

## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FR. JERRY**

Dear Parishioners,

As I arrived as your new pastor on July 1, 2019, negotiations were already well underway for the sale of St. Charles school. The Cambridge school, which had been leasing the building, bought their own property on Charles Street and moved out leaving us with their final payments but an empty building. Before my arrival, St. Charles had been actively working with a real estate agent and the Archdiocesan lawyers to sell the school.

I am happy to inform you that a lease and sale went through on Monday, July 20, 2020.

Because the county has been shut down for much of this pandemic, we have to wait for a number of easements and permissions before the sale. Thus, in the meantime, the new to-be owners, will rent the building from us.

Yeshivas Toras Simcha is an orthodox Jewish school for boys who will eventually purchase our school. They are very interested in being good neighbors, are excited to have an actual school building and we have nine months of painstaking negotiations about parking driveway access, use of field, etc to make sure we understand one another.

This is very good news for St. Charles. While it will inconvenience us for a time not having a place for our flea market, our festival and some dinners, we do look forward to planning for a new, energy efficient and right-sized building behind the cemetery. In the interim we need to be creative about renting or using other spaces. With the continued restrictions of Covid it does not look like we could hold many indoor food/social events in the Fall anyway.

Please pray for all during this transition especially for the children and staff of the new school and for all those who were formed at St. Charles over many years.

Fr. Jerry Francik