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Schedule of Services, March 15-22, 2026

Sunday, March 15 Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast, John Climacus, Venerable)

10:00 Rosary

10:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* (In Memory of +Donna Adamczak by Beth Gulyasy)

Tuesday, March 17

11:00 AM Confessions

12:00 PM Noon *Akathist to Saint Patrick*

Wednesday, March 18

11:00 AM Confessions

12:00 PM Noon *Pre-sanctified Liturgy*

Friday, March 20

11:00 AM Confessions

12:00 PM Noon *Pre-sanctified Liturgy*

Saturday, March 21 *Akathistos Saturday*

9:30 AM Confessions

12:00 PM Noon *Divine Liturgy* (Open Intention)

Sunday, March 22 Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast, Mary of Egypt, Venerable)

10:00 Rosary

10:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* (Open Intention)

For *this Sunday*: Mark with the ribbons in your Liturgy Book for Tone 7 Tropar pages: 156 and the Kontakion, etc. for the Fourth Sunday of Lent: page 226

WELCOME to All Visitors. If you are looking for a spiritual home, please know you are always welcome to be a part of our Parish family. If you are just passing through, we hope you enjoyed participating in our Liturgy and we would love to see you again! In either case, please do not hesitate to bring any of your questions to our priest or any parishioner.

New Donation Basket. Our parish does not pass a collection basket during the Liturgy. Should you wish to donate, the basket is in the vestibule of the church and marked “Donations.” Plain envelopes are in the basket for your convenience. Thank you.

EPISTLE: Hebrews 6: 13- 20 *God’s Promise Immutable*

When God made the promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, “he swore by himself,” and said, “I will indeed bless you and multiply” you. And so, after patient waiting, he obtained the promise. Human beings swear by someone greater than themselves; for them an oath serves as a guarantee and puts an end to all argument. So when God wanted to give the heirs of his promise an even clearer demonstration of the immutability

of his purpose, he intervened with an oath, so that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge might be strongly encouraged to hold fast to the hope that lies before us. This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm, which reaches into the interior behind the veil, where Jesus has entered on our behalf as forerunner, becoming high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL: Mark 9: 17-31 *The Healing of Boy & the Second Prediction of the Passion.*

Someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I have brought to you my son possessed by a mute spirit. Wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive it out, but they were unable to do so.” He said to them in reply, “O faithless generation, how long will I be with you? How long will I endure you? Bring him to me.” They brought the boy to him. And when he saw him, the spirit immediately threw the boy into convulsions. As he fell to the ground, he began to roll around and foam at the mouth.

Then he questioned his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” He replied, “Since childhood. It has often thrown him into fire and into water to kill him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” Jesus said to him, “‘If you can!’ Everything is possible to one who has faith.” Then the boy’s father cried out, “I do believe, help my unbelief!” Jesus, on seeing a crowd rapidly gathering, rebuked the unclean spirit and said to it, “Mute and deaf spirit, I command you: come out of him and never enter him again!” Shouting and throwing the boy into convulsions, it came out. He became like a corpse, which caused many to say, “He is dead!” But Jesus took him by the hand, raised him, and he stood up. When he

entered the house, his disciples asked him in private, "Why could we not drive it out?" He said to them, "This kind can only come out through prayer." They left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he

did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death he will rise.

***From the Saints:** *"Instead of loving what you think is peace, love men and women, and love God above all else. Instead of hating all the people you think are warmakers, hate the appetites and disorders in your own soul which are the causes of war."* ~**Thomas Merton**

****Do You Know...**that God can be your partner? God does His work on earth through us. But we must begin the work before God can finish it. We take the first step, and He goes with us to the destination. What have we to contribute to any undertaking? We begin with our abilities, however small they seem, however large the job to be done. What bridges the gap? By acknowledging that every quality we have comes from God, we see them endowed with His power.

Then having respect for what we bring to the task, we dare begin. Then our willingness and our patience, and sometimes even the courage to look ridiculous as we attempt what appears to be too big for us, enters our minds. We are hesitant, afraid, and inadequate when we assess just ourselves. However, we are strong, joyous. and untiring when we draw on the power of our partnership. (Excerpt: God is My Partner, Mary Lee Runbeck)

"It is ours to offer what we can. God's to supply what we cannot." **St. Jerome** (340-420 A.D.)

