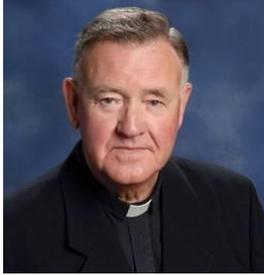




Dear St. Pius X Families and Community,

July 30, 2019



With many of you still on vacation, you may not have heard the sad news: our beloved priest in-residence, Fr. Heffernan, passed away this past Sunday, July 28. He had been moved to the rehabilitation facility at Providence Mt. St. Vincent in West Seattle after undergoing heart surgery and was visited by many people over the last few weeks; he is now in God's loving embrace. A funeral Mass with Archbishop Sartain and Archbishop Etienne will be held this Friday, August 2 at St. Mary Star of the Sea in Port Townsend at Noon with a Rosary beginning at 11:30 AM. There will be a memorial Mass here at St. Pius next week. Fr. Heffernan's kindness and faithful support of the parish school was always evident whether it was at our Wednesday school Masses, cheerful greetings to our students around campus, or attending our major fundraisers, Fr. Heffernan gave us all an appreciation of life, discipleship and love. He was smart, witty, thoughtful, and so caring. We will greatly miss him.

We are putting the final touches on our new windows and most of our open teaching positions have been filled. Here is an introduction of our two new staff members:



Ms. Sonyong Yim will be our Middle School Math and 8th grade Home Room & Religion teacher. Ms. Yim is returning to St. Pius having taught here many years ago: *I graduated from University of Washington with a post-baccalaureate degree in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Secondary Mathematics (6-12). Prior to that, I received my Bachelor of Arts*

degree in Accounting from Seattle University. I have taught 5th -12th grade in a variety of educational settings in the Edmonds School District, Lake Washington School District and the Archdiocese. I am a Seattle native and married with one daughter who is attending the University of Washington. I enjoy reading, exercising and spending time with my husband and my dog.



Mrs. Jana Murphy is joining our primary level as the new Kindergarten teacher. Here's a little bit about Mrs. Murphy: *I have 20 years of teaching experience (14 years in kindergarten). I love teaching young children! I have taught in both public and parochial schools in Arizona. I earned my B.S. in Elementary Education and M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education from Northern Arizona University. I hold Early Childhood and Reading endorsements. My husband and I moved to Washington this June. We love the area! We have two grown sons (Ryan and Kyle) and a one-year-old grandson (Liam) . In my free time, I enjoy reading and spending time with family and friends.*



Last Friday, we had parents, students and staff march in the Tour de Terrace Parade. Thanks to our Parent Club president, Jennie Smither-Ryan for organizing our group and to everyone who came out and cheered for St. Pius X School!

Reminder: St. Pius X picnic is **Sunday, August 18**. We will have a school information table up and would also like to host Bingo. Contact Mrs. Farewell via email if you would like to help with either of these activities.

Peace, Mrs. Farewell