

Parish Offerings – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost — June 10, 2018

“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 (\$365) YP (\$13.35)	\$405.35
All Saints	1,269.00
Votive Candles	96.00
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	\$1,770.35

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$250.00
All Saints	263.00
Utilities (\$35) Improvements (\$7) Peter's Pence (\$20)	62.00
Votive Candles	38.05
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	\$613.05

Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (49)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (78); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (33)



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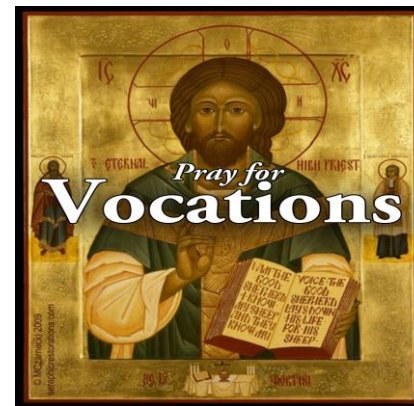


“C'mon, Dad, let me borrow it. I'll be careful. I won't scratch it. What harm can come to a credit card?”

HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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THE 4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

3rd Sunday of the Petrine Fast — June 17, 2018



Catholics of the Ruthenian – Byzantine Rite in full communion with the Pope of Rome

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 Tina Burns (412) 859-9597 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!

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Call the office (412) 771-3324

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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).

June 17, 2018

Seasonal Greeting

Volume VIII, Number 24



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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Annual Father's Day — 3rd Sunday of the Petrine Fast

SUN., Jun 17	9:00 a.m. (MR)	For the Parishioners of Both Parishes especially the Living & Deceased Fathers of Both Parishes	
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	+ Nicholas Moyta	Sister: Sr. Martha Moyta, OSBM
Mon, Jun 18	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Michael Eisenman	Sister: Martha & Bob Maletz
Tue, Jun 19	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ John J. Jumba	Mildred Terrek (4 th ann of passing)



Recommended **SIMPLE ABSTINENCE** (no meat) or **Equivalent Penance** (your choice): for vocations
Wed, Jun 20 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Br. Felix, O.F.M. Br. Regis, O.F.M.



First Day of Summer at 6:07 a.m.



Thrs., Jun 21 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Myrona Duggan + Elsie Eberle

REQUIRED **SIMPLE ABSTINENCE** (no meat) or **Equivalent Penance** (your choice): for vocations

Fri, Jun 22 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Irene Yakelis Anonymous



Sat, Jun 23 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Agnes Knoll Sally Sawicki

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Ann Lubas (birthday 6/24) Holy Ghost Golden-Agers

At this Divine Liturgy two individuals will become Byzantine Catholics by making a Profession of Faith & receive the Holy Mystery of Chrismation



5th Sunday after Pentecost

4th Sunday of the Petrine Fast

SUN., Jun 24	9:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Elsie Eberle (birthday)	Son: James
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	+ Betty + Jay Mowery	Dgtr: Barbara "Babs" Mowery

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

Jun 17 – MARY SAHAYDA (101); Jun 18 – Olivia Harsh, Sandra Rosko; Jun 19 – Eric Ruud; Jun 21 – Nancy Cifrulak.

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

HOME: Irene Bordas, Margaret Beliuinas, MARY ANN CONTI, Andrew Drukalsky, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, Elizabeth Petruna, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Alice Sejka, Betty Spisak, ANNA TOTH, EVELYN VENTO, Julia Wovchko, SHIRLEY YANOSKO.

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

HIGHLAND PARK CARE CENTER (745 North Highland Ave., Pgh, PA 15206): Linda Reiger.

BRIGHTON REHAB & WELLNESS CENTER (246 Friendship Circle, Beaver, PA 15009): Mary Susan Dragosh.

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

MARIAN MANOR (2695 Winchester Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15220): Irene Bednar.

