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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we reflect on the many things we give thanks to God for, I would like to take this opportunity to share just a few of them with you. We are thankful for our students and the joy they bring us as they provide us with a daily reminder of what is important as we live our mission. We are thankful for the support of our parents/guardians for creating a wonderful partnership for our students. We are thankful for the teachers and staff who truly care about student achievement and have the best interests of our students at heart. We are thankful for our Home School Association and all volunteers who enthusiastically contribute so much to our school. We are thankful for our Pastor, Father Thomas and our Deacons for supporting our school and mission. We are thankful for our parishioners for supporting our school.

We are again excited to be part of the Catholic Charities Junior Board this year. As part of our engagement with Catholic Charities, St. Bartholomew School will be selling custom Christmas cards designed by students in the Diocese. Our own Samantha Bell and Selena Minieri designed beautiful cards that were chosen. When you make a donation to Catholic Charities, you will receive one of these cards to commemorate your gift. Your gift goes a long way in supporting the work Catholic Charities does throughout our Diocese. St. Bartholomew student leaders will have cards available following all Sunday Masses on December 3. Please see the announcement in the bulletin and Communication Envelope.

The National Junior Honor Society collected \$235.80 for the Diocese of Metuchen Disaster Relief Fund with their "Pennies in a Pail" fundraiser. The 8th grade class raised the most money.

Photo retakes will be taken on November 21. Additionally, students in Pre-K who did not have their photos done will have their photos done on this day.

Pre-K students will also celebrate Thanksgiving with their families on Monday, November 20. Please see teacher websites for detail.

Thank you to Deacon Tony for hosting the wonderful performance by the Ricciardi's in support of the Ave Maria Endowment Fund for St. Bartholomew School.

We are accepting new or gently used coats for Elijah's Promise. Thank you for your support.

*The mission of St. Bartholomew School is to love, educate and inspire
our children to live the teachings of Jesus Christ.*

We will celebrate a Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Wednesday, November 22, at 10:30 am and dismissal will be at 11:30 am. Please join us if you are able.

Lord, teach me to offer you a heart of thanksgiving and praise in all my daily experiences of life. Teach me to be joyful always, to pray continually, and to give thanks in all my circumstances (Thessalonians 5:16-18).

On behalf of our faculty and staff, I wish you a blessed and happy Thanksgiving.

God bless you,
Mrs. Ann Wierzbicki, R.N., M.A.E./Ed.S.
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