

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2021-2022 - GENERAL INFORMATION**  
**For children attending Catholic Schools**  
**Sacramental Preparation**

First Reconciliation, First Communion (Grades 1 and 2) and Confirmation (Grades 8 and 9)

**REGISTRATION:**

- ❖ Each family must be a registered member of the Parish, the form can be found on the parish website [stpiusxsy.com](http://stpiusxsy.com)
- ❖ A Baptismal certificate must be on file in the Religious Education Office for each child who was not baptized at St Pius X.
- ❖ If your child(ren) are no longer attending a Catholic School, please call the Religious Education Office and register them for Religious Education.
- ❖ We ask that you fill out a white Family Registration card, even if your child attends Catholic school, so that we may keep our records up to date. List **all** the children. If there is more than one last name in the family, please make it clear which name is the legal name of each child.
- ❖ As required by the Diocese of Fall River, all children in the Parish will prepare and celebrate First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation through the parish Religious Education Program. Each Sacrament requires two years of preparation. They must be registered in the Religious Education program for grades 1, 2, 8 and 9. They do not have to attend additional Religious Education classes for grades 1, 2 or 8.
- ❖ **Retreat Fees:** There is a \$20.00 Retreat Fee for all **Grade 2** students.
  
- ❖ **Grade 9 students will** be attending classes as well as the Confirmation Retreat and are expected to pay the Registration fee of \$50.00 plus \$20.00 Retreat fee. Children who are attending Catholic elementary school do not have to pay for Grade 1 or Grade 8, but they do need to be enrolled as part of the sacramental preparation program (white family card). **The first class, September 26<sup>th</sup>,**

**FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION**

**GRADE 1:** The children who currently attend St. Pius X School are welcome to attend classes on Sunday, but this is not a requirement. However, we do require the white registration card.

**PARENT MEETINGS:** There are meetings each year for **First and Second Grade parents\***. **These meetings are considered mandatory.**

**ENROLLMENT MASS: On Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at the 8:00 Mass,** the First Grade students will take part in a ceremony to mark their journey toward the Sacraments. We would like a picture of each child before this event. As presented at the Parent Meeting\*.

## **GRADE 2**

**PRAYERS:** Children entering the second year of preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion are required to come to the Religious Education Office to recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be to the Father, and the Act of Contrition at the **beginning** of Second Grade. Call the Religious Education Office for an appointment.

**RETREATS:** There are two Grade 2 mini retreats\*. These are planned to help the children focus on their personal preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

### **CONFIRMATION:**

The Diocese of Fall River requires two years of preparation for Confirmation. Here, at St. Pius X, Grade 8 is the first year and Confirmation is celebrated in Grade 9, although older High School students are often part of the class.

**GRADE 8:** There is a meeting for Eighth Grade **students and parents**, on **Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM.** Eighth Grade students, who are currently enrolled in one of the Catholic schools, must register, attend this meetings with a parent, and attend the Mass of Commitment are on **Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00 Mass.**

**GRADE 9:** (Confirmation Candidates) All classes for Grade 9 will take place on Sundays. All those in the second year of preparation for Confirmation are expected to be at these classes, even if they are attending a Catholic High School. Please note very carefully the schedule of those classes. There are only 14 classes scheduled so each class is important. Mass is an integral part of the session. The Sunday evening Mass/Classes\* will include the 5:00 Mass and continue to 7:30 P.M. in the Religious Education Center. We hope that families would try to attend Mass and sit with their child in the section we have reserved. **The first class, September 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**Reminder:** *Confirmation Retreat March 6th, at 3:00 PM*

### **GENERAL NOTES**

Please take special care in filling out the section under learning problems or disabilities. Please call the office if you would like to discuss or explain anything that will make your child more comfortable while they are here.

The Faith Formation Office is open Mon-Thur. from 10:00- 4:00 and during scheduled class times. Due to meetings and other projects, this is a flexible schedule, call or email before coming in. Please call if you have any questions regarding sacramental preparation.

Religious Education is only possible with the support of more than 100 volunteers. Please consider how you can help.

If you have questions or would like any other information please call, 508-394-0709, or email, [stpiusxreled@comcast.net](mailto:stpiusxreled@comcast.net)

**\* Please check Religious Education Calendar for these dates.**