

Parish Offerings – 19th Sunday after Pentecost — September 30, 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 (\$1,560.75) YP (\$10)	\$1,570.75
Holy Days	78.00
Radio Ministry (Barbara & Lee Feldman Wed. Ann.)	25.00
Votive Candles	105.00
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Holy Ghost Church, Northside

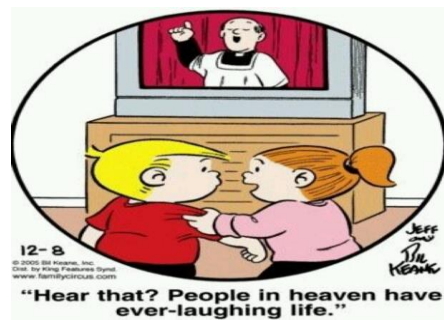
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Utilities	25.00
Votive Candles	34.50
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Church Attendance Last Week

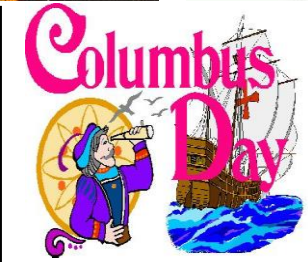
(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (48)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (109); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (29)

Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos— (MR) 9:00 am (14); (NS) 6:00 pm (11)



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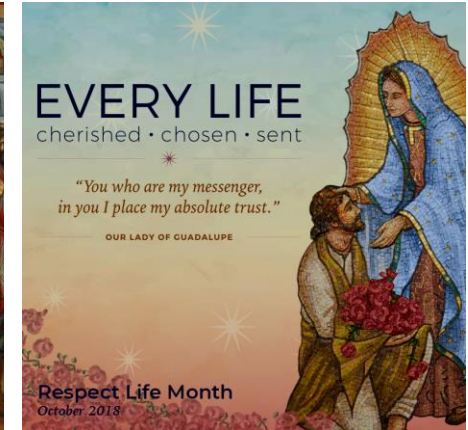
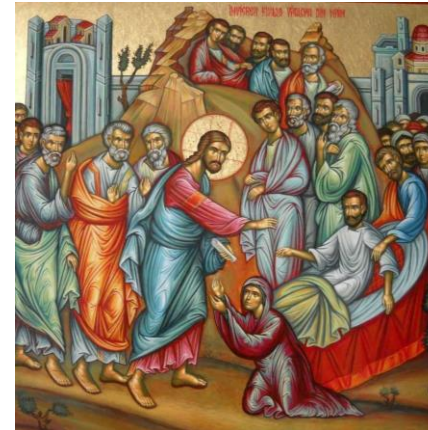
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THE 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Respect Life Month — October 7, 2018



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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 Tina Burns (412) 859-9597 for membership requirements.

Slavjane Folk Ensemble: (MR) Membership requirements contact Bob Bartko: (724) 779-0915.

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

Social Hall Rental for (MR) Parishioners: Contact Rectory Office: (412) 771-3324.

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!

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).

October 7, 2018

Seasonal Greeting

Volume VIII, Number 40



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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date **Time** **Intention** **Requested By**

20th Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., Oct 7 **9:00 a.m. (MR)** + Tim Lutter Sister-in-law: Lydia & Charles Sell
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Mary + Frank Firko, Sr. (wed ann 10/2) Grandson: Fr. Firko

Columbus Day Observed — Federal Holiday — No postal or bank service today

Mon, Oct 8 8:00 a.m. (MR) NO DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULED

Tue, Oct 9 8:00 a.m. (MR) NO DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULED

Wed, Oct 10 8:00 a.m. (MR) NO DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULED

Thrs, Oct 11 8:00 a.m. (MR) NO DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULED



This week marks the Annual Clergy Retreat at the Antiochean Village, Ligonier, PA. Please keep our Pastor and all clergy in your prayers. Emergency: call office 24/7.

