

## Parish Offerings – Oct. 16, 2016

“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 (\$1,805.50) YP (\$5) .....	\$1,810.50
Holy Days .....	5.00
Collection for the Poor .....	423.00
Special Donation (M/M Lee Feldman – Honor of Marriage) .....	25.00
Votive Candles .....	114.00
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	\$2,377.50

### Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering .....	\$420.00
Collection for the Poor .....	105.00
Votive Candles .....	59.00
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	\$584.00

### Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat., 4:00 pm (37);  
Sun., (MR) 9:00 am (95); (NS) 11:00 am (35)



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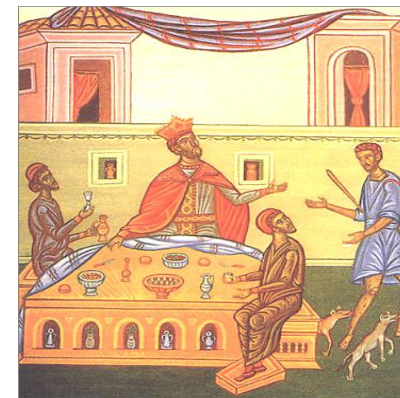
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## THE 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Respect Life Month — October 23, 2016



2015-2016 Extra-Ordinary Jubilee – THE YEAR OF MERCY  
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**The Very Reverend Father Frank A. Firko, Pastor**

**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.

Holy Mysteries of Anointing: Ask especially prior to surgery or any other time.

Holy Mystery of Matrimony: Contact pastor one year in advance; Pre-Cana Classes required.

Sponsor of Christian Initiation: Godparents must be practicing Catholics.

Religious Education Classes: (MR) Coordinator: Steve Puluka (412) 897- 4650.

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

Slavjane Folk Ensemble: (MR) Membership requirements contact Dean Poloka (412) 877-9351.

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)

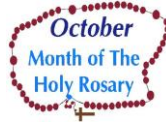
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Seasonal Greeting

Volume VI, Number 43



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



## Liturgical Services for the Week

Date		Time	Intention		Requested By
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### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**SUN., Oct 23** 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Joe Babin (8<sup>th</sup> ann of passing 10/27) Wife: Gerry  
11:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Mon, Oct 24 8:00 a.m. (MR) + John Kulka (birthday 10/22) Children: Kathy & John

Tue, Oct 25 8:00 a.m. (MR) Health & Welfare Husband: Mike & Family  
of Mary Bebech

Wed, Oct 26 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Anita Y. Cifrulak (birthday) Family

Thrs., Oct 27 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Myrona Duggan GCU Lodge 390

**REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice) in remembrance of**  
 Our Lord's Crucifixion and Death upon the Precious Cross

Fri, Oct 28 8:00 a.m. (MR) + James A. Skurla Franciscan Friars  
(1<sup>st</sup> ann of passing)

**6:00 p.m. (MR) The Sorrowful Mystery of the Holy Rosary**

Sat., Oct 29 9:00 a.m. (NS) Esther M. Kallop M/M Thomas Testa

*The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost — Sunday of Christ the King*

**4:00 p.m. (MR) Health & Welfare** Dgtr: Tina & David Burns  
of Julie & John Kutchmark



### 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of Christ the King

**SUN., Oct 30** 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Patricia Petruna Mom: Elizabeth Petruna & Family  
(3<sup>rd</sup> ann of passing 10/27)

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

3:00 p.m. Beatification & Canonization Moleben, Cathedral, Munhall, PA.

## 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:** Oct 24 – Anastasia Bedard, Theresa Kundrat; Oct 25 – Gregory Stilwell; Oct 27 – BETTY LORINC; Oct 28 – Dolores Boros.

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

**HOME:** Margaret Beliunas, Irene Bordas, MARY ANN CONTI, Mary Culan, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Debra Palahunik, Elizabeth Petruna, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Agnes Rosko, MARY SAHAYDA, GERARD SLAGLE, ANNA TOTH, EVELYN VENTO, JOHN VEREB, Claudia Verner, Julia Wovchko.

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

**MASONIC VILLAGE** (1000 Masonic Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143): Helen M. Kriska, Marjorie Preganz.

