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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR, FR. WEARY

As we approach mid-summer, I am filled with gratitude to all who continue to support our Sacred Heart of Jesus School community. The Zoom graduation hosted by 5th grade teacher Jessica Hardin last week was wonderful and seeing the graduates live on video was so touching. Many thanks to all the faculty who have done so much continued online teaching during the coronavirus and to you parents who have been home schooling. Rich and Kathy Graham are working hard to get the school cleaned, polished, waxed and up to date for possible student body re-entry this school year. But who knows what the future holds on that point? Thanks to Deb Henry, Lorie Torquato and B.J. Newcamp for their plans to run the front office, even while keeping their "day" jobs. Once again, blessings on Dr. Joseph Maginnis who gave us a great six years of dedicated service as principal. Let's pray for a great upcoming school year, rich in learning and God's grace.

Father Bill
Pastor



DEVELOPMENT

The auction committee would like to offer a heartwarming thank you to everyone who participated in and volunteered during our 22nd Annual All-Cash Raffle, Virtual Auction, and Chicken BBQ. While we missed coming together at the Youth Park or St. Jude for our big auction weekend, we are very appreciative of your support during these unusual times. Because of you we were still able to hold a successful event.

Congratulations to the All-Cash Raffle Winners –

Ray Fultz- \$1,000

Steph O'Donnell-\$500

Jimmy & Alaina Zannino-\$250

Deb Bigelow-\$150

Charlie Vogt-\$100!

Again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of your support and time!

Ashley Henry, Advancement Director

A LETTER TO PARENTS FROM THE DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG REGARDING REOPENING SCHOOLS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR



DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG – Office of Catholic Schools

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June 23, 2020

Dear Parents in our Diocese of Harrisburg Catholic Schools:

Our entire community should be very proud of our Catholic schools. Despite time limitations, a change in paradigm and a uniquely difficult time in our state and country, our schools stopped in-person instruction on March 13 and began distance learning on March 16. Our teachers are faith-filled professionals who give of themselves sacrificially for God, for their schools and for their students. I pray you will join me in thanking our teachers for their outstanding work, and I wish to thank you for your patience and your commitment to Catholic education.

We fully expect to resume school in person in all Catholic schools in the Diocese of Harrisburg in August. To that end, I have been working with a School Reopening Task Force consisting of four of our school principals (Sr. Danielle Truex, Sacred Heart School, Lancaster; Crystal Noel, St. Teresa of Calcutta, McSherrystown; Jodi Reagan, St. Catherine Laboure, Harrisburg; John Cominsky, Trinity High School, Camp Hill) and Dr. Keri Donaldson and Dr. Eric Hillson, both of whom have real expertise in epidemiology, as we prepare guidelines to share with all schools. Our guidelines, written in compliance with the Pennsylvania Department of Education's June 3, 2020 preliminary guidance for schools, should be approved by the Diocesan Board of Education and Catholic Mutual before July 1. Each school will then make a Health and Safety Plan which follows the Diocesan guidelines. As part of these guidelines, we are asking each school to partner with its local board of health.

In planning, our Task Force is using "Leading with Hope" from The Greeley Center for Catholic Education - a template designed for Catholic schools that addresses five domains: Logistics and Planning; Creating and Maintaining Community; Curriculum and Instruction; Promoting Catholic Identity; and Technology Support. While we expect to return to school in person in August, we are also simultaneously planning lessons for distance learning in the event that should be needed for a limited period of time.

Our families will have a variety of needs and circumstances. Please know that our schools stand ready to work closely with you. We will be able to offer distance learning for those students for whom that is the best option.

Thank you for your support of our Catholic schools. Have a blessed summer and be assured of my prayers for you. We are eager to see you in August!

Daniel Breen
Secretary for Education and Superintendent of Catholic Schools
Diocese of Harrisburg

FINANCE

FACTS Tuition Agreement Enrollment/Re-Enrollment

Hello Parents!

Just a reminder that I will be entering transactions into your accounts, including tuition rates, scholarship and financial aid awards, your FACTS fee of \$20, and apply any pre-registration fee you paid this winter as a credit in the next few weeks. You should receive an email or emails as these changes are made to your Agreement. If you have any questions, or feel the amount due is incorrect, please contact me. If you are still in need of financial assistance once these amounts have been entered into the Agreements, please contact me so we can work on additional aid. If you DO NOT receive any of these email notifications, please let me know ASAP. I would like to have this process completed and all Agreements finalized by mid-June if possible.

Again, thank you for choosing Sacred Heart School for your child(ren) and we are here to make every effort to make this process as easy as possible. Do not hesitate to contact me at any time over the summer. Our office hours here at the parish office are 8:30am – 4:30pm M-F.