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 12 **8:00 a.m. (MR)** + Doris + Wasil Koblowski Sister: Eleanor & Basil Gramata
6:00 p.m. (MR) **Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary**

Sat, Oct 13 **9:00 a.m. (NS)** *For the Parishioners of Both Parishes*

Anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
4:00 p.m. (MR) + Frances + Walter Grzywinski Son: Frank, Karen & Matthew

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

SUN., Oct 14 **9:00 a.m. (MR)** + Muska Family Gladys Muska & Family
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Agnes Knoll Son: Bill & Susan
(1st ann of passing 10/15)

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

Oct 7 – Nicholas Nazak II; **Oct 8** – Mary Ann Goyda; **Oct 10** – SARA HARPER; **Oct 11** – Frank Retvai; **Oct 12** – Jamie Skreptach.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliunas, Irene Bordas, MARY ANN CONTI, Andrew Drukalsky, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, Elizabeth Petruna, MARLENE PFEIFFER, 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 Dr., 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.

NEW HOPE ASSISTED LIVING (300 Union Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15202): Helen Hopeny.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. In light of the ecumenism following Vatican II, are Catholics now under serious obligation (that is, binding under pain of sin) to skip Sunday Mass (Divine Liturgy) once in a while and worship instead at non-Catholic churches? **A. Answer by a Catholic Apologist:** "Required"? "Not allowed," you mean! A Catholic may *not* "worship instead at non-Catholic churches." To do so is to violate the First Commandment. (This is to be distinguished from engaging in, say, an ecumenical prayer service.) It is mandatory, under pain of mortal sin but allowing for exceptions arising from necessity, for every Catholic to attend Mass (Divine Liturgy) every Sunday (or Saturday evening) and on holy days of obligation. Catholics are under *no* obligation to attend non-Catholic services. Such visits are purely voluntary and may be undertaken so long as no scandal is given. Vatican II's *Directory on Ecumenism* allows some participation at such services in common responses or hymns that are not in variance with the Catholic faith.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

October 7, 2018 — October 13, 2018

(MR): **In memory of Ann Sejka** (birthday 10/6)

offered by Children: Alice & Anna May Sejka

(NS): **In memory of Bill Wittmer** (10th ann of passing 10/7)

/(MR) NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2019 offered by Sister-in-law: Joan Senchyshyn (NS) NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2019



McKees Rocks Announcements

SYMPATHY EXTENDED — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the passing of **Robert Zanis, 72**, of McKees Rocks, who passed away on Sunday, September 30, 2018. He was the son of our late parishioners, Anna & Anthony Zanis, and brother to Margaret (Tiny) Lautenschlager and the late Patricia (Dennis) Stanko. He was also the uncle of Lynn (Rick) Deliman. Funeral arrangements were by the Szal Funeral Home.. Service was on Saturday, Oct. 6 @ 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home. Our parish offers its prayerful solicitude of prayer for his immortal soul and offers its most sincere condolences to the Zanis, Lautenschlager & Deliman Families. In blessed repose, grant O Lord, to your servant Robert and remember him forever! Vicnaja Jemu Pamjat'!



YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE — Our Bizana-TEEN first bake sale is today, following the Divine Liturgy. The election of new officers will then follow. They will be having a Fall Season outing. They are looking at Saturday, **October 20** for attendance at the Divine Liturgy, followed by a dinner and a hayride. Alumni, siblings and parents are invited.

PIROHI PROJECT WILL RESUME NEXT MONTH — Since many of you are willing to participate in the upcoming Pirohi Project for Nov–Dec 2018, we will go ahead with this six week project. **Here are the Friday dates: Nov. 2, 9, 16 & 30 (no sales the Friday after Thanksgiving); Dec 7 & 14.** Due to the Kennywood Event last week, and getting our product and name to a much wider area, we just may be in for a busier season. Therefore, we would appreciate more volunteers!



Holy Ghost, Northside

THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME TO CLEAN THE GROUNDS — A special thank you to all that showed up to clean our grounds and the inside of the Church last Saturday as we head into the Fall Season. Much weeding was accomplished and some church-spiders homes were relocated! God bless all of you for sacrificing a few hours for your Church.



HALLOWEEN 50/50 RAFFLE — Since we no longer have the Turkey Bingo, we hope to make something to pay the bills for our Church and Social Hall. With the approval of GCU Headquarters we are making this a matching funds event. Tickets will be on sale following all weekend Divine Liturgies. Drawing will be on Sunday, October 28 following the Divine Liturgy. Please help support this cause so that we don't have to draw from our Parish Savings and Share Savings account to meet all invoices that come our way. Thank you for your cordial participation.