****OUR PRAYING COMMUNITY**** *"The test of the sincerity of one's prayer is the willingness to labor on its behalf."* **St. John Chrysostom**

PERSONALS Please pray for the intentions listed in our **Parish Prayer Request Book** on the lectern in the church vestibule. If you have a more immediate request, please call the rectory (412 881-8344) & leave a message.

Theotokos, Searcher for the Lost Icon & Prayer Request Book ("Faith, Hope, Love" blue-cover book) is in the vestibule of the church. Please write-in your additional requests & continue to light candles at Our Lady of Perpetual Help shrine. Participating from home? Take a *Akathist Prayer Book* (or request one sent to you) & pray it as we are doing so in front of the Eucharist. **Next Akathist Service: Tues., April 14 at Noon.**

Remembering our HOMEBOUND parishioners: Joanne Zerilla, Ann Danchenka, Angela Warhola, Tom Kinney, Arlene Rile. A note, card, or phone call will cheer both Giver & Receiver.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS all our parishioners especially Sam Langol, Stephanie, John & Jack; Tom Kinney, Tom Kenny's daughter Cathleen, Angie Warhola, Beth

Gulyasy, Dolores Cox, Mark Zerilla, Blake Chisholm, Bernie Rusinko, Joe Rusinko, Ann Danchenka, Bonnie Ewanick, Ray McAnulty, John White, Norma Langol, Marion Nagy, Connor Geary, Skip Martin, Stephen O'Connor, and Margaret Panchura. It is a comfort to them that we keep them in our daily prayers.

Prayer for the Sick O Holy Father, Heavenly Physician of our souls and bodies who sent Your Only-Begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to heal all of our ailments and deliver us from death: visit and heal your servant *N.* granting them release from pain and restoring them to full health and vigor, that they may give thanks to You and bless Your Holy Name of the +Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Under the Mantle of the Mother of God and in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel Shrine, please consider these intentions: Prayers of Remembrance. In fond memory of our prior pastors, Msgr. Smiciklas & Msgr. Duker and our deceased parishioners, please offer prayers & thanksgiving for them and for their service to us and to the Lord.

Prayer for our St. Pius X Church. Please pray to our five saintly Bishops for the spiritual prosperity of our St. Pius X Church and all the Byzantine Churches around the world, and ask *to intercede for your specific intentions* by praying:

O Almighty God, our Lord, we bless You, we praise You, we thank You for all the graces which You, in Your infinite mercy have bestowed upon us. We are especially grateful for giving us five saintly & heroic bishops: Theodore G. Romzha, Paul P. Gojdich, OSBM, Basil Hopko, Alexander Chira, and Peter Oros, who, by their courage, charity and intrepid faith, inspired our Ruthenian people in the darkest

moments of their history. By their great sufferings humiliating imprisonment, and violent death they gave living witness to their Catholic faith and glorified Your exalted name. Therefore, O Gracious Lord, glorify them in return by Your divine power and inscribe their names in the book of Your Saints. For You are holy, our God, and we render glory to You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

*****CELEBRATING US in March*****

Birthdays: Fr. Michael Kunitz-2, Norma Langol-4, Andrea Ference-8, Ray McAnulty-14, Cindy McAnulty-15, Tom Kalka-17. God Grant them more Happy, Healthy, Blessed years!

*****It Takes A Village THANK YINZs*****

HOORAY for the PEIROGE TEAM! A BIG thank you to all who worked on making this season of “mixing, rolling, pinching & selling” a success. Two more Fridays to go!!

Our New GCU Representative. If you want something done, give it to a busy person. We are blessed that Beth Gulyasy has voluntarily stepped forward. Thanks, Beth!

It's Time! The Rummage Sale Committee asks that you NOT bring any Women's Clothing until late Summer. However, all other donated items for the 2026 Flea & Rummage Sales can be brought to St. Pius now. The Flea Market will be Saturday May 30

St. Pius' Evergreen "Giving Tree" remains in our vestibule as a visual reminder of your church's "wish list" any time that you are called to gift a wish. Please provide the monies to purchase an item by placing the amount in the Donations basket (envelopes are provided) or purchase the item yourself. In either case, you can remain anonymous or let us know who the gift is from by writing your name on the envelope or attaching your name to the actual gift. Anonymous Donors, please use the blank envelopes that are in the Donation Basket so your kindness has the assurance of being collected. Thanks!

