Bone marrow drive will help heart transplant recipient

Five years after she received a heart transplant, Xavia Pirozzi, a parishioner of St. Joseph in Fullerton and a student at John Carroll School in Bel Air, is once again facing a fight for her life.

Pirozzi was recently diagnosed with lymphoma and urgently needs a bone marrow transplant. St. Joseph will hold a bone marrow drive Dec. 21 from 3:30 to 8 p.m. in its parish center.

Eligible donors must be between 18 and 60 and in general good health. Registration involves a swab of cells from inside the cheek; no blood is required at this stage. Previously tested individuals do not need to be tested again.

For more information, call 410-274-9944.