

Parish Offerings – 9th Sunday after Pentecost — July 30, 2017

“Everyone must give according to whatever he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Cor 9:7)

Holy Ghost Church, McKees Rocks

Regular Offering (\$1,830) YP (\$7)	\$1,837.00
Holy Days	35.00
Special Donation (M/M Mark Cifrulak for Dgtr: Stacie Wedding)	500.00
Special Donation (In honor of Mary Lynn by Cousin: Jean Cayne)	50.00
Votive Candles	122.50
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	\$2,544.50

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$435.00
Holy Days	30.00
Utilities (\$30) Improvements (\$20)	50.00
Votive Candles	32.50
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	\$547.50

Church Attendance Last Week

Sat., 4:00 p.m. (38)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (80); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (28)

Good Bye July ~

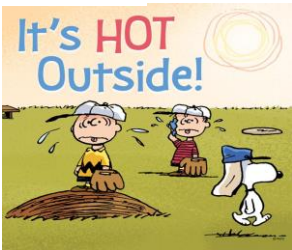
HELLO!
August



“Do you think I over-praised Marmaduke for fetching the paper?”



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THE 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Transfiguration of Our Lord — August 6, 2017



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The Reverend Deacon Michael Meaders (NS)

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SUNDAY RADIO (9:00 am WEDO 810 AM) & INTERNET DIVINE LITURGY
All Liturgical Services LIVE on UStream: www.UStream.tv/channel/holy-ghost-church

Sunday Divine Liturgies
Saturday (MR) 4:00 pm
Sunday (MR) 9:00 am
Holy Ghost (NS) 11:00 a.m.

Holy Day Divine Liturgies
w/Great Vespers (Oblig)
(MR): 7:00 pm
Holy Day (MR) 9:00 am; (NS) 6:00 pm

Daily Divine Liturgy
M-F (MR) 8:00 am
Sat. (NS) 9:00 am.

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation: Sat (MR): 3:15 to 3:40 pm & Sun (MR) 8:15 to 8:40 am.; (NS) 10:30 am

Holy Mysteries of Initiation: Contact Church Office for Baptism, Chrismation and Eucharist.

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GCU Lodge 390: (MR) Contact Margaret Bellinas (412) 331-3577 for membership requirements.

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Carpatho-Rusyn Radio Broadcast: Every Sunday from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. WPIT 730 AM.

Social Hall Rental: (MR) Contact Church Office.

New & Returning Parishioners: Welcome! Please register by phoning the Church Office.

Remember the Church in Your Will: Please be so kind as to remember the Church in your last will and testament. This helps to secure its future & a Byzantine Catholic witness to all!

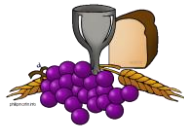
THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

When the Most High descended and confused tongues, He scattered the people; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all men to unity. Therefore, with one voice, let us glorify the Most Holy Spirit (Matins of Pentecost Sunday).

August 6, 2017

Seasonal Greeting

Volume VII, Number 32



Glory to Jesus Christ! — Glory Forever!
Slava Isusu Christu!! — Slava Na Viki!



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Transfiguration of Our Lord, God & Savior

Jesus Christ — Solemn Holy Day — First Sunday of Savioral Fast


Solemn Blessing of Grapes & Other Fruits — Mirovanije


SUN., Aug 6 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Anna + Paul Warhola Dgtr: Mary Lou & Ron Simpson

Mon, Aug 7 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Joseph F. Pospychala  Friends


Tue, Aug 8 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Charles Kundrat + M/M Francis Eberte
(5th ann of passing 8/7)

RECOMMENDED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice)
for the intention of our beloved's return to the Church.

Wed, Aug 9 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Lester Keller  Dolores & Ted Babin
(40th day of passing 8/10)

Thrs, Aug 10 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Edward Zotyak  Wife: Florence
(1st ann of passing 8/11)

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice)
for the intention of our beloved's return to the Church.

Fri, Aug 11 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Irene Bilak  Jolin, Maryann & Conner Lyndon
(9th ann of passing)

Sat, Aug 12 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Mary Ann Holesh Cully Sister: Helen Holesh Marince

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Tenth after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Debra Ann Palahunik Parents: Irene & Mike

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Second and Final Sunday of the Savioral Fast — Transfiguration Postfestive

SUN., Aug 13 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Frances + Joseph Saveikis Dgtrs: Anita Wolsko & Phyllis Murphy

11:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

General Announcements

All Birthdays will be published in SOT each week so that prayers may be offered on these special occasions. Please advise the Church office if your special day does not appear or if you wish your name and date not be published.

Note: Capitalized Names designate North Side parishioners

Birthdays: Aug 7 – Carol Lipchick; Aug 9 – Russell Keller, Frank Lipchick; Aug 10 – Betty Wickline; Aug 12 – Linda Reiger.

