

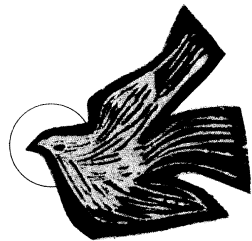
**Chili Cook-Off : Saturday January 28 at 5:00 PM****Winter Warm  
Chili Cook-Off**

We are inviting you to join in on a **Chili Cookoff , January 28, at 5:00 PM** in our Church Hall. Bring your family and friends for an evening of relaxing over a hot meal with fellow parishioners.

**There will be signup sheets at the back of church** for anyone who would like to bring a piping hot crockpot of your favorite chili for entry into our chili tasting. For our non-chili lovers we will also have sign-up for your favorite soup/stew. Or just bring your appetite. A dessert to share is appreciated. A side dish will be provided for young children. We will have entertainment for the kids.



**Whatever your preference please come and visit with fellow parishioners.** We would love to see you there!!

**Confirmation for Adults**

**Adult Catholics (ages 18 and older) who have been baptized, received First Eucharist and are practicing their faith but have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in preparation sessions for adults on February 9 and 23, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.**

Confirmation is the third Sacrament of Initiation in the Catholic Church. Confirmation is required for one to serve as a Godparent or as a Confirmation Sponsor, and is highly recommended prior to marriage in the Church.

*Why does one need Confirmation? Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:*

- ◇ *it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation [becoming adopted sons and daughters of God] which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!"*
- ◇ *it unites us more firmly to Christ;*
- ◇ *it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;*
- ◇ *it renders our bond with the Church more perfect;*
- ◇ *it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross.*

-from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1303

Know someone who needs Confirmation? Please share this information with them. If you have questions or are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Pattie Batchman at the Parish Office 440-298-1327.

**St. Patrick's Dinner & Reverse Raffle: Saturday March 11, 2017**

**Corned Beef Dinner at 6:00 pm**

**Doors open at 5:00 pm**

**Main Board Prize \$1,250.00**

**Raffle begins at 7:00 pm**

**Side Boards**

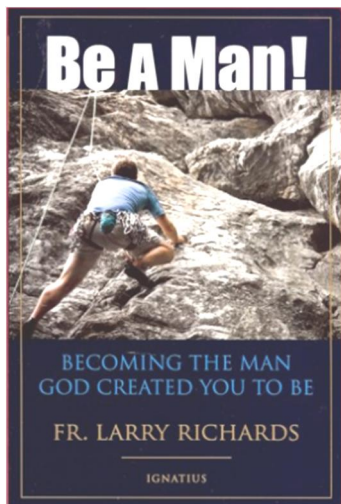
**Ticket Cost: \$30.00 each**



**St. Patrick's Dinner & Reverse Raffle Committee needs a few more volunteers**, especially people willing to sell tickets after Masses, decorate the hall and set up, serving food and kitchen clean-up, help with side boards during the event and clean up after the event.

Please contact Jane Myden at 440-968-3474 or Diane Long at 440-298-3440 with questions or to volunteer to help.

Men's Lenten Reflection Series begins Thursday February 23, 7-8 PM



**Commit to making this Lent meaningful by purposefully growing closer to God**

Gather with other men for prayer, a focus on Scripture and learn what Fr. Larry Richards has to share to help you become the man God created you to be. Deacon Phil will facilitate the group on **Thursdays from 7- 8:30 PM, Feb. 23 to April 6.**

Father Richards stresses that a relationship with Christ reveals the meaning of a man's life and his identity as a man. He inspires men to become the true heroes they long to be--men of authentic courage, compassion and integrity. He tells men how to focus on the right goal, how to live as a beloved son of God, of the need to acknowledge one's faults and to live according to the Holy Spirit, to be a man of true love and of wisdom, to appreciate properly the differences between men and women, to pursue holiness, and to make a difference in the world.

Questions? Contact Deacon Phil Kraynik at [phillipkraynik@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phillipkraynik@sbcglobal.net) or call 440-254-4270.

To SIGN UP to Participate in MEN'S LENTEN SERIES: COMPLETE THIS FORM AND PLACE IN BASKET IN CHURCH

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Women's Lenten Reflection Series begins Tuesday February 21, 6:15 –7:30 PM

**... and for Women the same opportunity...**  
**Commit to making this Lent meaningful by purposefully growing closer to God**

Gather with other women for prayer, a focus on Scripture and purposefully growing closer to God through discussion and learning from each other. The Spiritual Life Ministry will sponsor this series and is currently reviewing potential resources to be used. More information on the resource will be announced soon.



The sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings, 6:15—7:30 PM, during scheduled PSR sessions, February 21 through April 4.

All women are invited to participate!!

Questions? Call the Parish Office at 440-298-1327.

To SIGN UP to Participate in WOMEN'S LENTEN SERIES: COMPLETE THIS FORM AND PLACE IN BASKET IN CHURCH or call the Parish Office.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_



**Advent and Christmas were times to care for others & focus on the real reason for the season– Jesus!**

**“Giving Tree” gift donations were collected, organized and delivered by Outreach Ministry members on Dec. 21 & 22 ...**



**... caring for others in the Thompson community**



**Children’s Nativity and “Silent Night” choir at 4:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve ...**



**... helping us remember the real reason for Christmas!!**

**January 15, 2017**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**Jan/Feb Calendar**