

Notes from Dr. Greco  
December 1, 2011

### Farewell and Hello

With best wishes I join our Deacons, the rectory staff, school administration, faculty and staff as well as the entire parish in saying thank you and farewell to Ms. Ellen McGuinn as she takes up an exciting new opportunity. Ms. McGuinn has joined the Company of Schechtman, Marks, Devor, PC and employs her professional knowledge and excellence in exercising her accounting ability and experience in this new arena. Personally, I thank her for what has been an invaluable source of support, insight, counsel and a sterling work ethic from which I benefitted as a new pastor. We will miss her company and her presence at the rectory but are assured that as a parishioner her involvement at the parish has been altered a bit but not ended.

I extend greetings to Mr. David Bauer, who has agreed to come on board as our new Business Manager. After an extensive search effort and several rounds of interviews with many qualified candidates who expressed interest in the position Mr. Bauer's professional qualifications led me to offer him the position. Mr. Bauer has a diverse professional background that includes managing his own CPA firm, as well as working for two big five accounting firms. I look forward to working with Mr. Bauer and welcome him to our parish community as our new Business Manager.

Msgr. Diamond

We extend our condolences to the Fricker family on the death of Mrs. Fricker's mother, Ava Rose, Grace, and Charlie's grandmother. Please remember the Fricker family in your prayers.

On Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> students will be photographed for yearbook sports pictures. All students in grades 5 to 8 will wear gym uniforms those days.

### Important information for our Philadelphia Families:

The Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia is accepting applications for 2,000 new, four-year, K-8<sup>th</sup> grade scholarships for Philadelphia children. The application process is free and easy to complete. These need-based scholarships are available to students entering grades K-8<sup>th</sup> in September 2012 and are awarded by random lottery. There are 2,000 new scholarships available for a maximum funding amount of \$2,150 per year, per child.

To be eligible, families must: meet income requirements, be residents of Philadelphia, have a child entering grades K-8<sup>th</sup> in fall 2012 and complete the required essay question. The essay is required but not "judged" as part of the qualification process. The Fund strictly adheres to a random lottery process. The application deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>. **An application is being sent home today but the easiest and quickest way for families**

to submit an application is online at [www.csfphiladelphia.org](http://www.csfphiladelphia.org). Now is the time to act. Don't pass up this opportunity.

**Calendar Revisions:**

- Carol Night - Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - Information included in letter today!
- School will be in session on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. The Mass for teachers at the Basilica has been cancelled.

**Included today or online:**

- December calendar
- Carol Night
- CARES calendars
- Children's Scholarship Fund applications for Philadelphia families