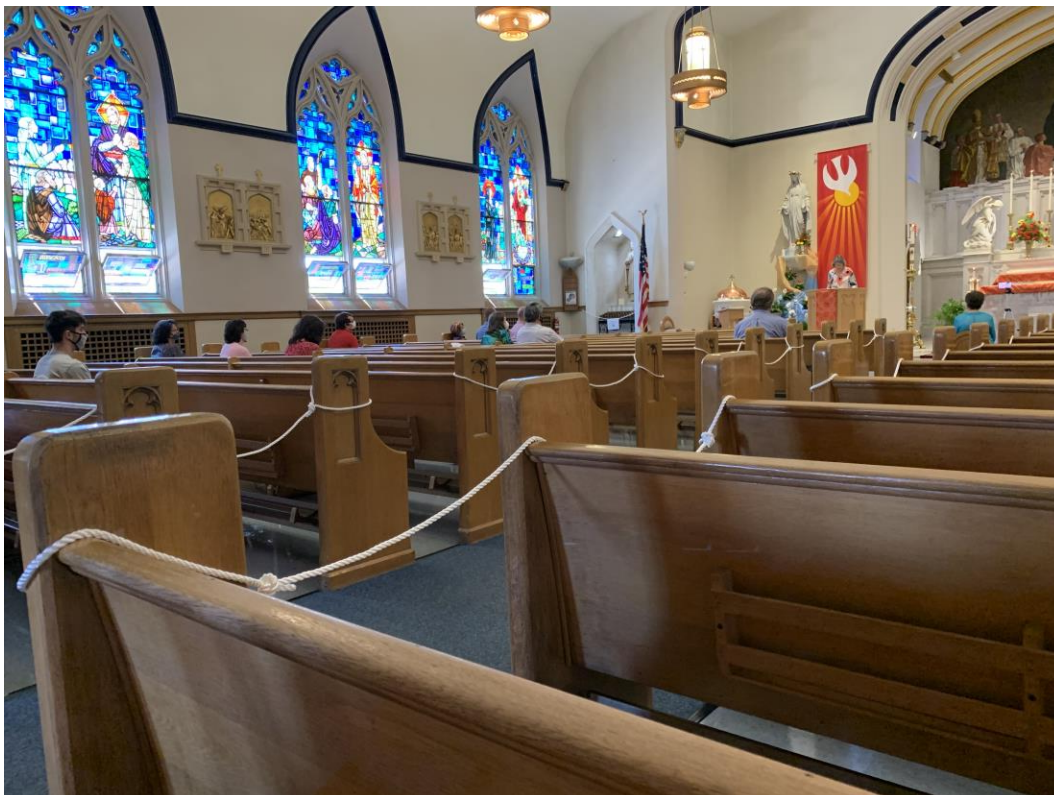
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End-of-Year Accounting

Although the fiscal year has come to an end, we would still appreciate if you would bring any delinquent balances up to date before the new year begins in August. If you are experiencing a problem with finances at this time, feel free to contact me to make other payment arrangements. Thank you for your cooperation!

SACRED HEART PARISH REOPENS FOR MASS UNDER CAREFUL GUIDELINES



A picture of Sacred Heart Church, the first weekend Sunday mass re-opened to the public, which happened to be Pentecost.

As you can see parishioners were seated spread out and wearing masks.

Submitted by Sue Parzanese

STORY TIME

Submitted by Mrs. Deb Henry

Gerald and Fred's Adventure

By: Kenneth Shank



Hello, my name is Gerald. I am a jungle frog from the Amazon rain forest. This is my friend, Fred. He is a swamp frog from the USA. Even though we are different species of frogs born as tadpoles, we became friends.

First, it was normal day in the jungle for me and a normal day for Fred in the swamp. I saw a man coming to capture me. Then, he caught me in his net and next I was in a pet store. I met Fred and he said, "I was also captured in a net and put in a cage at the pet store." We became friends.

Next, five days later, an old lady bought us. I said to Fred, "Let's make a plan to escape." That night, Fred dug a hole underground in the sand for us to hide in. The lady took the lid off to check us. "Where did they go?" she said. Then, I made a sound that sounded like I was somewhere else. "It's working," I said. When the lady left, we jumped out of the top and out the window. I'm glad I didn't have to use my poison!

Finally, Fred and I made it to a swamp forest. We catch food with our tongues and mouths, and we protect ourselves from predators with my poison and Fred's holes. Every day I meet with Fred and have a normal day in the swamp forest eating flies and bugs.



Douglas Gets Kidnapped!

