

*December 8, 2020*

## *From the Principal's Office*

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Today, we commemorate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This feast day rejoices in the belief of the sinless life and Immaculate conception of the Virgin Mary.



Sister Marilou MacDonald, IHM, our Religious Enrichment teacher for Grades K-3, renewed her vows this morning during our student led Liturgy at 9:30. Sister Marilou is a dedicated member of our Holy Family community and we are blessed to have her share her love and faith with all of our students, faculty and staff.

## **Report Cards**

Report cards will be distributed to students in Grades K-8 on Friday. Thank you for your support in helping your child do their best during these challenging times! Should you have any questions about your child's report card, you may contact your child's teacher.

Please sign and return the brown envelope that your child will bring home with his/her report card no later than Monday, December 14th. You should keep the report card for your records.



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**To Do List :**

- *Pray for an end to the pandemic*
- *Please be sure to have your mask on properly!*
- *Attend Sunday Mass (see page four for Mass times)*
- *Ned Sale for Grades K-5 by 12/11!*

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# Christmas Virtual Learning Plan

We value the enhanced partnership with our parents regarding the monitoring of the health of our students prior to coming back to school. This has been tremendously effective here at Holy Family.

During the upcoming Christmas holiday, we will rely on that partnership even more, particularly as it pertains to travel. We understand that some families need to quarantine prior to travel to visit aging or compromised family members. To facilitate this, we have virtual learning available during this period to make it easier for you. Please communicate with your child's teacher(s) to facilitate this transition. [Also, please understand that travelers entering Pennsylvania from other countries and states, as well as Pennsylvanians who are returning home from other countries or states are required to have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to entering the Commonwealth or quarantine for 14 days upon return to Pennsylvania.](#)

Archdiocesan policy states that a negative test does not allow for a return from quarantine. If the destination is added to the state list while you are there, even if it was not on the list prior to travel, students would still need to quarantine. If this is in your plans, please let your child's teacher(s) know and plan to pick up all materials prior to your travel.

Another area of concern in which we need your help relates to keeping your child at home if a family member has been exposed to COVID. Moving your child to virtual learning in this situation, can prevent the unnecessary quarantine of other students and provide a safer environment for all.

Traveling to spend time with families is an important activity and one that we value. However, it required additional planning during the pandemic to ensure the safety of all those that travel and those that remain at home.

## Home & School News

### [Christmas Storytime](#)

### [HFRCs Christmas Cookbook](#)

# Important Information!



**Student Council News:** Our candy cane sale was a huge success! Our student council was able to purchase \$200 in gift cards to be distributed to Queen of the Universe and St. Frances Cabrini parishioners who are in need. Thank you for your support!!



**Uniform Reminder:** We are now in Winter Uniforms; **shorts may not be worn with the regular or gym uniforms!** School policy states that students may wear black school shoes or plain black sneakers (no embellishments). Please be sure that your child is wearing proper shoes each day.



**Birthday Treats:** We will continue to celebrate our student’s birthdays, here at school! Please consider sending in a small individually wrapped item, such as a pencil in a Ziploc bag, for your child to share on his/her birthday. You may want to consider donating a book for the classroom library! Thank you for understanding that we are no longer permitted to share food items in our classrooms.



**Masks/Gaiters:** Our students are doing a great job coming to school wearing a mask/gaiter; thank you!! Please be sure to check that your child’s mask/gaiter fits well; face masks/gaiters need to cover the nose and mouth at all times. Gaiters need to be lined.



**STREAM:** Due to Covid-19, our STREAM days have been put on hold for the foreseeable future. The purpose of STREAM is to have our students and classes work collaboratively and this is not possible with our current social distancing guidelines.



**Dress Down Days:** Each month, our Student Council sponsors a \$1 Dress Down Day. Proceeds of our dress down days go towards Student Council sponsored activities.



**Amazon Smile:** Please consider [designating our school](#) when shopping on Amazon. Our school benefits by receiving quarterly deposits from Amazon!

# Parish News

**Queen of the Universe**  
*Father John, Pastor*



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## Mass Schedule

**Tuesday-Friday:** 8:30 am

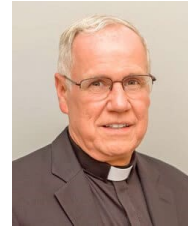
**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 pm

**Sunday:** 7:30am ~ 9:30am\* ~ 11:30am

\*Mass will continue to be livestreamed.

Note: No music at 7:30am and 11:30am

**St. Frances Cabrini**  
*Msgr. McCormac, Pastor*  
*Msgr. Magee, Weekend Assistant*



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## Pot of Gold Winners (12/7/2020)

Next week's jackpot will be:

**\$89,000!**

## Mass Schedule

**Monday-Saturday:** 9:30 am

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30pm

**Sunday:** 7:00am ~ 9:00am ~ 11:00am\*

\*Mass will continue to be livestreamed.

## Limited Seating at Christmas Masses

As we enter into the Advent Season and begin to anticipate our celebrations of the Birth of Christ, we want to be properly prepared for our parishioners who are planning on participating at one of our Christmas Masses. Christmas Mass will be celebrated on **Christmas Eve at 5:00pm and 7:30pm and Midnight. On Christmas Day, Mass will be celebrated at 7:00am, 9:00a.m. and 11:00am.**

With regard to our 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass, very often referred to as the Children's Mass, although Monsignor McCormac will be telling a Christmas story as part of the homily, due to COVID-19, he will not be inviting the children to come forward to join him in the sanctuary. Also, and very importantly, being limited to approximately 200 people for each Mass due to COVID-19, it is respectfully suggested that our parishioners attend one of our other five Masses on Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day.

We are pleased to indicate that we will be live streaming both the 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass and the 11:00am Christmas Day Mass

