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Schedule of Services: June 28 – July 5, 2026

Sunday, June 28 *Fifth Sunday After Pentecost*

10:00 Rosary

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Monday, June 29 *Peter & Paul, Prime Apostles*

Tuesday, June 30 *Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles*

11:00 AM Confession

12:00 Noon Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, July 1 *Cosmos & Damian, Unmercenaries*

11:00 AM Confession

12:00 Noon Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 5 *Sixth Sunday After Pentecost*

10:00 Rosary

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy (In memory of Margaret Merem-Kunitz,
10-year Repose by Husband, David Kunitz)

Sunday: Mark with the ribbons in your Liturgy Book: Tone 4, pages 138 - 142

WELCOME to All Visitors. If looking for a spiritual home, please know you are always welcome to be a part of our Parish family. If just passing through, we hope you enjoyed participating in our Liturgy. We would love to see you again!

In all you do, remember the end of your life, and then you will never sin.
Sirah 7:36

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

Mount St Macrina House of Prayer, (Reservations/info: 724- 438-7149)

From October to July: Mt St. Macrina House of Prayer offers: *Day, Overnight, Private and Directed Retreats* and will also host groups who are looking for a place that will accommodate their own program.

WEEKLY OFFERING On June 21, twenty-eight (28) people attended & contributed \$368. (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? 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: July 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.

New Parish Directory. Please see Andrea Panchura to update yourself & your extended family's info. The goal is to have a new directory for our Parish Anniversary in August.

GCU Byzantine Family Day, Kennywood Park, July 23, 2026

11:00AM - 9:00PM. "RIDE-ALL-DAY" Tickets: \$28

Free Admission: Ages 3 and under.

Deadline to order tickets is Thursday, July 9. More info to come.

The world is thy ship, and not thy home. **St. Therese of Lisieux**

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, Pat Geary, Skip Martin. Keeping them in our daily prayers is a comfort to all.

"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 3:5-6:11

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." Thank you.

EPISTLE: Romans 10:1-10. Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God on their behalf is for salvation. I testify with regard to them that they have zeal for God, but it is not discerning. For, in their unawareness of the righteousness that comes from God and their attempt to establish their own [righteousness], they did not submit to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for the justification of everyone who has faith. Moses writes about the righteousness that comes from [the] law, "The one who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will go up into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down) or 'Who will go down into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)." But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we preach), for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

GOSPEL: Matthew 8:28 – 9:3 *The Healing of the Gadarene Demoniacs & a Paralytic.* When he came to the other side, to the territory of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs who were coming from the tombs met him. They were so savage that no one could travel by that road. They cried out, "What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the appointed time?" Some distance away a herd of many swine was feeding. The demons pleaded with him, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go then!" They came out and entered the swine, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea where they drowned. The swineherds ran away, and when they came to the town they reported everything, including what had happened to the demoniacs. Thereupon the whole town came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him they begged him to leave their district. He entered a boat, made the crossing, and came into his own town. And there people brought to him a paralytic lying on a stretcher. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Courage, child, your sins are forgiven." At that, some of the scribes* said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming."

****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 (412 687-1220) & 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., July 14 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.

“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

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.

Feast Day, June 29. The feast of SS. Peter & Paul came to be observed soon after their deaths. Since 258 AD, the feast has been kept in Rome on June 29 on which a solemn service was held. Special activities, as observed in Rome, are described by Prudentius, a Roman Christian poet (348-405AD). According to him the whole city was in motion. The faithful visited the tombs of the apostles and in the two churches erected in their honor, pontifical mass was celebrated.

*****CELEBRATING US in JUNE *****

Birthdays: Brent Kolesar (14), James Hagan (15), John Hochendoner (26)

Anniversaries: Fr. Michael & Pannie Janine Kunitz (28)

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

St. Pius’ Fathers Day Social. Thank you to Beth Gulyasy and the GCU for the delicious get together.

St. Pius’ ICON Art Drive. Thank you to Patricia & Ray Pompe for their additional \$25 donation and to Margaret Panchura for her icon writing.

St. Pius’ Lottery Tickets. Thanks to all who participated & especially to Beth Gulyasy for managing program. \$250 was deposited for church maintenance.

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 Rummage Sales can be brought to St. Pius NOW.** *Thank you!*

Never too Early. If you received a Gift that won’t be used or buy clearance “finds”, please consider donating them for this year’s Bingo Raffle Baskets. These donated items are to be marked *For BINGO.*