By: Daniel McMonigal

Hello! My name is Douglas, the friendly frog. I have smooth skin, a backbone, legs and a long, sticky tongue. I used to be a tadpole, but then I grew up to be a frog! I am brownish green, and can hide in the water near things that are the same color as me.

One night, I was relaxing in my pond in North America. All of the sudden, I heard something coming from the bushes. Out of nowhere came two scientists! Before I could jump away, I was in a cage getting carried away.

The scientists took me to a lab to study me and my home. Next to me, in another cage, there was a frog named Jimbo. Jimbo said, "I have been here for a long time. Do you want to escape with me?"

I said, "I just got here and I already want to escape. I don't like it here."

Jimbo told me that the scientists took us because they want to study us and our home because some frog homes are in danger. "Why are they in danger?" I asked.

Jimbo said, "Because of pollution, climate change, and roads being built. Some frogs might even go extinct!"

I was glad the scientists were not going to hurt us, but I still wanted to escape.

The next day, when the scientists opened our cages to take us out to study us, Jimbo and I leaped out the front door and hopped into the back of a car, just before it pulled away!

Soon, the driver realized we were in the back, but he was so close to the place he was going that he kept driving until he was there. We realized he was headed to our pond to study it! When he got there, he realized nothing was wrong with our pond. So, he let us go.

"Thank you!" Jimbo and I yelled to the scientist. We were glad he did not hurt us and only wanted to help.

"I'm so glad to be back home!" said Jimbo.

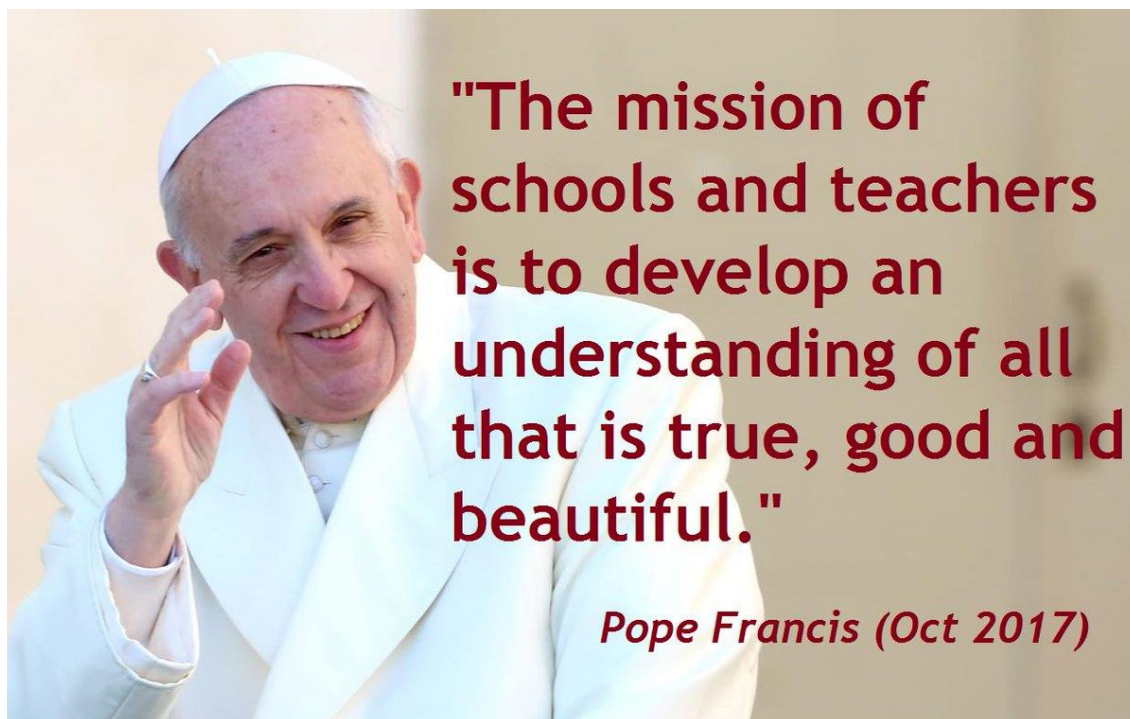
"Me, too." I said. "Are you hungry?"

"Yes!" said Jimbo. "I'll go catch us some flies for dinner!"

"Sounds delightful!" I said, and went to relax again in my pond, waiting for my dinner to arrive.

For more information about our school, please be Sure to check out our Sacred Heart School's new and improved website!

<https://www.sacredheartschool.com/>



July Birthdays

12 – Tabrin Miller
21 – Shanaya Patel
22 – Margaret Miller
28 – Catherine Miller

Something fun to try on a hot summer day!



Submitted by Sue Parzanese