

Parish Offerings – 21st Sunday after Pentecost — October 14, 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

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| Regular Offering (\$1,795) YP (\$6) | \$1,801.00 |
| Holy Days | 30.00 |
| Initial (410) Collection for the Poor (\$5) | 15.00 |
| Votive Candles | 96.50 |
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| | \$1,942.50 |

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

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| Regular Offering | \$368.00 |
| Holy Days | 15.00 |
| Utilities (\$10) Improvement (\$55) Collection for the Poor (\$10) | 75.00 |
| Votive Candles | 40.00 |
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| | \$498.00 |

Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (43)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (78); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (32)



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THE 22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Respect-Life Month — October 21, 2018



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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

Liturgical Services LIVE: www.Youtube.com then type: Holy Ghost Church Live Stream

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| 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. |
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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 21, 2018

Seasonal Greeting

Volume VIII, Number 42



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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| 22nd Sunday after Pentecost | | | |
| SUN., Oct 21 | 9:00 a.m. (MR) | + Elsie Eberle <i>(4th ann of passing 10/20)</i> | Son: James |
| | 11:00 a.m. (NS) | For the Parishioners of Both Parishes | |
| Feast of St. John Paul II | | | |
| Mon, Oct 22 | 8:00 a.m. (MR) | + John Kulka <i>(birthday)</i> | Children: Kathy & John |
| The Holy Apostle James, Relative of the Lord | | | |
| Tue, Oct 23 | 8:00 a.m. (MR) | + Eleanor Kapko <i>(1st ann of passing 10/22)</i> | Elizabeth Prostudy |
| Wed, Oct 24 | 8:00 a.m. (MR) | + Nancy Ellen Terrek | Clarita Weismonn |
| Thrs, Oct 25 | 8:00 a.m. (MR) | + Robert A. Zanis <i>(memorial)</i> | Lautenschlager Family |
| REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice) in remembrance of Our Lord's Crucifixion and Death upon the Precious Cross | | | |
| The Holy Great-Martyr Demetrius | | | |
| Fri, Oct 26 | 8:00 a.m. (MR) | + Mike Ivan | Shirley & John Hanko |
| | 9:30 a.m. (NS) | Funeral Memorial Divine Liturgy of A. Thomas Spontak | |
| | 6:00 p.m. (MR) | Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary | |
| Sat, Oct 27 | 9:00 a.m. (NS) | Health & Welfare of Yvonne Shanta <i>(birthday)</i> | Anna Marie Demianczyk |

Anticipated Divine Liturgy of Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY OF CHRIST THE KING

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Budul + Bordas Families Irene Bordas



23rd Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of Christ the King

SUN., Oct 28 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Joe Babin *(10th ann of passing 10/27)* Wife: Gerry
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

Oct 21 – Charles McCusker; Oct 22 – Zizi Safranko; Oct 24 – Anastasia Bedard, Theresa Kundrat; Oct 25 – Gregory Stilwell, Emma Joy Usouski.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliuнас, 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 Pregnanz.
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. I was told that devout Jews believe in purgatory. Is this true? **A. Answer by a Catholic Apologist:** In essence, yes, though they do not call it purgatory. Jews do believe in a purification (a purgation) which takes place after death. When a Jewish person's loved one dies, it is customary to pray on his behalf for eleven months using a prayer known as the mourner's Qaddish (derived from the Hebrew word meaning "holy"). This prayer is used to ask God to hasten the purification of the loved one's soul. The Qaddish is prayed for only eleven months because it is thought to be an insult to imply that the loved one's sins were so severe that he would require a full year of purification. The practice of praying for the dead has been part of the Jewish faith since before Christ. Remember that 2 Maccabees 12:39-46, on which Catholics base their observance of this practice, shows that, a century and a half before Christ, prayer for the dead was taken for granted. Unlike Protestantism, Catholicism has preserved this authentic element of Judeo-Christian faith.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