HOLY GHOST CHURCH HALLOWEEN PARTY — A few parents got together with the blessing of the pastor to have a joint Halloween Party for **all members of both parishes** including their relative and friends on **Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Pizza, soft drinks and entertainment will be provided. Costumes recommended! There is **NO TICKET CHARGE**, but a freewill offering will be accepted to meet expenses. Please sign the sheet in the (MR) Side Vestibule, and the (NS) Narthex. We need to know how many to prepare for this event.



Meditation on God's Word

Jesus' love for the defenseless — TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 7: 11-16

The Widow of Naim

In ancient times it was common for a city to be surrounded by a high wall (Josh. 2:15). The wall was designed to provide protection against wild animals, criminals, and foreign



armies (Jer. 39:2). The city gate was also a place of business in Jewish cities. Jewish cemeteries were outside the city wall in order to avoid pollution by dead corpses (Josh. 8:29; Matt. 27:52-53). Therefore, it is not surprising that the dead man was being carried through the gate of **the city**. The Funeral — **According to the ancient** Jewish custom in Galilee, the parents of the dead person would walk in front of the funeral procession. The dead person would follow next, followed by friends and guests. Jewish custom

required that the dead person be washed, have his or her nails clipped, his or her hair cut, be anointed, the body wrapped in linen cloth, and his or her eyes closed. In Galilee the mother would walk in front of the funeral procession with the other family members behind her. Then the dead body followed in a cedar coffin, if possible, which was carried on a bier. After the dead person, relatives, friends, and mourners followed. The Mishnah prohibited the bier from being put down on the ground (Mishnah. (Moed Qatan 3.8). It was customary for the mourners to accompany the body to the grave. **Jews did not cremate their dead, believing that cremation was a heathen practice.** We are told that a large crowd followed behind the dead man. He must have been loved by many. Two large crowds came together, one following Jesus and the one that was part of the funeral procession. When Jesus saw the woman in front of the funeral procession with no one behind her and before the coffin, Jesus instantly realized that the woman was a widow and responded with compassion.

October Respect-Life Month Continues

1ST WEEK INTENTION OF REPECT LIFE MONTH:

Prayer for all Unborn Children & their Mothers & Fathers

O God, Who adorn creation with splendor and beauty and fashion human lives in Your Image and Likeness, awaken in every heart reverence for the work of Your Hands, and renew among Your people a readiness to nurture and sustain Your precious gift of Human Life. In this may Your Name be blessed and glorified, Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.



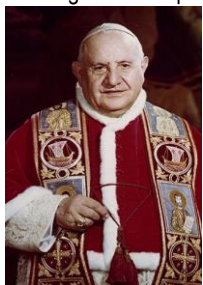
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 7-11 Annual Archieparchial Clergy Retreat at Antiochian Retreat Center, Ligonier.
October 12 (MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.
October 15 (MR) PAC/PFC Meeting in Church Office @ 7:00 p.m.
October 16 (NS) PAC/PFC Meeting in Church Social Center @ 6:00 p.m.
October 19 (MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.
October 21 Freewill Pasta Dinner, St. Elias Church, Munhall, PA from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
October 26 (MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.
October 29 Sunday of Christ the King.
Nov.4 Eastern Standard Time (clocks FALL BACK) & Annual Moleben to our 4 saintly bishops.

Saint of the Week

Pope St. John XXIII — October 11

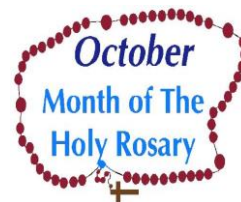
Pope John XXIII was born **Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli** on November 25, 1881 – June 3, 1963) and reigned as Pope from October 28, 1958 to his death in 1963 and was canonized on April 27, 2014. He was the fourth of fourteen children born to a family of sharecroppers who lived in a village in Lombardy. He was ordained to the priesthood on August 10, 1904 and served in a number of posts, including papal nuncio in France and a delegate to Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey. In a consistory on January 12, 1953 Pope Pius XII made Roncalli a cardinal as the Cardinal-Priest of Santa Prisca in addition to naming him as the Patriarch of Venice. Roncalli was elected pope on October 28, 1958 at age 76 after 11 ballots. His selection was unexpected, and Roncalli himself had come to Rome with a return train ticket to Venice. He was the first pope to take the pontifical name of "John" upon election in more than 500



