Carmen, Martin, Alann, Ana Marie, Curt, Kathryn, Mark, Steve, Gayle, Sandy, Mary Jane, Sidney, Bob, Joyce, and the R Family.

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.

## PARISHIONERS' ART EXHIBIT: ARTISTS NEEDED!!

We invite you display your artwork at this years Parishioners' Art Exhibit! The exhibit will run November 24 through December 15 in the Pacem In Terris Gallery. The guidelines and registration forms are available on the parish website, [www.paxchristi.com/artexhibits](http://www.paxchristi.com/artexhibits). The registration deadline is November 20 and the drop-off date is November 24.

	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget	Last Year Actual	Variance from Last Year
<b>Week #11 Contributions</b>	57,569	62,000	(4,431)	65,096	(7,527)
<b>YTD through Week #11</b>	517,988	510,000	7,988	544,344	(26,356)
19-20 Contribution Goal - \$2,700,000					