**MARIAN MANOR** (2695 Winchester Dr., Pgh, 15220): MICHAEL BARBUSH, Irene Bednar.

**CHIPPEWA PLACE** (7005 Stadium Dr., Apt 427, Brecksville, OH 44141): Stephen Katrenich.

**VALENCIA WOODS OF ST. BARNABAS** (85 Charity Place, Valencia, PA 16059): Eleanor Kapko.

**THE RESIDENCE AT WILLOW LANE** (30 Heckel Rd., MR, PA 15136): Andrew Drukalsky.

#### Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

**Q.** My fiancé and I want to live together for the next year to save money. My mom is upset about this and says this is wrong. But if we both honor our commitment to live chastely until marriage, why would it be wrong? **A. Catholic Answers Apologist:** Even if you and your fiancé don't have sexual relations for the entire time of your living together, your actions give scandal. The Catechism warns: The person who gives scandal becomes his neighbor's tempter. He damages virtue and integrity; he may even draw his brother into spiritual death. Scandal is a grave offense if by deed or omission another is deliberately led into a grave offense. (CCC 2284). And remember Jesus' warning in Luke 17:1: "Temptations to sin are sure to come; but woe to him by whom they come!" Saving money for your future life together is commendable, but moving in with your fiancé is not the only way in which you can do so. You could also find a roommate of your own sex or move in with your parents until your wedding day. Surely, saving a few bucks is not worth the dishonor your parents will suffer if you follow through with your decision. Nor is it worth sacrificing your commitment to live according to the teachings of Christ and his Church in your preparation for marriage. Trust God for his grace to see you through.

### This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

**October 23 — October 29, 2016**

(MR): In memory of Joe Babin

offered by Wife: Gerry

(NS): In memory of Olga & Anthony Jeletic

(MR) NOW AVAILABLE 2017

offered by Anonymous

(NS) NOW AVAILABLE 2017



# McKees Rocks Announcements



**PIROHI PROJECT ON TEMPORARY HOLD** — The Pirohi Project is put on temporary hold until we get someone to head the Project! We do have volunteers to participate in this six week activity. Unless we get someone who will commit to taking this leadership position, we will have to suspend this activity until next season.

**SUBJECT MATTER DISCUSSED AT LAST WEEK'S PAC MEETING** — At the October 17, 2016 Parish Advisory Council Meeting, the following agenda was discussed: (1) Continue contact with Mangiovi & Son Plumbing to solve the ongoing flooding problems of our school basement during heavy rainfall; (2) Importance of the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Moleben of the Beatification & Canonization of our four holy hierarchs of Eastern Europe at the Cathedral on Christ the King Sunday, October 30, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m.; (3) Dividing the donations from our "Collection for the Needy and Poor" between Focus On Renewal and the local Meals-On-Wheels; (4) Continuing the Annual Thanksgiving/Christmas Non-Perishable Food Drive for the less fortunate in the community; (5) Gifting our Shut-Ins with a Christmas Flower in December; (6) Decorating the Church for Christmas, Monday, December 5.; and (7) Special Christmas Confessions on Sunday, December 18.

## Parish Council



**PARISHIONER NEEDS TRANSPORTATION** — If you are interested in assisting an active parishioner from our HGC here is the submitted request: DRIVER WANTED. GOOD PAY. PART-TIME, MUST DRIVE ON SUNDAYS. CALL: (412) 331-3473.

# Northside Announcements

**GRATITUDE EXTENDED** — A special thank you is extended to all those who showed for the general cleaning of the Church's grounds on Saturday, Oct.15. Again, thank you so much for your volunteer work for the Church. We couldn't do it without you! Also, a special thank you to Julia and George Mosko, McKees Rocks for repointing and cementing the Church walls at cost of materials.



**SUBJECT MATTER DISCUSSED AT LAST WEEK'S PAC MEETING** — At the October 18, 2016 Parish Advisory Council Meeting, the following agenda was discussed: (1) Contracting Kenyon Roofing to repair the flashing and shingles on Church Roof using the funds collected for this proposal for a total of \$2,981.00; (2) Repairing and pointing the Church walls by Julia & George Mosko from our McKees Rocks Parish; (3) Acknowledgement of thanks from the Board of Elections who appreciated the use of the Social Center for primary and general Election Day. We had to discontinue this public service due to the lack of help and cost factor for 13-14 hours of service. Our Parish can no longer afford this community project; (4) Continue a Turkey Bingo on Sunday, Nov. 20 with Bake Sale, 50/50 Raffle, Gift Baskets and food from the kitchen. We will need assistance; (5) General Cleaning of the Social Center prior to the Turkey Bingo on Saturday, November 12; (6) Decorating the Church for Christmas on Sunday, November 27, 2016 following the Divine Liturgy. We need your help!; and (7) Our Parish will try a New Year's Day Pot Luck Buffet of pork and sauerkraut following the Divine Liturgy. It is opened to both parishes. We ask that families bring food.items.

