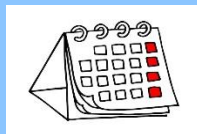




**St. Barnabas-the Apostle  
June 11, 2025**

There is a great deal of information in this week's communication, which is our **main tool for sharing information** with families. Therefore, we ask that you take the time to read it, in its entirety, to keep up with what is happening in our school. Thank you in advance for your time and attention!



Please note the following important **calendar dates**:

Friday, June 13	2:00 PM	Spring Concert – Church Grades Pre-K through 5
Wednesday, June 18		Last Day for Intramurals
Thursday, June 19		Juneteenth – No School
Friday, June 20		Last Day for Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 students
Thursday, June 26		Last Day for students K - 5 <b>½ Day for all Students (11:45 AM Dismissal)</b>
<b>Please check with your home district for busing information for the last day of school, as the last day may vary from district to district.</b>		
Thursday, June 26	2:00 PM	Fifth Grade Commencement



**REMINDER**

Just a reminder that the end of year roller skating party is tomorrow night, Thursday, June 12, at Horizon Fun FX from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.

Tickets must have been purchased ahead of time. There will be someone at the door to check you in. See you there!

### **Please Join Us on June 22!**



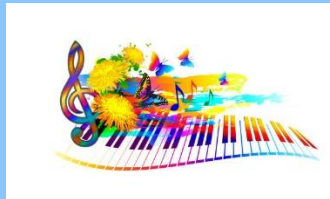
Please join us in wishing Mrs. Sabo a wonderful retirement! We will be honoring Anne at the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at St. Pius Tenth Church.

There will also be a coffee hour immediately following Mass in the St. Pius Tenth Parish Center, generously sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 17086. All who are current or former students and families, colleagues, family, and friends are invited to attend to give her the sendoff that she so deserves.

### **New Appointment**

I am thrilled to announce that Mrs. Amanda Faruch, a familiar face to many of us, will be our new Music and Technology teacher beginning in the 2025-26 school year. Mrs. Faruch comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience, having earned a B.F.A. degree in Musical Theater from the Tisch School of the Arts at NYU. She has elementary school teaching experience gained through the Brighton School District and currently cantors at St. Thomas More Church.

Welcome, Mrs. Faruch!!



### **Spring Concert**

Our Spring Concert, for all students in grades Pre-K through Grade 5, is scheduled for Friday, June 13, at 2:00 PM in St. Pius Tenth Church. We will follow a similar format for dismissal as we did for our Christmas Concert, for those who are able to join us.

The dress code for our concert is simple:

With the theme of this year's concert being of hope, we are asking that all students dress in bright colors. For girls, dresses, skirts, or dress pants are acceptable. For boys, bright colored shirts and dress pants are requested.

Please NO jeans, shorts, sweatpants, or lounge pants. If girls wear leggings, their top must reach 1" below the thigh. Sneakers are acceptable, but please no heels or shoes with open toes or backs.

If you are unsure about clothing, please reach out prior to concert day.

Pre-K students who are half-day may either stay for a full day on June 13, or you may return with them at concert time. Please let your child's Pre-K teacher know if they will be staying for the whole day.

### **From Bishop Salvatore Matano**

Please see the statement in today's communication from Bishop Matano regarding Physician-Assisted Suicide.

### **Save the Date!**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Saint Pius Tenth School Gala will be held on Friday, November 7, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

Please see the flyer included this week for more information.

All money raised stays within Saint Pius Tenth School to be used for operations and student programs and resources!

### **\*\*\*Intramurals\*\*\***



Please note that the last day for 2024-2025 Intramurals will be Wednesday, June 18, 2025. Last week's notes said that Thursday would be the last day; however, we are not in school on that day due to the Juneteenth holiday.

### **Summer Office Hours**



Beginning on Monday, July 7, 2025, the St. Pius Tenth School office will be open between the hours of 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Monday through Thursday. These summer hours will continue through August 22, 2025. If these hours are not convenient for you, and you need to come to the school, just give us a call, and we will be happy to arrange something with you.

