

ST. PIUS X BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Schedule of Services: August 9 - August 16, 2026

Saturday August 8 *11th Sunday After Pentecost Vigil*

3:30 PM Rosary

4:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy IHO of Our Parish Family

Tuesday August 11

11:00 AM Confession

12:00 PM Akathist for the Theotokos, Searcher for the Lost

Wednesday, August 12

11:00 AM Confession

12:00 PM Divine Liturgy

Saturday August 15 *Dormition of the Theotokos*

9:30 AM Confession

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Sunday August 16 *12th Sunday After Pentecost*

10:00 AM Rosary

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Sunday: The Vigil Divine Liturgy begins on Page 104 in your Liturgy Book. Mark with the ribbons in your Liturgy Book: Tone 2, page 130.

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 just passing through, we hope to see you again!

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.

News and Events

Saturday, September 12, 2026. It's Time for Our Annual Rummage Sale!

Come and find your new treasures in our old treasures. Food and refreshments will be available alongside a bake sale. All proceeds benefit St. Pius X renovations and repairs.

Volunteers are always needed! Please let Beth Gulyasy know if you can volunteer for this event or the upcoming Super Bingo in November. Volunteer opportunities, including specific dates and times, are always listed in the bulletin.

New Parish Directory. Please provide updated contact information for yourself and your extended family to Andrea Panchura.

WEEKLY OFFERING On August 2, 2026, 24 people attended and contributed \$590.00.

(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: August 16.**

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 to leave your request and callback number. You can also contact Gerry O'Connor or Bryan Mills to provide your information.

Prayer for St. Pius X Church. Please pray to our five saintly Bishops for the spiritual prosperity of St. Pius X Church and all 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 and 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. Norma and Bob Langol, 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, Marion Nagy, Pat Geary, Skip Martin, and Elaine Ference.

Requesting a Home Visit From Father Michael. Parishioners requesting an Anointing of the Sick, Communion and/or Confession are to call the Holy Spirit Rectory: (412) 687-1220. Requests are to be made directly by the Parishioner unless they are unable to do so themselves.

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

“But for one who is praying it should make no difference if he is on a train or in the cave or on the road; it should be the same for him. God has made each one of us into a small temple, and we can always have it with us wherever we go.”

Elder Paisos of Mt. Athos

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 9: 2-12 *Paul's Rights as an Apostle* Although I may not be an apostle for others, certainly I am for you, for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense against those who would pass judgment on me is this. Do we not have the right to eat and drink? Do we not have the right to take along a Christian wife, as do the rest of the apostles, and the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only myself and Barnabas who do not have the right not to work? Who ever serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating its produce? Or who shepherds a flock without using some of the milk from the flock? Am I saying this on human authority, or does not the law also speak of these things? It is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain.” Is God concerned about oxen, or is he not really speaking for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope, and the thresher in hope of receiving a share. If we have sown spiritual seed for you, is it a great thing that we reap a material harvest from you? If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we still more?

GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 23-35 *Parable of the Unforgiving Servant.* Then Peter approaching asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.’ Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount.* He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, ‘Pay back what you owe.’ Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ But he refused. Instead, he had him put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?’ Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart.”

****Our Praying Community****

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

Personals. Please pray for those 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 and leave a message.

Theotokos, Searcher for the Lost Icon and Prayer Request Book. *Faith, Hope, Love* (blue-cover book) is in the vestibule of the church. Please write-in your additional requests and 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. **Akathist Services are held on the second Tues. of each month.**

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.

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 and Msgr. Duker and our deceased parishioners, please offer prayers and thanksgiving for them and for their service to us and to the Lord.

*****Celebrating Us in August*****

Birthdays: Robert Langol: Aug 2. Ann Danchenka: Aug 9. Pat Martin: Aug 20. Panni Janine: Aug 23.

Wedding Anniversaries: Dave & Elaine Lewis: Aug. 3. Bernadette & Joe Rusinko: Aug 9. Cindy & Ray McAnulty: Aug 29. Karen & Mark Pavick: Aug 30.

*****It Takes A Village THANK YINZ*****

We are now accepting clothing for the upcoming rummage sale! All donated items can be brought to St. Pius X **NOW** and we hope to have everything marked and ready by late August. Thank you!

It’s Never Too Early! If you received a Gift that won’t be used or find something on clearance, please consider donating them for this year’s bingo raffle baskets. These donated items will be set aside *FOR BINGO*.

*****Volunteer Opportunities*****

Rummage Sale Preparation! All donated items currently in the basement will need to be priced and moved to the hall for the sale. Any time you can give is appreciated. **Refreshments will be provided.**

- **Tues., Sept 1, 5-7PM.** Price and bring rummage to hall. Treat: Pizza.
- **Thurs., Sept 8, 5-7PM.** Finish rummage transfer and set up tables.
- **Sat., Sept 12, 9AM- 2PM Rummage Sale Event.** Helpers needed for the bake sale, kitchen, running tables, and check out. Please let Beth Gulyasy know if you can help for this event.

*“I say that we must not think to make our prayer complete by syllables.
The strength of prayer lies rather in the purpose of our soul
and in deeds of virtue reaching every part and moment of our life.”*

St. Basil the Great