Pray For the Ill, Infirm & Shut-ins of Our Parishes

HOME: Irene Bordas, MARY ANN CONTI, Mary Culan, Andrew Drukalsky, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, Helen Hopey, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, Elizabeth Petruna, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Agnes Rosko, MARY SAHAYDA, Michael Spisak, MSGR. PETER TAY, ANNA TOTH, EVELYN VENTO, JOHN VEREB, Julia Wovchko, SHIRLEY YANOSKO.

MAPLEWOOD PC HOME (461 Maplewood Ave. Ambridge, PA 15003): Susan Dragosh, Doris Naughton.

HIGHLAND PARK CARE CENTER (745 North Highland Ave., Pgh, PA 15206): Linda Reiger.
MASONIC VILLAGE (1000 Masonic Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143): Helen M. Kriska, Marjorie Preganz.

MARIAN MANOR (2695 Winchester Dr., Pgh, 15220): Irene Bednar, MICHAEL BARBUSH,
CHIPPEWA PLACE (7005 Stadium Dr., Apt 427, Brecksville, OH 44141): Stephen Katrenich.
VALENCIA WOODS OF ST. BARNABAS (85 Charity Pl., Valencia, PA 16059): Eleanor Kapko.
SUNRISE OF EAST COBB (1551 Johnson Ferry Rd., Marietta, GA 30062): AGNES KNOLL.
CARING HEIGHTS (234 Coraopolis Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108): Margaret Beliuas.
FAIR OAKS ASSISTED LIVING (2200 W. Liberty Ave., Pgh, 15226): ANNA MARIE DEMIANCZYK.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. How do you know when God is calling you? **A. Answer by Catholic Answers:** The first sign of a vocation is a persistent desire. Someone who is called to the priesthood—or the diaconate or the religious life or marriage—will want to be ordained—or want religious life or to marry. The Church tests and confirms all vocations, so someone who believes he has a vocation should do all that he can to pursue that vocation within the Church. Those with vocations to ordination or the religious life should speak with the vocations director of their diocese or of a religious order that interests them. Those called to marriage should begin to do what is possible to find a Catholic spouse, with the expectation of marrying in the Church.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

Continue to burn before the real presence of our Lord, God & Savior Jesus

August 6 — August 12, 2017

(MR): In memory of Loretta & Andrew Yakubik 

offered by Dgtr: Evelyn

(NS): In memory of Andy Staskus

(MR) NONE AVAILABLE 2017 offered by Niece: Joan Senchyshyn (NS) NONE AVAILABLE 2017

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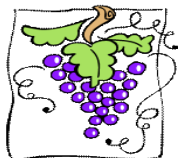
M/M PARONISH UNITED IN HOLY MATRIMONY — A Nuptial Divine Liturgy and Wedding Ceremony was celebrated Saturday afternoon, July 29, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at (MR) Holy Ghost Church for **and Stacie Anne Cifrulak and Justin Paul Paronish** . Our parish family extends to Stacie and Justin it's most sincere congratulations and prayerful best wishes as they begin their new life together as husband and wife. May God grant them peace, health and salvation for many happy and blessed years! Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!

BLESSING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN & TEACHERS NEXT WEEK — Following each of the Divine Liturgies **next weekend August 12 & 13** all Students and Teachers will be asked to come forward for a blessing as they commence the 2017-2018 Academic Year in their various schools, colleges and universities. Since many of these institutions begin earlier each year, the opportunity to receive this blessing has been moved to the second weekend of August. Receive God's blessing and be enriched by His tender mercy.



GCU LODGE 390 MEETING NEXT WEEK — All members are urged to attend this third quarterly meeting on **Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 2:00 PM**. The meeting will be held in the Church Basement of the MR Church.

DISTRICT 15 INVITES ALL TO THE WINERY —GCU District 15 is continuing the tradition that District 1 (no longer in existence) did in inviting everyone to an Afternoon at the Narcisi Winery, 4578 Gibsonia Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044, on **Sunday, August 27, 2017** from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Rain or shine there will be a covered pavilion. Cost is \$10.00 (members, and \$20.00 (non-members) Enjoy fraternalism, wine tasting, and light refreshments. Music will be provided by the Doug Edgell Band on the patio. Reservations must be made by contacting Kathy Kapaldo (412) 951-8331.



If You Don't Teach Your Kids About Sex, Guess Who Will? Article continued from page 3 ...