The office will be closed the week of June 30, 2025, and will reopen at 8:00 AM on Monday, July 7.

We will resume regular office hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM on Monday, August 25, 2025.

### **\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\***

If any of your demographic information has changed (address, phone number, cell phone number), please notify the school office at 247-5650.

### **FACTS**

**We have completed the transition to an integrated platform for both our tuition management and Family Portal as of May 29, 2025. All log ins must be made through the Family Portal.**

Please see the letter regarding FACTS Premier Integration included in this week's communication.



Current Earnings for the year: \$1,168.50

June Leaderboard Standings:

Grade 2: 57

Kindergarten: 33

Grade 1: 20

Grade 5: 0

Grade 4: 0

Grade 3: 0

**"Be Who God Meant You to Be and You Will Set the World on Fire!"**

-St. Catherine of Siena



May 14, 2025

Dear Families,

Beginning May 29, 2025, Saint Pius Tenth School will begin using an integrated version of the FACTS Tuition Management and FACTS SIS systems. This means that you will only need one log-in to have access to both portals (the tuition portal and the family portal).

As of May 29, you will access your FACTS account via FACTS Family Portal. You will find the Family Portal link on the school website or by following the steps below:

### FACTS Family Portal Login Instructions

- Please go to the website <https://www.factsmgt.com/>
- Top Right on the site, click on “**Log In Here**” by Parents & School Administration
- In the “For K-12 Families” box click on “**Family Portal Login**”
- Enter the District Code (see below)
- If you already have an account, enter username and password, and click Login
- Click “**Create New Account**” if you have not set this up yet
- Enter the **email address that received this email**, and our District Code

Our District Code is SPT-NY

- You will receive an email from SIS Customer Support containing a link that will allow you to create your username and password. For security purposes the link will remain active for six hours.
- Please click on the link. A **Change/Create Password** screen will open. You may use the default username provided or create a new username. Then type in your desired password into the Password field and Confirm Field
- Click on the **Save Username and/or Password** button
- Close the window.
- Log into **FACTS Family Portal** as instructed above

Thank you for your continued loyalty and support for Saint Pius Tenth School. We depend on your support in our efforts to provide the highest quality of education for your children. Your continued support and cooperation is appreciated, as we remain committed to our mission.

Sincerely,  
School Administration



SAVE  
THE  
DATE

ST. PIUS TENTH  
SCHOOL

2nd Annual Gala

November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6:00 pm



Italian American Community Center

*invitation to follow*



## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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**Statement Regarding Physician-Assisted Suicide**  
**The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano**  
**Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester**  
**June 10, 2025**

*In support with the New York State Catholic Conference's  
"Statement on NYS Senate Passage of State-Sanctioned Suicide Bill"*

It is with great sadness that we have learned that both the State Assembly and the New York State Senate have passed legislation approving Physician-Assisted Suicide. Once again, a majority of members of New York State's legislators have failed to recognize and to protect God's precious gift of life.

The precious life of the new-born child is the same precious life of the old and the frail, the weak and the suffering, the ill and the infirm, the distraught and the sorrowful. As we care for the child so must we care for all persons in the vast spectrum of human life. When we subjectively determine when life begins and ends, when it is viable or not, or when it is too burdensome to endure, we begin a path toward self-destruction. Life is no longer precious, but just another commodity in the business of living. Relativism becomes the absolute, and even the value of life itself is questioned.

The value of persons who are gravely ill and/or at the end of their lives is currently being questioned and their very lives threatened by this growing movement in our society to end life prematurely. Now both bodies of the New York State Legislature have approved the bill to legalize physician-assisted suicide for patients diagnosed with a terminal illness. This legislation asks those in the medical profession, a vocation dedicated to the service of life, to assist in the termination of the very lives they have pledged to heal and to comfort at life's most critical moments.

