God’s love knows no barriers. St. Pascal’s...where all people matter.
Welcome! We hope you enjoy your time with us. Whether you are just visiting, looking for a parish home or already part of our faith community, it’s great to have you with us. Whatever your life circumstances, wherever you have been or whatever has happened in your life, you are welcome here. Please join us after Sunday Mass for hospitality and to find out more.

JANUARY 21, 2018 | 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:20

Dear Friends:

I was intrigued by last weekend’s second reading at Mass, taken from Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians (6:13f), on the topic of what was called “immorality” of the body. Specifically, I became aware that when I hear Paul caution against "immorality" I tend to interpret that through the lens of sexuality. That does seem to be part of it, but upon closer examination of the text it is clear that Paul is speaking in the first instance here about the proper use of food. This section of his letter is warning against using any of our physical appetites inappropriately for mere personal gratification without limits. I think that my default correlation of "immorality" with "sordid sexuality" is understandable because the long history of our Catholic teaching tradition has tended to conflate those two categories together, in practice if not always in doctrine. But there is nothing in the English word "morals" that refers automatically and solely to sexuality. Rather the word more nearly means "human behavior" in a far more broad and general sense. How often do you or I think of our eating habits as moral activities? But they are, whether it is the amount we consume (overindulgence), or the specific things we consume (e.g. toxic beverages or junk snacks), or the relative expense devoted to eating vs. other necessary life activities, or a consideration of where the food has come from and how humans and/or animals may have been exploited or abused in processing it, etc. All of our consumption of food and drink is the result of choices we make, which makes it a properly "moral" decision.

And the category of "morality" also rightly includes all kinds of choices we face about things that aren't narrowly personal. Our Catholic tradition has a whole body of "social moral teachings" that too many of us know too little about, teachings that impact everything from the economy to immigration to the accumulation of surplus wealth to housing and education and care for the poor, elderly, sick and unborn. These are not merely issues of politics; they are issues of religion.

Why is this important to know? Because it can be relatively easy for people (like me) to think of themselves as "morally good" because they are sexually chaste and they are opposed to abortion. That’s an excellent start, but is not yet a sufficient inventory for any fully Catholic conscience. I mention all this because labels like "moral" or "immoral," when they are applied to human beings, really don’t yet tell us much about what they mean, since many of us (again, like me) tend to make automatic associations about those descriptions that may or may not be very accurate or sufficient.

Of course we all strive to be "morally good," but let’s not be too quick to condense that goal into something more narrow than it really is.

Fr. Mike Byron

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**Lent 2018 Bible Study**

**Galatians: Free in Christ**

Through this Galatians Bible study, participants discover why conversion in Christ offers a new life of truly radical freedom. Groups/times available are:

- Tuesdays, 8:15-9:45 am—starts February 13
- Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm—starts February 13
- Thursdays, 9:30-11 am—starts February 15

If you would like to join one of the groups, please register by February 5. Forms are available in the kiosks, or you can register online at www.stpascals.org. Suggested fee is $15/person. To sign up, get more information, or arrange to pick up a book, contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

**Woodbury Area Residents**

Our elderly parishioners living in Woodbury who are no longer able to come to church would appreciate a friendly visit from a parishioner. Bring a bulletin and stay for a visit. Just one person to visit once every week or so. If you are available and interested call Ann Karner 330.0024.

**Listening House**

St. Pascal’s supports the Eastside-Listening House dubbed “the living room of the homeless” by donating socks, underwear & coffee cups. Please place these items in the marked boxes in the donation closet. This is an ongoing ministry of the Women’s Club—thank you for your generous support.

**New at St. Pascal’s**

**Professional Counseling Program**

Holidays can be wonderful, warm times of personal and family celebration. They can also bring moments of stress, excessive demands on the self and communication challenges. So perhaps the new year is a good time to consider sharing any struggles and difficulties with a compassionate and non-judgmental counselor.

Jean Gregg, LICSW, is a professional counselor who worked with the Catholic Charities Counseling Program for 42 years, until the agency closed its mental health programs last September, and she will now be at St. Pascal’s to see clients every Monday afternoon. Insurance and private fee payment are accepted.