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

FAIR OAKS ASSISTED LIVING (2200 W. Liberty Ave., Pgh, 15226): ANNA MARIE DEMIANCZYK.

LUTHERAN SENIORLIFE (500 Wittenberg Way, Mars PA 16046): William Zavidny.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR (1028 Benton Ave., PGH 15212): MARY SAHAYDA

VETERANS HOSPITAL (1010 Delafield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15215): JOHN VEREB.

THE RESIDENCE AT WILLOW LANE (30 Heckel Rd., McKees Rocks, PA 15136): John Marks.

HEALTHSOUTH OF SEWICKLEY (303 Camp Meeting Rd., Sewickley, PA 15143): Helen Hopey.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. Why is St. Anthony of Padua invoked for the finding of lost items? **A. Catholic Answers Apologist:** One popular story is that a brother friar of St. Anthony stole a commentary the saint had written. The saint prayed for its return, and the friar was waylaid by a sudden storm that frightened him so badly that he thought it the wrath of God for his sin. He turned around and ran back to St. Anthony to return the manuscript. Since then, so the story goes, St. Anthony has had a special talent in the recovery of lost items. Whether this story is true or simply a pious legend is not something we know for certain.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

June 17 — June 23, 2018

(MR): In memory of Anna & Michael Goyda & Mary & John Sejka

offered by Grand-Dgtr.: Mary Ann Goyda

(NS): Health & Welfare of Mary Sahayda (birthday 6/17)

(MR) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2018

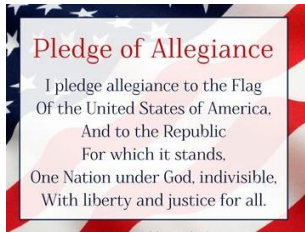
offered by Joan Senchyshyn

(NS) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2018



McKees Rocks Announcements

FLAG DAY CELEBRATION LAST WEEK — App. 21 attended last Thursday's fraternal event sponsored by G.C.U. Lodge 390 to celebrate and honor 'Ol Glory for the 9th consecutive time this past week on Flag Day, June 14. The Lodge joined other fraternal organization throughout the Country to pledge Allegiance to the Flag which commenced in 1980. A new American and Papal Flag replaced the tattered ones that continue to fly signifying American Patriotism and our identity as members of the Church that Christ established containing the four marks: One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic. The Ceremony culminated at 7:00 p.m. when all in attendance joined other U.S. Fraternal Organizations for the 38th Annual Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Gratitude is extended to all who attended our Eighth Annual Event, and those who sacrificed their time in making it a success.



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SUMMARY OF THE LAST PAC-FAC MEETING — At the Meeting on **Tuesday, June 5**, members of the Parish Advisory & Financial Council met with our pastor. Highlights discussed: (1) Leasing the school classrooms to the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (A.I.U.) for a two year school term. We are currently in the process of having the lease agreement looked at by the Archdiocesan Legal Department. Additional developments will appear in a later S.O.T.; (2) Archdiocesan Assembly 2018 is to take place **September 16-18**. This important gathering consisting of Clergy & Laity will meet to discuss the future of our Archeparchy and what we can do to increase attendance at the Churches. Each parish will send one or two representatives. If you are interested and would like to be considered in making an impact at this gathering, please see the pastor; and (3) Church Picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, August 19** in Robinson Township.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE II — This is the second announcement of the upcoming marriage of *Joshua Steven McCusker (Holy Ghost Church)* and *Rebecca Ann Stolarski (St. Albert the Great Roman Rite Church, Baldwin, PA)* on **Saturday, June 30, 2018**. If anyone knows why these individuals cannot contract marriage, please call the rectory office and speak to the pastor.

