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*** News & Events ***

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Schedule of Services: July 5- July 12, 2026

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)

Tuesday, July 7

11:00 AM Confession

12:00 Noon Sixth-hour Prayer Service

Wednesday, July 8 Procopius, Great-Martyr

11:00 AM Confession

12:00 Noon Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 12 Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 Rosary

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Thursday, July 23, 2026_GCU Byzantine Family Day, Kennywood Park 11:00AM - 9:00PM. "RIDE-ALL-DAY" Tickets: \$28

Free Admission: Ages 3 and under.

Please contact Beth Gulyasy before Thursday, July 9 to order tickets.

Saturday, August 8, 2026_ Our St. Pius X Parish Anniversary

Liturgy at 4PM & Dinner in Auditorium to follow. Parishioners are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Please RSVP to Andrea Panchura (412-337-7145) by Friday, July 24 (caterer needs our final count).

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 28, thirty-one (31) people attended & contributed \$890. (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. Place cash donations 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.

Sunday: Mark with the ribbons in your Liturgy Book: Tone 5, pages 143 - 148

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

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.

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

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.

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

EPISTLE: Romans 12: 6-14 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to the faith; if ministry, in ministering; if one is a teacher, in teaching; if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity; if one is over others, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality. Bless those who persecute [you], bless and do not curse them.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9: 1-8 *The Healing of the Paralytic.* 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.” Jesus knew what they were thinking, and said, “Why do you harbor evil thoughts? Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic, “Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home.” He rose and went home. When the crowds saw this, they were struck with awe and glorified God who had given such authority to human beings.”

****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 29:11**

Prophet Jeremiah wrote this to the exiled Israelites in Babylon. The people were distressed, far from home & desperate for suffering to end. False prophets were giving them false hope of a quick rescue. God told Jeremiah to tell the exiles to settle down in Babylon because they would be there for 70 years. In this context, **Jeremiah 29:11** is not an immediate promise that life will be easy or that everything will go exactly the way an individual wants. Instead, it is a reassurance of God’s sovereignty, presence & overarching goodness during challenging times. It reminds believers that even in the midst of suffering or uncertainty, God’s ultimate plans are purposeful, aimed at ultimate flourishing (often translated as the Hebrew word *shalom*) rather than destruction.

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 in July*****

Birthdays: Elaine Lewis (4), Noreen Hornyak (14), Lisa Ference (27), Marion Nagy (28), Jean Stefanac (28).

Wedding Anniversaries: John & Lisa Ference (5), John & Stephanie Langol (11), Skip & Pat Martin (17).

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

Prayer Cards for Mothers & Fathers Day. Thank you to Pani Janine for providing the prayers card of husband & wife, St. Emmelia and St. Basil the Elder to celebrate these special days and to assist us in our prayer lives. Five of their ten children are known saints. What a great family to ask for their help.

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*.

Milestone Wedding Anniversaries. Please let Father Michael know if you will be celebrating a “milestone” anniversary (10 yrs., 15, 20, 25, etc.) this year. The Chancery is requesting addresses so that an invitation will be sent.