

Greetings,

The New Year has arrived and we have much to be thankful for and much to Pray for. I would like to share with you today some Special Prayer requests for the following individuals and their families:

Patty R., a friend of Father Sam's has recently discovered that she has cancer. Please keep her and her family in your Prayers as they chart a course for her treatment.

Judy S is currently battling cancer and has just completed a second surgery on December 16th. Judy has been a very active volunteer in the Greater Hartford community for several years. In addition, Judy and her husband Art are personally very involved in their faith community.

Bobby S had surgery for a brain tumor approximately 2 years ago and has recently been diagnosed with a severe form of bone cancer. Bobby collapsed in the month of December, was rushed to the hospital for evaluation, and is currently in a health care rehabilitation center.

Sofia D. and her mother are battling several health issues and request your Prayers to strengthen them at this difficult time.

Mike M. recently underwent a quadruple bypass and a valve replacement in December. He is in his mid-fifties and now is in recovery, building up his strength. We are Praying for his complete recovery.

Dennis P. from Feeding Hills, MA. who works locally with one of our Parishioners. Dennis has lost one lung to cancer, he has cancer of the esophagus and just recently he had a tracheotomy. Please keep Dennis in your Prayers as he works towards his recovery.

Joanne C. is undergoing diagnostic tests for Lupus. Joanne is a dedicated Parishioner and longtime volunteer. We Pray that she receives encouraging test results.

Stephanie B. has returned home after her surgery at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in NYC. She is recovering from this, her second surgery for colon cancer and is preparing to begin Chemo Therapy. Please keep Stephanie, her husband Kevin and their family in your Prayers. Stephanie taught gymnastics to my daughter Lauren. Kevin is a member of Council 3600 of the Knights of Columbus. He provided Chiropractic Back Massages at a past Knights of Columbus Blood Drive to help Donors pass the time as they waited for an open table to donate blood.

Liz C. continues with her cancer treatments. She concentrates on her physical health and well-being after her chemo and radiation therapy for lung cancer. Her daughter

has just begun Kindergarten. Liz completed her initial treatments and is awaiting further test results that will come next month. Those results will determine her next steps. It is a challenging and demanding journey that she is on and your Prayers and support have lightened the load for the family. This is an especially important time for her. Please keep Liz, her daughter and her mother, Shelia, in your Prayers. Liz's father Jim was a longtime Financial Secretary for Council 3600.

I received an update from Shelia. **Liz is now living with one lung and her recent test results confirmed that she now appears Cancer Free.** She has a difficult road ahead, but this is the great news we were Praying for. The family sends along their heartfelt gratitude for all of your Prayers. Please continue to keep Liz and her family in your Prayers.

Kathleen Theresa S. turned one year old in October. She is doing very well from her surgery and the doctors are pleased with her recovery. She has come through a lot during this past year and our Prayers were with the family all along their journey. She has new challenges to meet and the family is so grateful for the continued Prayers. Kathleen is a very happy baby and quite good natured, the family is very blessed. Please continue to keep Kathleen and her family in your Prayers. Kathleen is the granddaughter of John and Peggy S., longtime Parishioners of the Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle.

Tim and Teresa G. are former Parishioners of the Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle. Teresa was a past President of the STA Women's Club. They moved to Indiana about 7 years ago where Tim accepted a position as Associate Professor at a major University. Tim recently discovered that he has colon cancer and has recently begun treatments. Tim had his 2nd round of chemo last month and is doing well. The side effects weren't as bad this time. He is going to the gym and working out a few times a week and eating a very healthy diet. He has 2 more rounds of chemo and then more testing. Please keep Tim, Teresa and their three children in your Prayers at this time.

Dave D. continues his battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. Dave and Nora are long time Parishioners of the Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle. Dave and his son Rory are members of Council 3600. Please keep Dave, Nora and their children in your Prayers.

There are also several special Private requests for Prayers that I have received. Please keep these special intentions in your Daily Meditations.

Remember that Prayers are Free to give and Priceless to Receive.

If you received this email in error or do not wish to receive these in the future, just let me know. If you know of someone who can use some special Prayers or who would like to join our Prayer Request effort, please feel free to pass this on.

Thank you, Michael