October 21, 2018 — October 27, 2018

(MR): **In memory of Eleanor & John Kulka**

offered by Children: Kathy & John

(NS): **In memory of Bob & Mary Wawzeniak**

(MR) STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2019

offered by Niece: Joan Senchyshyn

(NS) STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2019



McKees Rocks Announcements

PARISH ADVISORY & FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING RESULTS THIS PAST WEEK — This past Monday major issues discussed were: (1) Having the porch, chapel and church roofs repaired; and the roof over the side entrance of school replaced due to water problems. In seeking three bids, Kenyon Roofing, Emsworth will be hired upon the approval of the chancery; (2) the Fargas Architect Incorporation of Squirrel Hill drew up plans for the updating of our Church and School restrooms. The Pirohi Project will finance this project. We will submit the go ahead for costs and then seek the chancery's approval for the cost; (3) the Internet broadcast for Liturgical Services is in the process of changing the venue. UStream sold to IBM and are charging for services rendered. We are no longer with UStream. We are searching for another venue. We are temporarily featured on YOU TUBE under Holy Ghost Church Live Stream. (4) Discussed implementation of the Archieparchial Assembly 2018 of how to connect in making our parish more resilient; and (5) The Church Rectory Dining and Living Rooms were plastered, and painted along with the plastering of the Pastor's Downstairs Office that received water damage. New Curtains and sheers were bought from the J.C. Penny Company at discount prices.



MARK THE DATES: 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

SYMPATHY EXTENDED (CORRECTED FEATURE) — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the passing of **A. Thomas Spontak, 74**, who passed away at the Community Medical Center, Toms River, NJ on Friday, September 14, 2018. He was the son of our late parishioners, Helen & Andrew Spontak, and brother of Fr. James A. Spontak, pastor of SS. Peter & Paul Church, Portage, PA. He is also a Cousin to our Parish Cantor, Edward (Mary Frances), Robert (Joyce) & Bill Spontak. He was also a cousin to parishioners, Brad and Ed (Kellie) and family. He is survived by his wife: Mariann and family. Funeral arrangements were by the Silverton Memorial Funeral Home, Toms River. The Funeral Divine Liturgy was at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Catholic Church, Toms River. **A Memorial Funeral Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Fr. Spontak at Holy Ghost Church this Friday, October 26, 2018 with interment in National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Bridgeville, PA.** Our parish offers its prayerful solicitude for his immortal soul and most sincere condolences to the Spontak Families. In blessed repose, grant O Lord, to your servant Thomas and remember him forever! Vicnaja Jemu Pamjat'!

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 next **Sunday, October 28** following the Divine Liturgy. Price: \$1.00 each; 6 - \$5.00; and 13 - \$10.00. 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.



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

3rd WEEK INTENTION OF REPECT LIFE MONTH:

Prayer for the Elderly

O Lord of Life, grant that the Elderly may lovingly accept Your will, and place themselves each day in Your merciful hands. When the moment of their passing comes, grant that they may face it with serenity, without regret for what they shall leave behind. For in meeting You after having sought You for so long, they shall find once more every authentic good which they have known here on



earth in the company of all who have gone before them marked with the sign of faith and hope. Grace the Elderly with this wisdom so that they and we may bless and glorify Your Great Name Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Join us in praying the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary for world peace on Fridays in October @ 6:00 p.m.

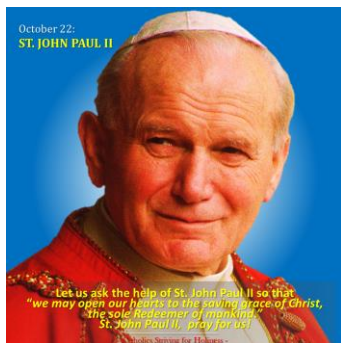
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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 27 Holy Ghost Halloween Party following the afternoon Divine Liturgy.
October 28 Sunday of Christ the King.
Nov. 4 Eastern Standard Time (clocks FALL BACK) & Annual Moleben to our 4 saintly bishops.
November 6 General Election Day — Defend the most vulnerable – Cast a Pro-Life Vote.
November 8 Synaxis of St. Michael & All Angels (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.
November 15 Commencement of the Philippian (Filipovka) Fast.