years, and his choice settled the complicated question of official numbering attached to this papal name that arose because of the existence in the Middle Ages of an antipope of using the name. Pope John XXIII surprised those who expected him to be a caretaker pope by calling the historic Second Vatican Council (1962–1965), the first session opening on 11 October 1962. His passionate views on equality were summed up in his famous statement, **"We were all made in God's image, and thus, we are all Godly alike."** John XXIII made many passionate speeches during his pontificate, one of which was on the day that he opened the Second Vatican Council in the middle of the night to the crowd gathered in St. Peter's Square: **"Dear children, returning home, you will find children: give your children a hug and say: This is a hug from the Pope!"** Pope John XXIII did not live to see the Vatican Council to completion. He died of stomach cancer on June 3, 1963, four and a half years after his election and two months after the completion of his final and famed encyclical, *Pacem in Terris*. He was buried in the Vatican grottoes beneath Saint Peter's Basilica on June 6, 1963 and his cause for canonization was opened on November 18, 1965 by his successor, Pope Paul VI, who declared him a Servant of God. In addition to being named Venerable on December 20, 1999, he was beatified on September 3, 2000 by Pope John Paul II alongside Pope Pius IX and three others. Following his beatification, his body was moved on June 3, 2001 from its original place to the altar of Saint Jerome where it could be seen by the faithful. On July 5, 2013, Pope Francis – bypassing the traditionally required second miracle – declared John XXIII a saint, after unanimous agreement by a consistory, or meeting, of the College of Cardinals, based on the fact that **he was considered to have lived a virtuous, model lifestyle, and because of the good for the Church which had come from his having opened the Second Vatican Council.** He was canonized alongside Pope Saint John Paul II on April 27, 2014. John XXIII today is affectionately known as the "Good Pope" and in Italian, "il Papa buono". The Catholic Church celebrates his feast day not on the date of his death, but on **October 11 – the day of the first session of the Second Vatican Council.**

General Announcements

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY — At the request of several parishioners to honor Our Blessed Mother in this special month of October, the Rosary according to our Byzantine-Ruthenian (Rusyn) tradition will be prayed **each Friday throughout the month @ 6:00 p.m.** at our Parish in McKees Rocks. This sacred devotion has been a part of our Church since it's founding over 100 years ago which our Founders and Benefactors brought with them from Subcarpathian Homeland. Come and join us!



PITTSBURGH DEANERY CLERGY TO SERVE PASTA DINNER — Mark your calendars!

The Priests and Deacons in the Pittsburgh Deanery will be again hosting a **FREE PASTA DINNER** at St. Elias Church, Munhall on **Sunday October 21, 2018** from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Clergy will be preparing and serving the dinner. A signup list is located in the Church. We must know how many to prepare for! **The final day for registration is Sunday, October 14.** A freewill offering will be taken to subsidize the project. Any profit that will be made will go to the Archieparchial Priests' Pension Plan. Come join us; it's a bye week for the Steelers!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: COME & SEE WEEKEND — Young men 18-25 are invited to a **FREE weekend retreat**, Friday through Sunday, **November 2-3-4** at Saints Cyril & Methodius Seminary. *The purpose: to see if you might be interested in the possibility of becoming a*

priest. No pressure, no hype, no boring lectures. Just recreation, relaxation, talking to God (a.k.a. prayer), and the opportunity to really listen to God's voice and to plan for your life. This worthwhile retreat of discovery in no way implies any future commitment other than your commitment to truly be yourself! There is no expense involved in participating in this retreat. E-mail your reply to:



vocations@archeparchy.org. Deadline for registration is this Wednesday, October 10.

ANNUAL MOLEBEN FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSES — 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 the **Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall, PA on Sunday, November 4, 2018 @ 3:00 p.m.** 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.



Only a limited amount of weekends remain for both the Divine Liturgy and Sanctuary Lamp Reservations. Please submit your request and date in a regular white envelope along with the \$10.00 stipend. If your reservation date cannot be secured, the closest possible date will be chosen.