If you are interested in making an appointment to see if this would be a good resource for you, please call Jean at 321.3445.

**Free Concert: Four Ever Young**

**Sunday, January 21, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM**

Chase away the winter blues! The members of the St. Pascal’s house band, Four Ever Young, invite you to a FREE concert at the Woodbury indoor amphitheater, located between the Woodbury Stafford library and the YMCA. (8595 Central Park Pl, #100, Woodbury). Enjoy the beautiful indoor park and waterfall while listening to some fun music!

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**Baptized in Christ**

We welcome into our community of faith:

- Leo James Newstrom
  child of Amber and Nicholas
  and
- William Douglas Krueger
  child of Kevin and Sarah

who were recently Baptized in our church. May God bless these households of faith.
Register for the 2018-19 School Year
The 2018-2019 Enrollment Season Kick-Off has begun! Are you interested in checking out St. Pascal Baylon Catholic School? We are currently offering tours and meeting with families interested in our program! Schedule a visit today!

Kindergarten Shadow Opportunity
Pre-K families interested in SPBSC Kindergarten experience a one-hour snapshot of a “day in the life of a SPBSC Kindergartner”! This opportunity includes a tour of the school, observation, and finishes with a Q&A with our Admissions Director, Jackie Nordman.

Upcoming January Events:
24 6:00 PM Plaza Movie Night
28 10:00 AM Preschool-8th Grade Open House
29 5:00-7:00 PM SunRay Culver’s Night
29 Catholic Schools Week begins!

Heggie’s Pizza Sale
7th and 8th graders at St. Pascal’s are selling Heggie’s Pizzas to raise funds for their Washington DC trip. There are many different varieties of pizzas available and they can be ordered from any of the 7th or 8th grade students. Checks can be made out to “St. Pascal’s School”. Pizzas will be delivered on Tuesday, February 13.

The 2018 Catholic Services Appeal
The CSA supports 18 Collective Ministries of our Archdiocese that are the shared ministries of this Archdiocese that no one parish can support on its own. We ask that you once again open your generous hearts to hear the cry of the many people in need who are served by these ministries. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge. You can visit our website at www.csafpsm.org for more information regarding the 18 Collective Ministries.

The 18 Collective Ministries are:

Thank you for your generosity.
—Catholic Services Appeal Foundation

2018 Mission Trip Spots Still Available
There are still a few spots available for the youth mission trip to Nashville from July 14-22. Open to youth entering grades 9-12 in September 2018. Contact Kim Roering in the parish office for details.

Mexican Dinner and Silent Auction
A Fundraiser for the 2018 Mission Trip to Nashville
Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 5:00-7:00 PM
Join us for tacos, Spanish rice, black beans, chips and cheese, dessert, and more!

Adults: $8
Children 6-12: $5
Children 5 and under: Free!
Family Rate: $30

The silent auction has gift baskets and includes certificates to some of your favorite hotels, restaurants, and businesses. Dinner tickets will be available for purchase after weekend Masses on January 20/21, and at the door. Silent Auction items also available to view/bid on January 20/21, and at the dinner.

Mark Your Calendar
Saturday, April 21: The 15th annual St. Pascal’s Friends & Family event!
Don’t miss our fun spring fundraiser. Questions? Call or email Mike Aeling at 307.8237 or mjaeling@gmail.com.

St. Pascal’s Legacy Society
What do bequests, making St Pascal’s a beneficiary of your life insurance or IRA, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, and memorial gifts all have in common? They are ways you can pass on your Catholic Heritage, Faith and Love for St. Pascal’s through planned giving. Please consider naming St. Pascal’s and other charitable organizations you care about when you complete your estate plan. If you want more information on St. Pascal’s Legacy Society, please call Theresa Ruttger at the parish office at 774.1585 ext. 130 or talk to a member of the Legacy Committee—Ellen Aeling, Mike Aeling, Susan Hommes, Joe Sullivan, or Brigid O’Malley.
Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, January 23
7:30 AM  + Denis Hines

Wednesday, January 24
9:30 AM  + Terry Lemke

Thursday, January 25
7:30 AM  Special Intention

Friday, January 26
7:30 AM  People of the Parish

Saturday, January 27
4:30 PM  + Andrew Wappel

Sunday, January 28
8:45 AM  People of the Parish
10:30 AM  + Ernest Mondry

Heart Questions

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."  
Mark 1:14–15

Adults: What part of your life is Jesus calling you to change right now?

