

**Your Prayers Appreciated for Those Actively Serving in the Military:**

- ◇ *Jeromy Bacher, son of James & Jennifer Bacher.*
- ◇ *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.

**St. Patrick's Dinner & Reverse Raffle: Saturday March 17, 2018**

**Ticket sales  
will begin on  
Feb. 3 & 4**

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

**Raffle begins at 7:00 pm**

**Doors open at 5:00 pm**

**Side Boards**

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

**Ticket Cost: \$30.00 each**

**Proceeds will be used for the landscaping this spring  
for the reconstructed front portico.**



**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, bring a desert, serving food and kitchen clean-up, help with side boards during the event and clean up after the event.

**Want to help, but can't volunteer for any of the above?** Consider donating a basket or individual items for the basket raffle that is also part of the evening events. "Theme-oriented" baskets are especially fun and much appreciated!

**Please contact Trudi Clark at 440-254-4015, Jane Myden at 440-968-3474, or Diane Long at 440-298-3440** with questions or to volunteer to join the committee or to discuss how you could best help. **Thank You!!**

**Men! HOLD THE DATE!**

**On Saturday, February 24, 2018, Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio is holding its 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:jimadair@thecatholictour.com).

**Rite of Acceptance with our RCIA Catechumens and Candidate**

The Rite of Acceptance is the first of the “threshold rites” of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Last Sunday, January 7th, during the 9:30 am Mass we celebrated the Rite of Acceptance here at St. Patrick, publically accepting and welcoming our participants in the RCIA process. The three participants in RCIA have been meeting weekly since last September for prayer and learning about our Catholic traditions and teachings. They have also gathered with our faith community for the celebration of Mass, seeking to know and grow closer to God. **Our participants this year in RCIA are: Sara and Celia Bowen, our catechumens, and William Verbic, our candidate.** What a blessing they are to our parish community!



The Rite of Acceptance is the first of the “threshold rites” of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), and the first public ritual. In the Rite of Acceptance, a change of identity takes place: those previously known as inquirers become catechumens. They are officially welcomed by the Church as disciples, members (albeit not yet full members) of the household of faith. This rite is “the first consecration by the Church” of those seeking Christian initiation. During the rite they are “marked with the cross of Christ” as God’s own.

The entire Christian community takes an active part in the celebration of the Rite of Acceptance. The gathered community and its welcome, as well as the inquirers and their promise of discipleship, are essential to this rite. During the Rite of Acceptance, the participants and their sponsors were called forth. Your presence and prayer support are especially meaningful to our RCIA participants.

***Please lift Sara, Celia and William in your prayers this week, and through Lent and the Easter Vigil—to provide continuing support as they journey in faith and prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation!***



**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!!