

ST. PIUS X BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Schedule of Services: September 13 - September 20, 2026 <u>Sunday, Sept 13</u> <i>Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> (For all Creation Suffering from Natural Disasters...Beth Gulyasy) 10:00 AM Rosary 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy <u>Monday, Sept 14</u> <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Solemn)</i> (In memory of Msgr. Smiciklas...by our St. Pius X parish) 11:00 AM Confession 12:00 PM Divine Liturgy <u>Tuesday, Sept 15</u> 11:00 AM Confession 12:00 PM Akathist: Searcher for the Lost <u>Wednesday, Sept 16</u> <i>Euphemia, Great – Martyr</i> (In honor of Juliana & Vincent Quas’ 37th Wedding Anniversary 11:00 AM Confession ...by Andrea & Margaret Panchura) 12:00 PM Divine Liturgy <u>Sunday, Sept 20</u> <i>Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> (In memory of Ron Berg...by Gerry & Stephen O’Connor) 10:00 AM Rosary 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy	

For this Sunday’s Singing: Mark with ribbons, pages 154–158 for Tone 7

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!

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

<u>WEEKLY OFFERING</u> On Sept 6, twenty-four (24) people attended & contributed \$530. (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. These envelopes can be placed in the collection basket.) <u>READERS WANTED</u> Interested in joining the rotation to read or chant the Apostolic readings at the Divine Liturgy? Contact Cantor Gerry O’Connor or Father Michael. <u>FOOD BANK.</u> Thank you for supporting this worthy project. Place cash donations in the metal lockbox marked <i>St. Paul’s Monastery Food Bank</i> located on the small table on the right side before you enter the church. NEXT COLLECTION: September 27. <u>OUR FREE LIBRARY</u> 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. <u>TO ADD ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BULLETIN</u> 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 Andrea Panchura for information.
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“Never say, after spending a considerable amount of time in prayer, that nothing was acquired, because you have already achieved something. What greater good is there to hold steadfastly to the Lord and persist in unending union with Him?”
St. John Climacus

Prayer for St. Pius X Church. Please pray to our five saintly Bishops for the spiritual prosperity of St. Pius X 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. 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, John White, Marion Nagy, Pat Geary, Skip Martin, and Elaine Ference. Keeping them in our daily prayers is a comfort to all.

Please be especially mindful of Justin Hanula & family with the passing of his mother, Laura as well as Gerry O'Connor & family with the passing of her brother, Michael J. Pozonsky. May God grant them His Peace.

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.

Intentions for Divine Liturgies. Please consider dedicating a Liturgy intention of thanksgiving, in honor of a special occasion/milestone and/or in memory of a deceased loved one. The customary stipend is \$25.

“Never belittle the significance of your thoughts. For not one escapes God's notice.”
St. Mark the Ascetic

EPISTLE: Galatians 6:11-18. *Final Appeal.* See with what large letters I am writing to you in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good appearance in the flesh who are trying to compel you to have yourselves circumcised, only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those having themselves circumcised observe the law themselves; they only want you to be circumcised so that they may boast of your flesh. But may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision, I but only a new creation. Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

GOSPEL: John 3:13-17 *The Greatest Commandment* No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

****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 & 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. October 13 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 (name) 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 & 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 September*****

Birthdays: *Theodora Kunitz (9/4), Jack Langol (9/4), Bernadette Rusinko (9/10), John Kolesar (9/16), Marie Anderson (9/24)*

Wedding Anniversaries: None this month.

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

Special Thanks to all the following volunteers that helped make our Annual Rummage Sale a super event: to Beth Gulyasy, Ray & Cindy McAnulty, Dave & Elaine Lewis, Pat Geary, Bryan Mills, Bonnie Ewanick, Bernie Rusinko, Marie Anderson, Tony Diedra, Andrea Panchura, Father Michael and everyone who contributed their “oldies but goodies”! We will post our profits next week.

Super Bingo Raffle Baskets! 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*.

Cash Donations expressly for our Super Bingo Baskets are always welcome. These donations help the Bingo volunteers buy items needed to complete each themed basket. Envelopes are in the vestibule and should be marked BINGO and placed in the regular Collection Basket.

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

Volunteers for our upcoming Events will soon be needed. Save the dates for:

➤ St. Pius’ Super Bingo on Saturday, November 14th, Noon- 4PM.

➤ Advent Pierogi Sales (Frozen Only)
Fridays, Nov. 20th – Dec. 18th, Noon – 4PPN

*“Blessed is he who knows in truth that we are but tools in God’s hands.”
St. Maximos the Confessor*