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Schedule of Services, May 17 - May 24, 2026

Sunday, May 17 *Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council*

10:00 Rosary

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy (In Memory of John Zerilla by Wife, Joann)

NO Services during this Week due to Clergy Days

Saturday, May 23 *5th All Souls Saturday*

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 24 *Pentecost Sunday*

10:00 Rosary

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

For *this* Sunday: Mark with the ribbons in your Liturgy Book, pages 196 - 202

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.

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.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." **Jeremiah 29:11**

EPISTLE: Acts 20: 16–18 & 28-38. *Paul's Farewell Speech at Miletus.*

Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus in order not to lose time in the province of Asia, for he was hurrying to be in Jerusalem, if at all possible, for the day of Pentecost. From Miletus he had the presbyters of the church at Ephesus summoned. When they came to him, he addressed them, “You know how I lived among you the whole time from the day I first came to the province of Asia.”

Keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock of which the holy Spirit has appointed you overseers, in which you tend the church of God that he acquired with his own blood. I know that after my departure savage wolves will come among you, and they will not spare the flock. And from your own group, men will come forward perverting the truth to draw the disciples away after them. So be vigilant and remember that for three years, night and

day, I unceasingly admonished each of you with tears. And now I commend you to God and to that gracious word of his that can build you up and give you the inheritance among all who are consecrated.

I have never wanted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. You know well that these very hands have served my needs and my companions. In every way I have shown you that by hard work of that sort we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

When he had finished speaking he knelt down and prayed with them all. They were all weeping loudly as they threw their arms around Paul and kissed him, for they were deeply distressed that he had said that they would never see his face again. Then they escorted him to the ship.

GOSPEL: John 17: 1-13. *The Prayer of Jesus.*

When Jesus had said this, he raised his eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. “I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them.

And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely.

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

Please offer prayers for Sam Langol during his post-surgical recovery & for a successful outcome to his back operation and include prayers for his family.

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 an *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., June 16 at Noon.**

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.

Prayer for a Person Near Death. Almighty and Everlasting God, preserver of souls, who dost correct those whom Thou dost love, and for their amendment dost tenderly chastise those whom Thou dost receive, we call upon Thee, O Lord, to bestow Thy healing, that the soul of Thy servant, at the hour of its departure from the body, may by the hands of Thy holy Angels be presented without spot unto Thee. Amen.

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

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.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS all our parishioners 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 comforting to all that we keep them in our daily prayers.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and He will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

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.

*****CELEBRATING US *****

MAY Birthdays:

Dave Lewis (3), Karen Pavlick (5), Marge Panchura (8),
Margaret Panchura (24), Mark Pavlick (25)

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

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

Craft/Vendor Show: Pat Geary & the whole church community gives a BIG Thank You to the following who helped at this event: Bonnie Ewanick, Elaine Ference, Beth Gulyasy, Andrea Panchura, Bernie Rusinko, Elaine & Dave Lewis, Cindy & Ray McAnulty, Brian Mills, Abby Robinson, and Pat & Skip Martin. Also, another BIG Thank You to all who donated all of the wonderful baked goods! After expenses, this event provided a net profit of \$1,293.50 to our church and will be used as operating income. (Tables sold: \$915, Auction: \$246, Kitchen: \$288). Thanks again to all who worked this event and also those that supported the event.

Kitchen Sales (West Par Bingo): After expenses, our Kitchen netted a profit of \$967. The hand-dipped Candle contributions were \$7. (Sorry for the delay in posting these results.)

Meager Dinner, Lenten Vespers: Our Easter Basket Raffle netted \$80 for St. Pius. The \$172 for the chocolate Three-bar Crosses was given to the Food Bank. (Sorry for the delay in posting these results.)

Thanks to Beth Gulyasy & the GCU for the **Mother’s Day Coffee & Cake Get-Together** along with the beautiful yellow roses for all our St. Pius X women and a bouquet for the Blessed Mother. Also appreciating the helping hands of Andrea Panchura & Brian Mills.

Thanks to Pani Janine for creating such an inspirational **Mother’s Day Prayer Card**.

Keeping Up Appearances. Thanks to Tom Kalka for cutting all the grass around the church and auditorium. It really makes a difference!

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!*

St. Pius’ Evergreen “Giving Tree” in our vestibule is 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. Thank You!

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 Last week on May 10, nineteen (19) people worshiped with us. Collections totaled \$360. (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: June 14.**

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.

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

***** News & Events *****

Mt St Macrina House of Prayer, May 15-17, 4pm Friday-3pm Sunday: Icon Writing Retreat. Led by Marilyn Baron Icon of St. Photina, the Samaritan Woman at the Well Materials, Meals & Overnight Accommodations Provided. Commuters Welcome! Offering: \$425, Commuters: \$375. Registration Due: May 8, call 724-438-7149

May 22 - 24, 2026, (Friday-Sunday): Conference: Echoes East and West: Listen, Teach, Send. Sponsored by the US Council of Catholic Bishops. Location: ***Our Lady of Victory Maronite Catholic Church, Pittsburgh, PA.*** Conference Fee: **\$50 per person:** (Includes materials, meals, snacks, a tour of St. Anthony's Chapel & bowling). *Target Audience:* ministers to youth & young adult, campus ministers, catechists, priests, seminarians, religious, ministry leaders, coaches, scout leaders, parents. Registration deadline: **May 15, 2026.** For more information, please visit: [Echoes East and West: Listen, Teach, Send Archeparchy of Pittsburgh](#). To register, click here: [Echoes East and West: Listen, Teach, Send](#)

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

Volunteer Opportunities for *The St. Pius X Flea Market*

- **Thursday, May 21, 5:30 - 8PM.** Volunteers needed to move flea market items from rectory to hall & price unpriced items. Refreshments will be provided! AND if needed, doing the same work on Thursday, May 28th, 5:30-7PM.
- ***Flea Market Help Needed*** for our "DAY of Event": **May 30, Saturday, 9AM – 2PM.** Please let Beth know if you are able to help as a roamer in the hall, check out, or kitchen. Any time you can give will be appreciated!

Parish Events

May 30, Saturday, 9AM – 2PM: *Flea Market* at St. Pius Auditorium. Buy a table to sell your own "stuff" (see Beth Gulyasy or Pat Geary to reserve & pay for your table) or come to buy a "treasure" you have been searching for. Good Food & Treats will also be available for purchase from our kitchen. These "Fleas" are FUN! Don't miss this event!