Dr. Michael Brescia, former Executive Medical Director of Calvary Hospital in the Bronx, a specialty hospital serving advanced cancer patients, was described as a "palliative care and hospice trailblazer." Dr. Brescia had noted that with groundbreaking advances in pain medicine, "the physical aspects of pain can be managed effectively for all patients. [W]e have found that with attention, affection and high quality care, we can prevent patients from saying they want to die" (<http://noassistedsuicideny.org/in-state-resources/> see Calvary Hospital, Bronx, New York). Indeed, we must not abandon our terminally ill sisters and brothers. Dr. Brescia died on April 19, 2023, at home surrounded by his family.

The rejection of physician-assisted suicide is not solely a Catholic position; rather it is a human rights imperative. The Catholic Church is the defender of life in concert with physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals; in union with these same people, we seek to protect people with physical and mental disabilities, those in life-threatening situations, and those who have no one to speak on their behalf, from being

viewed as burdens to society when they are our sisters and brothers in the human family. What is needed is support for and the further exploration of healthcare measures that will effectively relieve suffering, so that the terminally ill might know and feel the love, concern, compassion and care of a society that protects them and cherishes them. This, in itself, eases the greatest pain, which attacks the heart when people feel no one cares!

The Catholic Church, united with persons of other faiths and people of good will, does care, especially for those who are the weakest among us! And our concern is not irrational. It is a very reasonable and noble concern, which appreciates the worth of the human person in his or her most difficult moments of life. In 2011, the United States Bishops stated: “Respect for life does not demand that we attempt to prolong life by using medical treatments that are ineffective or unduly burdensome. Nor does it mean we should deprive suffering patients of needed pain medications out of a misplaced or exaggerated fear that they might have the side effect of shortening life” (“To Live Each Day With Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide,” USCCB, July 2011, p. 10, <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/assisted-suicide/to-live-each-day>). The New York State Bishops, in their 2011 “Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decision-Making, Now and at the Hour of Our Death,” noted that “out of deep respect for the gift of life, we must always accept, and others must provide, ordinary medical means of preserving life. Ordinary means are those that offer us a reasonable hope of benefit and would not entail excessive burden on us, our family, or the community” (p. 3, <http://www.nyscatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/End-of-Life-booklet-final.pdf>). But intentional euthanasia, the willful and conscious act of putting to death those who are sick, are disabled, or are dying, is morally unacceptable and a tragic offense against life!

I strongly urge Governor Hochul to veto this legalization of physician-assisted suicide, for it will inevitably put tremendous pressure on our most vulnerable citizens to end their lives. As the New York State Task Force on Life and the Law cautioned many years ago (1994), in an era of health care rationing and cost-cutting, assisted suicide could easily rise to the level of the most acceptable, inexpensive, and even expected “treatment” for terminal illness. Indeed, the rapid push for passing this euthanasia legislation is evidence that this day has sadly arrived in our State. We owe our brothers and sisters in the human family so much more.

Far more than a political issue, this is a moral issue, which is beyond the competency of government, any government, assuming to create legislation inconsistent with the intent of the Creator, bound to His creation made in His image and likeness. I pray that reason will prevail and be guided by an even greater Wisdom. Shakespeare said it well many years ago: “There’s a divinity that shapes our ends, rough hew them how we may” (*Hamlet*, V .ii). Indeed, there is One greater than ourselves and He said, “I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full” (John 10:10).



# St. Pius X School

## Uniform Exchange

• Clothing for the exchange will be accepted June 9-26 during regular school hours and Monday, July 7 or Monday, July 14 from 8am-noon.

- Clothing brought in for the exchange must be:
  - Freshly washed and folded.
  - Free of rips, holes, stains, and significant fading.
  - Have the gender and size written on a piece of masking tape and placed on the items so that the information is visible when the item is folded.
- Please put items in a bag or bags and attach the bottom portion of this page.
- Come in July 21, 22, 24, 28, 29, 31\* between 8am and noon to pick out clothes that are new to you for the 2025-26 school year! You will be able to pick one item for each item you brought in. We will also have some uniform pieces available for purchase.

*\*Not able to make these times? Other arrangements may be possible. Please contact [gina.jennison@dor.org](mailto:gina.jennison@dor.org)*

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**Return this portion with your clean, folded, marked uniform pieces:**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of clothing pieces: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mark this box if you are donating and will not be participating in the exchange.