## Parish Council



# Meditation on today's Gospel

## The Rich Man & Lazarus — A Lesson of Mercy

Luke 16:19-31

A parable is a story intended to convey a spiritual truth. The story doesn't have to be about real people or even real situations (such as a camel passing through the eye of a needle). But to achieve its teaching goal, a parable must be striking and memorable, so that as the story is retold and remembered, the spiritual truth is reinforced again and again. The hearers must be able to imagine the situation. Many scholars believe that Jesus is drawing upon a popular Jewish folk tale that had roots in Egypt about a rich man and poor man whose lots after death are completely reversed. The story doesn't have to be true in all its particulars, but the popular mind can relate to its stereotyped characters — rich man, poor man, and Father Abraham. You've probably heard dozens of pointed jokes that began with popular mythology (loosely based on selected scriptures) that included the pearly gates (Revelation 21:21) and St. Peter who holds the keys to the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 16:19). Lawyers, especially, don't do well in genre of jokes. You don't stop the joke teller because his portrayal is inadequate, or leaves out the great white throne judgment (Revelation 20:11). You accept the semi-mythical props of the story and listen for the punch line. No, Jesus isn't trying to make a joke here — the subject is deadly serious. Nor do I think Jesus is trying to teach his disciples the details of the after-life in this parable. I believe he is using a popular story genre to make a spiritual point. **Wealth without active mercy for the poor is great wickedness.** If we close our eyes to the truth we are given, then we are doomed. In the context, Jesus is condemning the Pharisees for their love of money but lack of mercy for the poor.



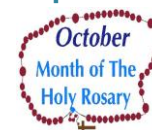
## October: Respect-Life Month

### 4<sup>th</sup> WEEK INTENTION OF REPECT LIFE MONTH:

#### Prayer for the Poor, Homeless and Abandoned

**O Lord, make us worthy to serve our fellow men throughout the world that live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands this day their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give them peace and joy. In this may Your Name be blessed and glorified, Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.**

Join us for the Holy Rosary this final October Friday (MR) at 6:00 p.m. Let us turn to our Holy Virgin Mother under the veil of her holy protection! **Our Intention: That God may place into the hearts of all responsible voters to elect those candidates who will align themselves to Our Merciful Lord's Commandments in the Spirit Truth!** Let's sacrifice this time as though Our Country is depending on our prayer!



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

October 23 .... Mini Pilgrimage IV – Year of Mercy to St. Paul Cathedral PGH (Oakland) @ 2:00 p.m.  
October 28 ..... (MR) The Sorrowful Mystery of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.  
October 30 ..... Sunday of Christ the King.  
..... Annual Moleben for the Four Holy Hierarchs, Cathedral @ 3:00 p.m.  
November 6 .... Farewell Prayer-Dinner Celebration of GCU District 1, Cathedral @ 3:00 p.m.  
..... Daylight Standard Time resumes. Clocks FALL BACK one hour.  
November 8 ..... Synaxis of St. Michael & All Angels (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.  
..... General & Presidential Election Day.

## Saints of the Week

### Holy Great Woman-Martyr Paraskevia — October 28



The Great-Martyr Paraskeva of Iconium, lived during the third century in a rich and pious family. The parents of the saint especially revered Friday, the day of the Passion of the Lord, and therefore they called their daughter Paraskeva. This name, Paraskeva, also means Friday. Young Paraskeva with all her heart loved purity and the loftiness of the virginal life, and she took a vow of celibacy. She wanted to devote all her life to God and to enlighten pagans with the light of Christ. Because of her confession of the True Faith, the pagans in frenzy seized her and brought her to the city prefect. They demanded that she offer unholy sacrifice to the pagan idols. With a steady heart, and trusting on God, the saint refused this demand. For this she underwent great