Holy Ghost, Northside

SUMMARY OF THE LAST PAC-FAC MEETING — At the Meeting on **Wednesday, June 6**, members of the Parish Advisory & Financial Council met with our pastor. Highlights discussed: (1) Selling the Social Center and all the acreage surrounding it. As per our parish meeting several weeks ago, the Church cannot afford the taxes, utility bills and upkeep of the Center. Berkshire/Hathaway Relator is currently drawing up the paper work prior to putting it on the market. The chancery has given it's OK to go forward. Additional developments will appear in a later S.O.T.; (2) Archdiocesan Assembly 2018 is to take place September 16-18. This important gathering consisting of Clergy & Laity will meet to discuss the future of our Archeparchy and what we can do to increase attendance at the Churches. Each parish will be represented with one or two representatives. If you are interested in making an impact at this gathering, please see the pastor; and (3) Church Picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, August 19** in Robinson Township.

(continued article "when is Organ Donation Moral from the front") . Death is the "total disintegration of that unitary and integrated whole that is the personal self." Death is the separation of the soul from the body. Regarding the medical definition, whether the traditional cardio-respiratory signs or the neurological signs, John Paul again affirmed his predecessor and emphatically asserted that "the Church does not make technical decisions." **The Church is concerned with human dignity.** If there is "moral certainty" that death has occurred before organ procurement, then it is ethical if consent has been given. **That is the guiding principle in both the theological and medical determination of death: moral certainty.** We remember too that future immortality is as certain as mortal death. Even amid suffering, Christians hope for the promised resurrection. This hope fills the believer with "an extraordinary capacity to trust fully in the plan of God" (Evangelium Vitae 67). --- For more insights into the life-and-death questions surrounding science, medicine, and technology, check out Stacy's new booklet, 20 Answers: Bioethics.

When Is Organ Donation Moral?

(The following article appeared on the Catholic Answers web-page {www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/when-is-organ-donation-moral} The author is Catholic Apologist, Stacy Trasancos. It is with permission that this article is reprinted as to educate every Catholic on this topic)

Organ donation is a miracle of modern medicine, offering seriously ill patients a chance at new life and health. It also offers donors an opportunity to make a sacrificial self-gift. In an address to the International Congress on Transplants in 2000, **Pope Saint John Paul II emphasized** what he had said in a similar address in 1991: **"The decision to offer without reward a part of one's own body for the health and well-being of another person" is "a genuine act of love."** Because the human is a substantial union of body and soul, donors give something of themselves, not mere organs and tissues. **The Church generally affirms the morality of organ donation. But there are principles we must always keep in**



