

# ST. PIUS X CHURCH

*"To Restore All Things in Christ"*

220 Lawrence Road

Broomall, PA 19008

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Dear Families,

Thank you for your patience regarding registration for the 2024-2025 religious education year. We wanted to be able to provide a complete overview of our SPIRE program before we began the registration process. That overview is contained in this letter, along with information about registration.

As you are aware, our school building needs significant repair work to correct failures from the original construction. The three brick walls currently encased in scaffolding will be demolished and rebuilt, properly attached to the interior frame of the building. This extensive project will begin on Monday, June 3 and continue throughout the summer months of June, July, and August. The goal is to have everything completed on those walls by the opening of school in early September.

The firms contracted to oversee and complete this work have informed us that during demolition and construction the reverberation and noise, as well as the presence of additional construction materials and debris, would make a less than ideal environment for learning. This presented us with an unfortunate situation.

Previously, we had notified families that the student immersion portion of the SPIRE program would take place during June 17-21. We remain committed to those dates. We also want to ensure that all our students can attend at the same time, and in an appropriate and singular location.

In recent weeks we have been in communication with both staff from the Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Education, as well as the President of Cardinal O'Hara High School, Mr. Michael Connor. As a result of those conversations, we are going to be utilizing space within Cardinal O'Hara High School for four of the five days of our student immersion week. We are grateful to Mr. Connor, and to the O'Hara Community for their welcome and support.

Here are some concrete details regarding our SPIRE program, and more specifically the 2024-2025 Student Immersion Week:

- The Student Immersion portion of the 2024-2025 SPIRE program will be held Monday, June 17 to Friday, June 21.
- From Monday through Thursday, classes for all students will be held at Cardinal O'Hara High School. Each day will begin at 9:00am, and dismissal on those days will be at 2:00pm.

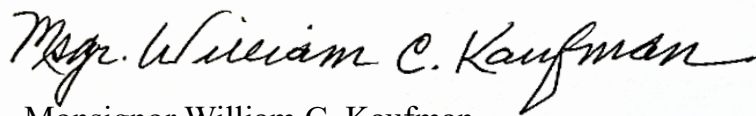
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- On Friday, June 21, all students will report to the Kelly Center (*gym*) here at St. Pius X at 9:00am for “Faith in Action Friday.” That day will include our program-wide service project, as well as Mass in Church at 11:00am. Dismissal on Friday, June 21 will be at 12:00pm.
- At Cardinal O’Hara High School, we have been offered designated space in the building, including a separate entrance, designated classrooms and cafeteria space, and an interior courtyard to use.
- Teachers will have access to the technology available in their classrooms, and we will again have a nurse on staff for the entire week. We will work to ensure that many of the other features of the week will be included, like prayer opportunities and guest presenters.
- One consideration is the lack of air conditioning in the classrooms. Given this reality, we are moving the dismissal time up to 2:00pm for this year only.
- As in previous years, six ongoing formation sessions for students and parents/guardians will also be held during the 2024-2025 school year as part of the overall program.

Further details of the week will be presented at Family Orientation meetings on Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00pm, and on Thursday, May 30, at 7:00pm. Families are asked to attend either of these sessions to learn more about this year’s program.

Registration for both our weekly CCD and SPIRE programs will open at 9:00am on Friday, May 3. Currently registered families in both programs will receive an email from Parish Giving at that time with instructions and log-in information to complete the registration process. New families will be able to complete and submit a new family registration form beginning at that time as well.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Religious Education Office at 610-353-6950. Again, we thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this time, and for your active involvement in our parish religious education programs. May God Bless you and your families.



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Mr. James Malinowski  
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