

Your Prayers Appreciated for Those Actively Serving in the Military:

- ◇ *Daren Dalton, grandson of Trudi & Larry Clark.*
- ◇ *Daniel Flick, grandson of Mrs. Helen Flick.*
- ◇ *Caitlyn Geisman, daughter of Carol & John Geisman.*
- ◇ *Daniel Kraynik, son of Deacon Phil & Betty Kraynik.*
- ◇ *John Connor Redmond, nephew of Fr. Dan Redmond.*
- ◇ *Jake Takacs, nephew of Carol & Jim Sirl.*
- ◇ *Cade Yandell, nephew of Rich & Cheryl DeFrancesco*
- ◇ *Tom Zarack, son of Gayle & Tom Zarack.*



We would like to honor and pray for those members of our parish, and their immediate family members, who are actively serving in any of the five branches of our military forces (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy). Please send (phillipkraynik@sbcglobal.net), or give, your loved ones' name and branch of service to Deacon Phil.

Why do Catholics do that?

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Perhaps you've been thinking of becoming a member of St. Patrick Church, or perhaps you are just curious about what Catholics believe. Please join us for coffee and donuts on January 7th, following Mass during Donut Sunday, for a 30-minute question-and-answer session. We'll meet in the lower hall, and all are welcome. If you'd like more information, e-mail Pattie Batchman at batchman.pattie@gmail.com or call the Parish Office 440-298-1327.

**Men! HOLD THE DATE!**

On Saturday, February 24, 2018, Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio is holding its 18th annual "Answer the Call" conference at the centrally located Holiday Inn Rockside in Independence. The theme of the conference will be "Developing Your Relationship with Christ." Key speakers will be Peter Herbeck, Eric Mahl and Greg Wasinski. See our website www.cmfneo.com.

Special Pilgrimage In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle

Special pilgrimage In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle featuring a 3 night Greek Islands & Turkey Cruise.

Sept. 19-29, 2018 from Cleveland Hopkins Airport with Bus pick up at both St. Helens, Newbury and St. Anselm Chesterland, Ohio. Spiritual direction by Fr. Jay McPhillips and Fr. Steve Spisak.

Call Jim Adair at The Catholic Tour in Newbury for brochures and further information. Pilgrimage will be visiting: Athens, Pireus, Kalabaka, Philippi, Kavala, Thessalonki, Corinth in Greece and Kusadasi (Ephesus) in Turkey, and the Greek Islands of Patmos, Heraklion, Santorini, and Mykonos. Call Mr. James Adair at 1-855-564-1008 toll free or simply e-mail jimadair@thecatholictour.com.

Programs for the New Year at Jesuit Retreat House

Women's Retreat - Spiritual Growth in the Gospel of Loving Kindness. January 22-25. Presented by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery SC, Sr. Mary Ann Spangler, HM & Sr. Jeanne Tighe, SFCC. The concept of 'Loving Kindness' is gaining much attention among all religions although it stems from an Eastern concept applied to meditative prayer. We will explore the Gospels for their richness in this virtue, discuss how we can pray with Loving Kindness and grow deeper in it. We will also explore writers and spiritual leaders to determine how kindness made them more peaceful in times of duress and challenge. Cost: \$210.

January Pre-Baptism Class for Parents. January 29. 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. This class is for parents seeking to have their infants baptized into the Catholic faith and meets Sacramental preparation requirements of the Diocese. Please check with your parish to make arrangements for baptism. The evening includes reflection on the meaning of Baptism, hallmarks of the Sacrament, and the role of parents and godparents in raising children with faith. Cost: \$20/couple.

Rosary Hall AA Men's Retreat. February 2-4. Facilitated by Bob Linton and Matt Pullar. We are Flawed, Gifted and Called: The Spirituality of Imperfection and The 12 Steps. Cost: \$155.

Offered at Jesuit Retreat House, 5629 State Rd., Parma. To register contact 440-884-9300 or visit www.jrh-cleveland.org.

Jan/Feb calendar

House Blessing insert

4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass: December 24, 2017

Children were invited to participate in special ways at the 4:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Mass.

Children participated in a live Children's Christmas Nativity, beginning at 3:45 P.M. before the Christmas Eve Mass. Children sang "Silent Night" as part of our Communion reflection also.

Young children also participated in the Offertory Procession, bringing up a gift, which will benefit local children through the Geauga County Job and Family Service outreach program. Children sang "Silent Night" as part of the Communion reflection also.

Many thanks to Mrs. Marilyn Schwartz and PSR catechists and parents who worked to plan and organize these meaningful activities to help children learn about the real reason for Christmas—Jesus and His call for us to serve Him by helping others!

**Chili Cook-Off : Saturday, February 10 at 5:00 PM****Winter Warm Chili Cook-Off**

We are inviting you to join in on a **Chili Cook-off**, **February 10, 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 sign-up 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!!