mind. The ethics of organ donation depends on two criteria: 1) whether the patient or the family gives free and informed consent to organ procurement and 2) whether the patient is in fact deceased when vital organs are removed. (The willing donation by the living of non-vital organs, such as one kidney; a lung; or a portion of the liver, the pancreas, or intestines is always permissible.) **The desire to offer one's organs after death to someone diagnosed with organ failure is noble and should be honored.** Here we run into the critical definition that affects criterion number two: the definition of death. All determinations of death occur after the fact. If some organs are procured too long after the heart stops beating, they are no longer usable because the blood supply to them has ceased. Therefore, the question shifts to a very difficult one, the one raised by the first organ transplant in Cape Town, South Africa in 1967: can organs be removed before life support is stopped? An ethical standard called the Dead Donor Rule (DDR) states the obvious edict that vital organs should be removed only from a dead body and not from a living person. In optimal circumstances, the ethical path is clear. The patient has suffered a life-ending illness or injury, such as head trauma or brain aneurysm. He has been put on artificial life support to keep the heart beating and oxygenated blood flowing to the organs, but the medical team can clearly determine that brain death has occurred because there is no brain activity, the patient cannot breathe on his own, and no recovery is possible. With full prior written consent of the patient and the family, the death of the donor is declared. The hospital can then notify the organization that collects the organs, a database of patients awaiting transplant can be searched, and provisions can be made to maintain the organs on artificial support while they are transported to the sick patient or patient in need of them. The transplant is successful, and a fatally sick person is cured by the charitable donation of a dying person. But note: everything in this process is time-critical down to the minute. Hearts and lungs can survive outside the body for only four to six hours, livers up to twelve hours, intestines sixteen, pancreases eighteen, and kidneys thirty-six. It is not hard to see the ethical conflict between certainty of death and desire to harvest transplantable organs. Robert D. Truog, director of the Harvard Center for Bioethics, is known for exploring the uncomfortable corners of this debate. He advocates for a restructuring of end-of-life ethics and argues that in certain cases, it may be ethical to remove the organs before a donor is definitionally dead so the organs may be better preserved for transplant. He judges that procedures such as removing organs while the heart is still beating are ethical if death is imminent. In a perspective published in 2012 in the New England Journal of Medicine, Truog describes the case of a young girl whose parents wanted to donate her organs after she suffered severe brain damage in an accident, reminiscent of the original Cape Town case of 1957. The girl was on life support. Plans were made to withdraw life support and to procure her organs after death occurred, in compliance with the Dead Donor Rule. However, the girl died too slowly. The organs were consequently not viable for transplant, and the parents' wish for organ donation was not honored. The parents questioned why the organs could not have been removed while they were still in a condition to help another sick person, even if retrieving them would have meant hastening the girl's imminent death. Truog favors language that allows for a case such as this to be conducted according to the procedure described by the parents—that is, to remove organs before death. In a hard case like this, **it is important to be grounded in Church teaching, particularly the universal edict not to kill an innocent human.** Should this language about imminent death be accommodated and the Dead Donor Rule abandoned, guidelines and policies can be established that favor the harvesting of organs over the dignity of human life. As distraught as a family may be that a loved one cannot donate organs in death, **the truth remains: the value of a person's life does not depend on organ donation.** John Paul II's 2000 address to the International Congress on Transplants echoes what Pope Pius XII stated more than forty years prior regarding the definition of death. (article continued near the back)

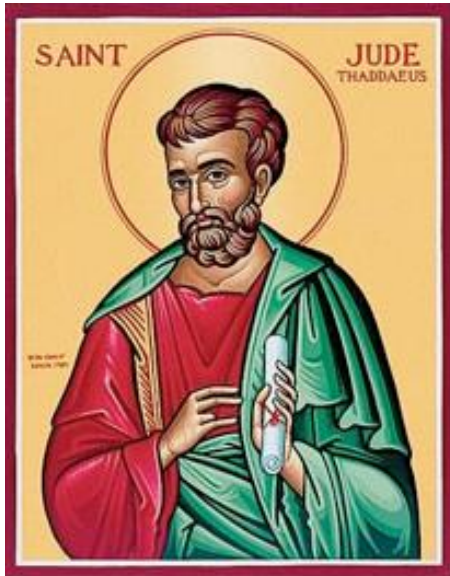
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

June 17	Annual Father's Day
June 24	Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.
June 28	Holy Day of Obligation: Vigil Feast of SS. Peter & Paul (MR) 7:00 p.m.
June 29	Holy Day of Obligation: Feast SS. Peter & Paul (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.
July 4	A special 9:00 a.m. Patriotic Divine Liturgy.
July 20	Simple Holy Day: Feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah — Blessing of Vehicles. (MR) 9:00 a.m. & (NS) 6:00 p.m.
July 31...	Archieparchial Altar-Server Faith & Fun Days — Altar Boys asked to see the pastor.