torments: after stripping her, they tied her to a tree and beat her with rods. Then the torturers raked her pure body with iron claws. Finally, they threw her into prison, exhausted by the torture and lacerated to the bone. But God did not forsake the holy sufferer, and miraculously healed her wounds. Not heeding this divine miracle, the executioners continued with their torture of St Paraskeva, and finally, they cut off her head. St Paraskeva has always enjoyed a special love and veneration among the Eastern Rite people. Many pious customs and observances are associated with her. In the ancient Russian accounts of the Saints' Lives, the name of the Great-Martyr is inscribed as: "St Paraskeva, also called Piatnitsa (in Russian: Friday)." Churches dedicated to St Paraskeva in antiquity were given the name Piatnitsa. Small wayside chapels in Rus received the name Piatnitsa. The simple Russian people called the Martyr Paraskeva variously Piatnitsa, Piatina, Petka. Icons of St Paraskeva were especially venerated and embellished by the faithful. Russian iconographers usually depicted the martyr as an austere ascetic, tall of stature, with a radiant crown upon her head. Icons of the saint guard pious and happy households. By Church belief, St Paraskeva is protectress of fields and cattle. Therefore, on her Feast day it was the custom to bring fruit to church to be blessed. These blessed objects were kept until the following year. Moreover, St Paraskeva is invoked for protection of cattle from disease. She is also a healer of people from grievous illness of both body and soul.

## General Announcements

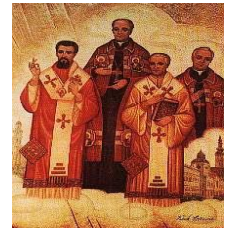
**PILGRIMAGE FOR THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY, TRIP IV TODAY** — To extend an opportunity to receive another special Jubilee Indulgence, our HGCs are organizing a car pool to **St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland-Pittsburgh** a designated site, and to pass through the Doors of Mercy. We will gather at HGC (MR) at 2:00 p.m. We will then have dinner (at one's own cost) at a local restaurant. This special blessing eliminates Purgatory time and purifies us in the Final Theosis before the Holy Trinity.



**PARISHES HALLOWEEN PARTY THIS WEEK** — We will be putting a sign up sheet out for the Halloween party this weekend. It will take place this **Saturday, October 29, 2016** from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the McKees Rocks School. Donations accepted to offset cost for pizza, but not required, bring a snack or beverage to share. Wear your favorite costume but most of all, come out and mingle with the kids. Please sign up in the vestibule so that we know how many to prepare for. Any questions, contact Kim Ruud at (412) 875-5956.



**ANNUAL MOLEBEN FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSES NEXT WEEK** — The yearly prayer service for the advancement of the Causes of Beatification and Canonization of our four holy Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Bishops will take place at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall next **Sunday of Christ the King, October 30, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m.** We will have the opportunity to receive the special Jubilee Blessing by walking through the Holy Doors. For the past 30 years faithful through the Pittsburgh Archeparchy have gathered in various archieparchial parishes, monasteries and the seminary to pray for the Canonization of Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha, Uzhorod (+1947); Bishop-Martyr Paul P. Gojdich, O.S.B.M., Presov (+1960); Bishop-Martyr Basil Hopko, Presov (+1976); and for the beatification of the Servant of God Bishop Alexander Chira, Uzhorod (+1985). A Marian Moleben is offered seeking the aid of the Holy Mother of God in helping us achieve this end. Please mark your calendar and attend this important prayer for their advancement.



**RESERVATIONS CONTINUE FOR DL & SANCTUARY LAMPS** — The new 2017 Church Desk Calendar has arrived! It was late this year! Divine Liturgy and Sanctuary Lamp dates are now being taken on a first come, first serve basis. Many have already sent in their request. Due to a high demand of both of these areas only two weekends of each will be accepted. When the demand subsides you will be able to reserve additional weekend dates. Place your intention and \$10.00 stipend (per candle/DL) in a regular white envelope with requested date(s) and place it in the collection basket. You may reserve unlimited weekday DL's! Please don't wait or you'll be late!!!



**MILITARY SERVICES COLLECTION TODAY** — We will be taking up a special collection for all families that have member in the U.S. Military. It will help provide the Gospel, Sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women of our armed forces, and veterans who are in the VA Medical Centers. **Special envelopes are placed at the (MR) side vestibule, and the (NS) narthex.** To learn more about the AMS, go to [www.milarch.org/nationalcollection](http://www.milarch.org/nationalcollection).