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Schedule of Services, May 10 - May 17, 2026

Sunday, May 10 *Sunday of the Man Born Blind & Mothers Day*

10:00 Rosary

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy (*Thanksgiving for Our Mothers, Living & Deceased*)

Tuesday, May 12 *Searcher for the Lost*

11:00 AM Confessions

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

Wednesday, May 13 *Glyceria, Martyr*

11:00 AM Confessions

12:00 PM Noon Divine Liturgy

(*Thanksgiving for Blessings by Jean Staszewski*)

Thursday, May 14 *Ascension of Our Lord* (Day of Obligation)

12:00 PM Noon Divine Liturgy

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

10:00 Rosary

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

For *this* Sunday: Mark with the ribbons in your Liturgy Book, pages 189 - 191

Today on Mothers Day, we are called to pause and reflect on the profound gift of motherhood to the Church, we recognize mothers – and those who have played a motherly role – are often the first icons of God's unconditional love that we encounter. We are blessed. Thanks be to God for all our mothers both living and those laid to His rest!

After Liturgy today, please stop by the Auditorium for some coffee & cake for Mother's Day.

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 16: 16 - 34. *Imprisonment at Philippi.*

As we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl with an oracular spirit, who used to bring a large profit to her owners through her fortune-telling. She began to follow Paul and us, shouting, “These people are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” She did this for many days. Paul became annoyed, turned, and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” Then it came out at that moment. When her owners saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them to the public square before the local authorities. They brought them before the magistrates and said, “These people are Jews and are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us Romans to adopt or practice.” The crowd joined in the attack on them, and the magistrates had them stripped and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After inflicting many blows on them, they threw them into prison and instructed the jailer to guard them securely. When he received these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and secured their feet to a stake.

About midnight, while Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God as the prisoners listened, there was suddenly such a severe earthquake that the foundations of the jail shook; all the doors flew open, and the chains of all were pulled loose. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew [his] sword and was about to kill himself, thinking that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted out in a loud voice, “Do no harm to yourself; we are all here.” He asked for a light and rushed in and, trembling with fear, he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you and your household will be saved.” So they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to everyone in his house. He took them in at that hour of the night and bathed their wounds; then he and all his family were baptized at once. He brought them up into his house and provided a meal and with his household rejoiced at having come to faith in God.

GOSPEL: John 9: 1 - 38. *The Man Born Blind.* As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.” So they said to him, “[So] how were your eyes opened?” He replied, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went there and washed and was able to see.” And they said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I don’t know.”

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.” [But] others said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

Now, the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?” His parents answered and said, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Messiah, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, “He is of age; question him.”

So, a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner.” He replied, “If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see.” So, they said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?”

They ridiculed him and said, “You are that man’s disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from.” The man answered and said to them, “This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes.

We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything.” They answered and said to him, “You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?” Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered and said, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him.

****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.

Gerry O’Connor’s brother, Robert Demetrius Pozonsky passed away peacefully on May 3, 2026 at the age of 93. May God grant his soul peace forever. Also, please remember his wife Nancy, his children and extended family in your prayers.

Our Brother and fellow Parishioner, Mr. Dan Keblish Jr. passed away this past Sunday, April 26. May God grant him Eternal Memory. Please keep his wife Marie and his family in your prayers especially at this time.

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: this Tues., *May 12* 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.

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.

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

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!

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 3, twenty-four (24) people worshiped with us. Collections totaled \$611. (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

Parish Events & Volunteer Opportunities

- **May 12, 6-8PM, Tues:** Volunteer for *Rummage Sale Sorting*. Meet under the church. AND continue sorting, if needed on **Thursday, May 21, 6-8PM.**
- **May 12, 7PM, Tues. (Livestreamed):** Byzantine Catholic Seminary's Saints Cyril and Methodius, Annual Lecture Series: "Remember Me in Your Kingdom, O Lord": Rethinking Liturgical Commemoration in the Byzantine Rite of Proskomide". All are welcome to attend this lecture virtually via the Seminary website: www.bcs.edu. The lecture can also be accessed live or at a later time from archives on the B.C.S. YouTube channel.
- **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](#)
- **May 30, Saturday, 9AM – 2PM. *The St. Pius X Flea Market*** in the Auditorium. **Please Contact Beth Gulyasy to Volunteer your help at this event.**

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

Why is Thursday, May 14 a Holy Day of Obligation? It is the fortieth (40) day after Easter when we celebrate the *Ascension of Jesus Christ*, His return to heaven. It is a day of victory for our Lord, a day of triumph that He fully merited. Christ left the throne of His Father, humbled himself in the womb of the Virgin, lay in Bethlehem in a rough stable, fled from His own people into Egypt and spent years in Nazareth as a common laborer. Tirelessly, He searched for the lost sheep of Israel and was repaid with unkindness and misunderstanding. Then beginning on the Mount of Olives and ending on Golgatha, He patiently paid the price of our redemption. All this He did because He loved us and freed us from Satan's power. His work is complete. Christ returns to heaven as a conqueror! (Excepted from *The Liturgical Year of the Byzantine-Slavonic Rite* by Basil Shereghy, Page 44)