Never too Early for BINGO Raffle Baskets. If you received a Holiday Gift that won't be used or if you come across any clearance "finds" that you can't pass up, please consider donating these items for this year's Bingo Raffle Baskets. Any donations should be marked *For BINGO* as they will be stored separately from our Rummage donations.

WEEKLY OFFERING March 8- twenty-six (26) worshipers contributed \$489. (Envelopes are in the church vestibule for your donation towards our debt reduction to the Archeparchy. Unless you want to be anonymous, put your name on the envelope so your church account can be credited)

READERS WANTED Interested in joining the rotation to read or chant the Apostolic readings at the Divine Liturgy? Please contact Cantor Gerry O'Connor or Father Michael.

FOOD BANK. Thank you for supporting this worthy project. Cash donations are to be placed in the metal lockbox marked *St. Paul's Monastery Food Bank* located on the small table on the right side before you enter the church. **Next collection: April 12.**

OUR FREE LIBRARY Please feel free to keep or borrow anything from the bookcase in the vestibule of the church. Add any relevant material you would like to share.

TO ADD ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BULLETIN Please email stpiusxchurch@verizon.net with the subject "Bulletin" or call the office (412-881-8344): leave your announcement request & your callback number.

Parish Directory Update. The new directory will have 3 sections: Parishioners, Daughter & Sons (persons with familial association to our parish) and Friends. Please see Andrea Panchura to update yourself & your extended family's info.

*** *News & Events* ***

Lottery Tickets for the March 28 Drawing! Winner is chosen from the PA State Lottery Pick Three number, the evening drawing, on the last Saturday of the month. Every little bit helps maintain our church! See Beth Gulyasy for purchases.

- **Deanery Penitential Vespers for Great Lent 2026** (Sundays through March 22):
3:30PM: *Sacrament of Reconciliation.* **4PM Vespers**, followed by a meager meal of fast-friendly meatless soup for clergy & laity from all over the Deanery.
 - **Today, Sunday, March 15:** Saints Peter and Paul Church
 431 George St. Braddock, PA 15104: *Homilist:* Very Rev. Frank Firko
 - **Sunday, March 22:** Our Turn! At St. Pius X, 2336 Brownsville Rd. Carrick
Homilist: Fr. Valerian Michlik. Please consider making Lenten Soups.
- **Saturday, March 21, 6PM:** *BINGO Night for West Parr Scholarship Fund*, Doors Open: 5PM
 St. Pius will be selling hot food & snacks from its kitchen. For advanced tickets, email: pjharvey1955@gmail.com
- **Mt. St. Macrina House of Prayer** (located at the Trinity Center Building on the grounds)
 To Register for any event, call: **724-438- 7149** or email: hpmsm@verizon.net
 - **Wednesdays, March 25** (10:30 am–Noon) *Spiritual Reading Series:*
The Forgotten Desert Mothers with Sr Barbara Jean OSBM
 Offering \$20.00 per session. Online \$15.00
 - **Monday, March 23,** (9:30am -1:30pm) *Pascha Bread Making Retreat*,
 Sr. Carol Petrasovich Space Limited. Offering \$35. Registration Due: March 16.
 - **Saturday, March 28,** (10:00AM – 1:15pm) *Morning Retreat* by Andy Cannizzaro
 Draws upon Catholic Social Teaching, the Gospel of Life & how we can honor human dignity. Includes: Conferences, Discussion, Lunch and Music by Carolyn Cannizzaro. Offering \$45. Registration Due: March 23.
- **Sunday, March 22, Noon – 4-pm.** *The 19th Egg Eggstravaganza*, St. John the Baptist BCC, 201 East Main Street, Uniontown, PA. There will be egg artists displaying, demonstrating, selling their unique styles of eggs, pysanky workshops, a children’s corner, a bake sale, raffles, a Lenten lunch menu and many basket items for sales including cookbooks. Admission is free. For more info, call: 724-438-1382. See flyer in vestibule.

Only TWO Fridays Left for Pierogi & Haluski. (March 20, 27), Noon–4PM.
 Cooked flavors: Potato & Cheese, Sauerkraut, Cottage Cheese (all available with onions).
 Frozen pierogi flavors: All of the above plus Sweet Cabbage, Potato Jalapeno, Lekvar
 Call 412-881-8344 to place orders in advance.

“A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.” ~**St. Basil the Great.**