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Schedule of Services, March 22-29, 2026

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

10:00 Rosary

10:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* (In Memory of + Rita Smochko by the Parishioners of St. Pius X)
Deanery Vespers here Confessions 3:30 Vespers at 4:00 Fr Valerian Michlik homilist
followed by soup etc. in the auditorium

Tuesday, March 24

11:00 AM Confessions

12:00 PM Noon *Akathist to Mary Searcher for the Lost*

Wednesday, March 25 Annunciation of the Theotokos(Solemn)

11:00 AM Confessions

12:00 PM Noon **Divine Liturgy** (In Honor of Stephen & Gerry O'Connor)

Friday, March 27

11:00 AM Confessions

12:00 PM Noon *Pre-sanctified Liturgy*

Saturday, March 28 Saturday of Lazarus

9:30 AM Confessions

10:30 PM Noon *Divine Liturgy* (Open Intention)

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday)

10:00 Rosary

10:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* (In Memory of Michael Ewanick by Bonnie Ewanick and Sons)

For *this* Sunday: Mark with the ribbons in your Liturgy Book for Tone 8 Tropar pages:161 and the Kontakion, etc. for the Fifth Sunday of Lent: page 230-232 and St. Basil Liturgy Pages: 96-100 (after the Creed)

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 9: 11- 14

Brothers and sisters in Christ, When Christ came as high priest of the good things which have come to be, he entered once for all into the sanctuary passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation. He entered, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood,

and achieved eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer’s ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ who through the eternal spirit offered himself up unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God!

GOSPEL: Mark 10: 32-45

The Second Prediction of the Passion

They were on the way, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus went ahead of them. They were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. Taking the Twelve aside again, he began to tell them what was going to happen to him. “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise.”

to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized? “They said to him, “We can.” Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared. “When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

The Ambition of James and John

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you. “He replied, “What do you wish [me] to do for you? “They answered him, “Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left. “Jesus said

***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.)

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

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Mary Jane Muchicka on her death. She was a long time participating member of St. Pius X and will be greatly missed. May her Memory be Eternal!

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., March 24 at Noon.**

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, Geary, Skip Martin, and Margaret Panchura. It is a comfort to them that we keep them in our daily prayers.

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.

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*****

Thanks to Andrea Panchura & Gerry Rhoads for preparing the Weekly Bulletin!

HOORAY for the PEIROGE TEAM! A BIG thank you to all who worked on making this season of “mixing, rolling, pinching & selling” a success. ***This week is the Last Friday!*** *Encourage your neighbors and friends to stock up while supplies last!*

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.** *Thank you!*

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 15 twenty-two (22) worshipers contributed \$467. (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.

Palm Cross Fundraiser for Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church

Pre-order by calling 412-726-1062 and tell them to deliver to St. Pius X or buy them after church here on Palm Sunday March 29th

Mt St Macrina House of Prayer Calendar to Register call 724-438-7149

- **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.

- **Saturday April 25** (9:45AM-1:00PM) *Centering Art Workshop*, Artist Nancy McChesney, MA (Using simple components of movement meditative imaging and watercolor)
Materials provided. Includes Lunch. Registration Due: April 17. Offering \$45.

This Friday Last Day for Pierogi & Haluski. (March 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.**