Saint of the Week

Apostle Jude Thaddeus — June 19

The Holy Apostle Jude also had other names: the Evangelist Matthew terms him "Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddeus" (Mt. 10:3). The Holy Evangelist Mark also calls him Thaddeus (Mark 3:18), and in the Acts of the Holy Apostles he is called Barsabas (Acts 15: 22). This was customary at that time. After the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ, St Jude traveled about preaching the Gospel. He propagated the faith in Christ at first in Judea, Galilee, Samaria and Idumaia, and later in the lands of Arabia, Syria and Mesopotamia. Finally, he went to the city of Edessa. Here he finished the work that was not completed by his predecessor, St Thaddeus, Apostle of the Seventy (August 21). There is a



tradition that St Jude went to Persia, where he wrote his catholic Epistle in Greek. In the Epistle much profound truth was expressed in a few words. St Jude's Epistle speaks about the Holy Trinity, about the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ, about the good and bad angels, and about the dread Last Judgment. The Apostle urges believers to guard themselves against fleshly impurity, to be diligent in prayer, faith and love, to convert the lost to the path of salvation, and to guard themselves from the teachings of heretics. He also says that it is not enough just to be converted to Christianity, but faith must be demonstrated by good works. He cites the rebellious angels and men punished by God (verse 6) to support this. The Holy Apostle Jude died as a martyr around the year 80 near Mt. Ararat in Armenia, where he was crucified and pierced by arrows.

General Announcements

A BRIEF HISTORY OF FATHER'S DAY — Father's Day was the invention of **Sonora Smart**



Dodd (1892-1978) of Spokane, Washington, who reportedly came up with the idea while listening to a Mother's Day sermon at the Central Methodist Episcopal Church in 1909. Raised by her widowed father, Sonora felt that her father should be honored in the same way mothers were since Anna Jarvis created Mother's Day four years earlier. The first official "Father's Day" was held in Spokane in 1910. Despite its detractors—and there were many—the idea of a national "Father's Day" picked up steam when it was endorsed in 1924 by President Calvin Coolidge. In 1926 the National

Father's Day Committee was formed by a group of New York City merchants who saw the value in yet another day when people would feel obligated to buy things. Once again, the media mocked the concept as just one more example of commercialism at its crudest. It took another 30 years for "Father's Day" to be recognized by a Joint Resolution of Congress, and yet another decade for the holiday to be declared "real" in an official proclamation by President Lyndon Johnson in 1966. It was finally established as a federally recognized holiday by *President Richard Nixon in 1972, who declared it would be celebrated on the third Sunday of June.*

KENNYWOOD PARK: BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY — Special discounted tickets are

now available from GCU Secretary-Treasurer, Steve Puluka (412) 897-4650. Seniors (55+): \$14.00; for everyone else: \$24.00. Super Senior (70+): \$10.00. All tickets include entry into the Park and All-Day Ride. Byzantine Catholic Family Day is slated for **Thursday, July 26, 2018**. *Deadline for these discounted tickets is JULY 8.* Please make checks payable to "GCU-Kennywood." No Cash, please. Tickets are also available for the Luncheon Buffet at a cost of \$15.00 (ages 11+); Jr. Luncheon \$8.00 (ages 3-10); and no charge ages 2 & under. Come join in the fun and set the day aside.



ANNUAL PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION THROUGHOUT JUNE — The History of the Peter's

Pence Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In ninth-century England. King Alfred the Great collected money, a "pence," from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease. In his address of March 20, 2013, Pope Francis spoke of our responsibility before the world and creation. *"There is much that we can do to benefit the poor, the needy and those who suffer, and to favor justice, promote reconciliation and build peace," he said.* The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters.



GCU LODGE 390 LENDS A HELPING HAND TO FISHER HOUSE — Our local GCU Lodge is

continuing to collect items to help Pittsburgh's VA Fisher House. The Pittsburgh Fisher House is a 10-bedroom "home away from home" and provides a place for visiting families to stay, free of charge, while their loved ones receive inpatient medical care at VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System. The Pittsburgh Fisher House is professionally furnished and features a common kitchen, laundry facilities, spacious dining room, living room with a library, and toys for children. They are requesting assistance in keeping these areas stocked with supplies. Boxes will be placed at the side vestibule and narthex areas of both parishes for the **collection that will extend to August 5**. Needed items are listed on a stationery sheet near these boxes. Let's help our afflicted veterans and their families by supporting Lodge 390 in this collection!