Around the onset of puberty, more explicit sexual education is necessary, and the best approach is to be joyful, factual, and always presented within the context of our beautiful Catholic faith. Don't shy away from it! My husband and I have yet to raise a child who doesn't understand why the Church teaches as it does. Although our children retain their free will and may reject the moral law at any time, the nature and design of our bodies is incredibly clear, and the negative consequences of violating that nature and design is evident all around them. Your kids and mine are able to understand God's plan for human sexuality with little trouble when it's presented to them in truth and love, with no fear or hedging. Above all, let your adolescent know that he or she may ask you anything. Nothing—and I do mean nothing—is off limits for discussion. Open and honest discussion is key to assuring that your child will willingly come back to you with each subsequent question, not approach a peer or search the internet. While the bullets coming at your child's innocence and virtue are more numerous and varied today than they were even a few years ago, the shield that protects them is exactly the same: The truth and meaning of human sexuality, designed by God himself, presented by confident parents who live that truth in their own lives.

FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE:

If You Don't Teach Your Kids About Sex, Guess Who Will?

The following article was written by a Catholic Mother, Leila Miller and taken from Catholic Answers Webpage. It may be of help to you in how and when to explain sexuality to your children. This is a faith-based issue. Space does not permit the entire article so you may locate it on Catholic.com/magazine.

When I first started parenting, the mainstreaming and even celebrating of "LGBT" was not exploding all around us, and it did not have free rein into children's television shows, movies, or library story time. Things like fifty-three "genders," boys allowed in the female bathrooms, and the unreserved promotion of sex to young teen girls in popular teen magazines were not something the average American could have even imagined back then. **We are witnessing a sea-change rejection of Christian morality and natural law in our time that is unprecedented,**



and it is coming at us in a manic and, dare I say, demonic speed.... Despite this, there remain countless Catholic parents—even rock-solid theology of the body believing parents—who will not or cannot address sex and sexual issues with their children. Case and point: About ten years ago, a friend and Catholic mother of many confessed to me that she had never talked to her young adult and teenaged children about sex. I remember looking at her in disbelief as my mind was screaming in my head, "If you don't do it, who will?" When I heard the same thing from other solid Catholic moms within the next few weeks, I knew we had a widespread problem. These were not lukewarm or poorly catechized Catholics mothers, and yet their children were going through high school and off to college with no parental guidance or teaching in this most crucial area of life. Shortly after those three encounters, I found a printed a copy **The Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality: Guidelines for Education Within the Family** from the Pontifical Council for the Family. Reading over it closely, I took a yellow highlighter and looked specifically for the words "obligation" and "duty." Here is a small sampling of what I found: In many cases parents have given up their duty in this field or agreed to delegate it to others, because of the difficulty and their own lack of preparation (1). *If in fact parents do not give adequate formation in chastity, they are failing in their precise duty (44). Parents in particular have the duty to let their children know about the mysteries of human life, because the family is, in fact, the best environment to accomplish the obligation of securing a gradual education in sexual life . . . (64). The entire document is invaluable to Catholic parents, and woefully under-used.* In the years that have passed since that time, I have encountered many mothers who are thrilled to know that this document exists, and anxious to share it as I did. They want to share the help that the Church gives parents in navigating the incredible sexual confusion we are encountering all around us. What next? Once a parent understands their duty to address the sexual issues, what then? Parents of small children must, above all, be mindful of the latency period, or what St. John Paul II described as the "years of innocence." From the age of about five until puberty, children should be left undisturbed by too much information about sex. Young children certainly notice the differences between the sexes, but they naturally concern themselves with innocent play, learning social skills, and advancing in their studies. They see the healthy role modeling of the sexes by watching parents interact, and that is enough. But what if the latency period is violated by receiving explicit sexual information too early? In this case, *The Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality* notes that parents must begin to provide "carefully limited sexual information, usually to correct immoral and erroneous information" (84). This may be uncomfortable for the parent, but it has to be done. *(Article cont. on page 6)*

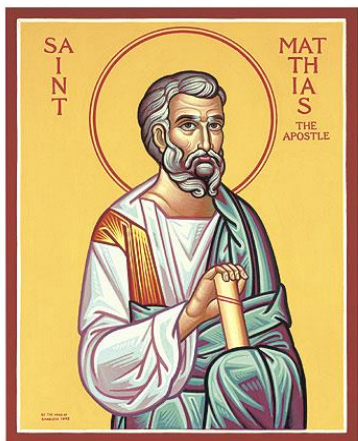
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

August 10 Sacramental Wine Tasting @ 6:00 p.m. (cf. article inside).
August 12-13 Blessing of Students and Teachers for the new Academic School Year following weekend DL.
August 13 3rd Quarter GCU Lodge 390 Meeting in MR @ 2:00 p.m.
August 14 Vigil of the Feast of the Dormition – Blessing of Herbs & Flowers – (MR) 7:00 pm — **Holy Day of Obligation.**
August 15 ... Feast of the Dormition – Blessing of Herbs & Flowers – (MR) 9:00 am; (NS) 6:00 p.m. — **Holy Day of Obligation.**
August 20 **Annual Parish Picnic, Robinson Clever Road, beginning @ 1:00 pm.**
August 24 Archdiocesan Servers Faith & Fun Day (cf. MR Announcements).
August 29 Feast of Beheading of St. John the Baptist: (MR) 9:00 a.m. & (NS) 6:00 p.m.