Saint of the Week

Pope St. John Paul II — October 22

Pope Saint John Paul II was born Karol Józef Wojtyła on May 18, 1920 and passed away on April 2, 2005). He was head of the Catholic Church from 1978 to 2005. He was elected by the second Papal conclave of 1978, which was called after Pope John Paul I, who had been elected in August to succeed Pope Paul VI, died after thirty-three days. Cardinal Wojtyła was elected on the third day of the conclave and adopted his predecessor's name in tribute to him. John Paul II is recognized as helping to end Communist rule in his native Poland and eventually all of Europe. John Paul II significantly improved the Catholic Church's relations with Judaism, Islam, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Anglican Communion. He upheld the



Church's teachings on such matters as artificial contraception and the ordination of women, but also supported the Church's Second Vatican Council and its reforms. He was one of the most travelled world leaders in history, visiting 129 countries during his pontificate. As part of his special emphasis on the universal call to holiness, he beatified 1,340 people and canonized 483 saints, more than the combined tally of his predecessors during the preceding five centuries. By the time of his death, he had named most of the College of Cardinals, consecrated or co-consecrated a large number of the world's bishops, and ordained many priests. A key goal of John Paul's papacy was to transform and reposition the Catholic Church. His wish was "to place his Church at the heart of a new religious alliance that would bring together Jews, Muslims and Christians in a great religious armada". John Paul II was the second longest-serving pope in modern history after Pope Pius IX, who served for nearly 32 years from 1846 to 1878. Born in Poland, John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope since the Dutch Pope Adrian VI, who served from 1522 to 1523. John Paul II's cause for canonization commenced in 2005 one month after his death with the traditional five-year waiting period waived. On December 19, 2009, John Paul II was proclaimed Venerable by his successor Pope Benedict XVI and was beatified on May 1, 2011 (Divine Mercy Sunday) after the Congregation for the Causes of Saints attributed one miracle to his intercession, the healing of a French nun from Parkinson's disease. A second miracle attributed to John Paul II's intercession was approved on July 2, 2013, and confirmed by Pope Francis two days later (two miracles must be attributed to a person's intercession to be declared a saint). John Paul II was canonized on 27 April 2014 (again Divine Mercy Sunday), together with Pope John XXIII. It is traditional to celebrate saints' feast days on the anniversary of their deaths, but that of John Paul II (22 October) is celebrated on the anniversary of his papal inauguration.

General Announcements



DEANERY PASTA DINNER TODAY — The Priests and Deacons in the Pittsburgh Deanery are hosting a **FREE PASTA DINNER** at St. Elias Church, Munhall **today from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** The Clergy will be preparing and serving the dinner. Gratitude is extended to those that signed the list. There were 13 from McKees Rocks; and 1 from the Northside. *A freewill offering will be taken to subsidize the cost of this project. Any profit that will be made will go to the Archieparichal Priests' Pension Plan.*

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY CONTINUES — 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 by thanking Our Blessed Mother and praying for world peace!*



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 today. We need to know how many to prepare for this event.



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 archieparichal 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.



ARCHIEPARICHAL ST. NICHOLAS 50/50 RAFFLE — Since many will not be able to attend the **61st Annual St. Nicholas Celebration** at the Cathedral and Cathedral Center on **Sunday, December 9, 2018**, a minimal amount of tickets (15) from GCU Headquarters have been sent to each parish in order to acquire additional capital for the Seminary. Very little profit is made from the dinner tickets themselves. To help subsidize this charity event, please support this worthy cause by purchasing a ticket. **They are \$10.00** and the number based on the Sunday, **December 16, 2018 PA Daily Drawing** at 7:00 p.m. Many prizes will be awarded. Tickets are now available.