Kids: In what way do you think you can be a better follower of Jesus?

Readings

Sunday:
Jon 3:1-5, 10  
Ps 25:4-9  
1 Cor 7:29-31  
Mk 1:14-20

Monday:
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10  
Ps 89:20-22, 25-26  
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday:
2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19  
Ps 24:7-10  
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday:
2 Sm 7:4-17  
Ps 89:4-5, 27-30  
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday:
Acts 22:3-16  
Ps 117:1-2  
Mk 16:15-18

Friday:
2 Tm 1:1-8  
Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10  
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday:
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17  
Ps 51:12-17  
Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday:
Dt 18:15-20  
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9  
1 Cor 7:32-35  
Mk 1:21-28

Stewardship of Treasure

Financial Gifts – July-December, 2017
For fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Parish (July - December)
Income  $797,039.62  
Expenses  $555,304.75
(Parish expenses do not include school support)

School (July-December)
School Financials will be available in next week’s bulletin.

Thank you so much for your continued support. Questions? Please let me know.
—Theresa Ruttger, Parish Administrator

2018 Stewardship Pledge Update

310 households have pledged $579,431.00 for 2018. We are a bit behind last year’s total of 323 households pledging $627,651.00.

There are cards in the Gather Space, so it’s not too late to pledge for 2018. Thanks to all who have made a commitment to St. Pascal’s for the coming year. Your generosity ensures that our ministries will continue to bring the light of Christ to the East Side and beyond.
Sunday, January 21
After Masses  Silent Auction Preview (Mission Trip): CM
10:00am    Money Counter Meeting: PC
12:00pm    Confirmation I Orientation: OC
2:00pm    Girl Scouts: CF

Monday, January 22
9:30am    Nia: OC
6:30pm    Prebaptism session: PC
7:00pm    Boy Scouts 294: CF, 108
7:00pm    Conway Rec Center: Gym

Tuesday, January 23
7:00pm    Conway Rec Center: Gym

Wednesday, January 24
9:00am    Rosary: CH
9:30am    School Mass—All are welcome!
6:00pm    Family Movie Night: The Plaza Theater
6:30pm    Faith Formation: LB, OC, 101, 105
7:00pm    Conway Rec Center: Gym
7:00pm    Choir: CR

Thursday, January 25
9:30am    Nia: OC
4:30pm    P/T Conferences
6:30pm    Finance Council: FR
7:00pm    H-M Volleyball: Gym

Friday, January 26
NO SCHOOL
8:00am    P/T Conferences

Saturday, January 27
10:00am    Dinner Prep: BH, Kit
5:00pm    Mexican Dinner (Mission Trip): BH, Kit

Sunday, January 28—Catholic Schools Week Begins
After Masses  New Member Registration: BH
10:00am    CSW Open House: School
11:45am    Confirmation Interviews: Parish Office
1:00pm    Private Event: BH

Meeting Location Key:
BH: Brioschi Hall, CF: Cafeteria, CH: Church, CM: Commons, CR: Choir
Room, FR: Founders Room, LB: Library, OC: Old Church, PC: Parish
Conference Room

Walking Through Grief Spouse Loss Group
Sessions Begin February 5
Mondays: February 5, 12, 19, 26 and March 5 from 1:00 – 2:30 PM
Arlington Hills United Methodist Church
759 East County Road B, Maplewood

When you are on the journey of grief, it is often helpful to seek the
support of others.

HealthEast Hospice is offering a five-session grief support group
that is intended for people who are grieving the death of their
spouse or significant other. Group members will have opportunities
to reflect on grief and loss, and receive relevant grief education and
materials.

There is no charge for the group but registration is required as
space is limited. Please register by Monday, January 29:
Grief Support Services at griefsupportservices@healtheast.org or
call 232.3543.