Saint of the Week

The Holy Apostle Matthias — August 9

Matthias was born in Bethlehem of the tribe of Judah. He studied with St.



Simeon the "Receiver of God" in Jerusalem. When the Lord went out to preach about the Kingdom of God Matthias then joined the others who loved the Lord, for he himself loved Him with all his heart and with delight did he hear His words and witnessed His works. In the beginning, Matthias was numbered among the Seventy Lesser Disciples of Christ but following the resurrection of the Lord, since the place of Judas was vacated, the apostles, by drawing lots, chose this Matthias in place of Judas as one of the Twelve Great Apostles. "And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus and

Matthias. And they prayed and said: 'You Lord, who knows the hearts of all men, show which of these two You have chosen, that he may take part of this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell that he might go to his own place' " (Acts 1:23-26). Receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, Matthias set out to preach the Gospel, first of all in Judea and after that in Ethiopia where he endured great tortures for the sake of Christ. It is held that he preached throughout Macedonia where they wanted to blind him but he became invisible to his torturers and thus escaped danger. Being in prison, the Lord appeared to him, encouraged him and freed him. Finally, he returned again to his work in Judea. There he was accused and brought to court before the high priest Ananias before whom he fearlessly witnessed for Christ. Ananias, the same Ananias, who before that, slew the Apostle James, condemned Matthias to death. They led Matthias out, stoned him to death and, after that, decapitated him with an axe (this was the Roman manner of killing a person who was sentenced to death and the hypocritical Jews applied this method on the dead man so as to show the Romans that the slain person was an enemy of Rome). Thus, this great apostle of Christ died and took up habitation in the eternal joy of his Lord

General Announcements

TRANSFIGURATION: A SOLEMN HOLY DAY — Christian theology assigns a great deal of significance to the Transfiguration, based on multiple elements of the narrative. In Christian teachings, the Transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place for the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth. The Transfiguration not only supports the identity of Jesus as the Son of God (as in his Baptism), but the statement "listen to him", identifies him as the messenger and mouthpiece of God.^[1] The significance of this identification is enhanced by the presence of Elijah and Moses, for it indicates to the apostles that Jesus is the voice of God "par excellence", and instead of Elijah or Moses, he should be listened to, surpassing the laws of Moses by virtue of his filial relationship with God. In 2 Peter 1:16–18, echoes the same message: at the Transfiguration God assigns to Jesus a special "honor and glory" and it is the turning point at which God exalts Jesus above all other powers in creation, and positions him as ruler and judge. The Transfiguration also echoes the teaching by Jesus (as in Matthew 22:32) that God is not "the God of the dead, but of the living". Although Moses had died and Elijah had been taken up to heaven centuries before (as in 2 Kings 2:11), they now live in the presence of the Son of God, implying that the same return to life can apply to all who face death and have faith. **Grapes and other fruits of the summer harvest are blessed. From grapes comes the wine in which the transfigured Jesus appears in the Eucharistic Form; and the fruits symbol God's bounty to us His people and His desire to feed us.**



TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR OUR PARISH PICNIC — Mark your calendars and set aside, **Sunday, August 20** for our dual parish picnic. This year's event will be, once again, at Robinson Clever Recreational Park, Rotary Shelter, 115 Robinson Pool Drive, McKees Rocks 15136. **THE SWIMMING POOL WILL BE CLOSED DUE TO RENOVATIONS BEGINNING THE SECOND WEEK OF AUGUST!! GOOD GRIEF!!** Ticket prices are the same as last year: Adults — \$13.00, Children — \$6.00. Meal will be served at 1:30 p.m. — SLAVJANE will perform at 2:15 p.m. Hopefully, they will be able to recruit new Holy Ghost members. The picnic will extend from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Games for children and adults will be presented. Tickets are being sold following the Divine Liturgies. **Last day for obtaining tickets is next Sunday, Aug. 13.**



ALTAR BOY FAITH & FUN DAY FOURTHCOMING — Set for **Thursday, August 24, 2017.** Open to all Altar Boys (elementary through college), this exciting day sponsored by the Vocations Office. It is a way to thank you for volunteering your time and service to the Church. Registration will take place at the school gym at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Divine Liturgy. After a lunch we will depart to the Carnegie Science Center. We will be attending a mid-afternoon 4:05 p.m. Pirate Baseball Game against the Los Angeles Dodgers. Phone the church office to register (412) 771-3324. *A Parent's Consent Form must be returned to the Vocation's Office (66 Riverview Ave, PGH 15214) to arrive no later than Friday, August 18!* Forms are available at the (MR) Church Office.

