

Parish Offerings – Sunday of All Saints — June 16, 2019

“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

All Saints (\$1,211) YP (\$14)	\$1,225.00
Pentecost (\$595) YP (\$1) Holy Days (\$100)	696.00
Votive Candles	154.50
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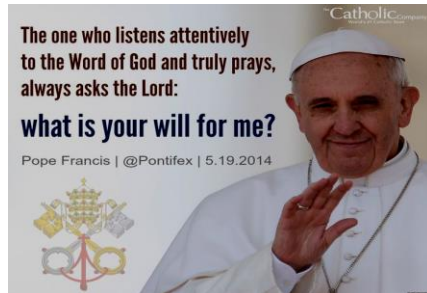
Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$55.00
All Saints	390.00
Pentecost (\$140) Holy Days (\$5)	145.00
Votive Candles	61.00
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	\$651.00

Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (42)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (81); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (31)



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THE 2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1st Sunday of the Petrine Fast — June 23, 2019
50th Anniversary of the Pittsburgh Metropolitan Province



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The Reverend Deacon Michael Meaders (NS)

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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 Mysteries of Initiation: Contact Church Office for Baptism, Chrismation and Eucharist.
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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 for Parishioners: (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!

SPIRIT OF TRUTH

You revealed Your Most Sacred Heart as the abyss of Your love for us, O Christ our God. Let our observance of You're your Commandments in the present age be the return of love for us so that in the age to come we may enjoy in perfect love the contemplation of Your Divinity (Troparion of the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart).

June 16, 2019

Seasonal Greeting

Volume IX, Number 25



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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., Jun 23 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Theodore Demianczyk, Jr. (birthday 6/11) Wife: Ann

Vigil Divine Liturgy of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist — Solemn Holy Day

*** 6:00 p.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Feast of the Nativity of the Holy Prophet, Precursor, & Baptist of the Lord, John — Solemn Holy Day

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

Mon, Jun 24 *** 7:00 p.m. (MR) + Elsie Eberle (birthday) Son: James

Tue, Jun 25 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Charles Kundrat M/M Larry Gasperi

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

Wed, Jun 26 8:00 a.m. (MR) + John A. Jumba Wivell Family

Thrs., Jun 27 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Fr. David Molczewski, O.F.M. Br. Regis, O.F.M.

Commemoration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Lover of Mankind

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

Fri, Jun 28 8:00 a.m. (MR) + John Gramata (21st ann of pass. 6/29) Eleanor & + Basil Gramata

Holy Day Anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul — Holy Day of Obligation

6:00 p.m. (NS) + Agnes + Anthony Knoll Son: William

Feast of the Holy Supreme Apostles Peter & Paul
Holy Day of Obligation

SAT, JUN 29 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Third Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Karen + Vincent Meloni Hubal Family

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., Jun 30 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
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

Jun 24 – Kristen Ruud, BRADLEY SPONTAK; Jun 26 – Darlene Fejka, Patricia Porter; Jun 29 – Patricia Kovacs.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliunas, Irene Bordas, Florence Charochak, Margaret Cifrulak, MARY ANN CONTI, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, MILAN JUGAN, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Lisa Plutto, Betty Spisak, EVELYN VENTO, Anita Wolsko, 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.

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.

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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 Hopey.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. Q. Should I attend the housewarming party of an unmarried couple where the woman is Catholic? **A. Answer by Catholic Answers:** That's a good question, because one doesn't want to give scandal, i.e., lead others into sin, particularly a fellow Catholic (see the Catechism 2284-87). If these are co-workers or acquaintances with whom you are not close, politely decline the invitation, although be ready to explain yourself charitably if they ask you why (see 1 Pet. 3:15). If they are friends of yours, then I infer that they know that you are a faithful Catholic. In that light, I would explain to them they are your friends and will continue to be your friends, and because they are your friends you don't want to affirm them in a relationship that involves some benefits of marriage but not its lifetime commitment. It would be contrary to genuine love for them if you "celebrated" a relationship of your approval of their moving in together. If they move in together anyway, keep in touch. Going over to their home to visit, including having a meal, doesn't mean you endorse their lifestyle. It means that they're still your friends—and they need friends like you. Continue periodically to encourage them to get married and to live as brother and sister as long as they live together in an unmarried state. You don't have to regularly bring up these issues, and doing so can be counterproductive. They know where you stand, as your life witness speaks loudly.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

June 23 — June 29, 2019

(MR): In memory of Mary Agnes Kress

offered by Son: William & Kathryn

(NS): Health & Welfare of Otce Duchovnyj

(MR) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2019

offered by Anonymous

(NS) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2019



McKees Rocks Announcements

SYMPATHY EXTENDED — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the sudden passing of parishioner, **Andrew J. Drukalsky, 99**, of Kennedy Township, at Victoria Manor, Oakdale, PA on Monday, June 10, 2019. He is survived by his brother, Albert (Janice) and sister, Eleanor Masters. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Szal Funeral Home, McKees Rocks. The Funeral Divine Liturgy was offered on Tuesday, June 18, 2019. Interment took place at Resurrection Cemetery, Moon Township. In blessed repose grant O Lord eternal rest to your servant, Andrew, and remember him forever! *Vicnaja Jemu Pamjat'!*



WORK PROJECTS SCHEDULED FOR THE SUMMER SEASON — (1) The Church and Gym Bathroom renovations are moving along slowly. Through the aid of Joel Farkas, Squirrel Hill, two contractors looked at the premises and are in the process of delivering the quotes. We are still awaiting their answer; (2) TAB Asphalt, who worked on our parish parking lot last year, will be coming to repair developed cracks due to the incimate winter season, and then to seal the entire lot and repaint the parking lines. This is scheduled to occur in July. Proceeds from our Pirohi Project will be covering the expenses.

PARISHIONER TO BEGIN SEMINARY STUDIES — During the Pentecost Patronal Divine Liturgy on June 9, 2019, Luke Iyengar had his cassock blessed. He has been accepted into Saints Cyril & Methodius Seminary for the Fall Semester. His spiritual formation will aid him in the discernment process as to whether the priesthood for the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh is truly a calling he is receiving from God. May we support him with our prayers as he commences this journey of faith near the end of August. May God grant Luke many happy and blessed years! Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!



GRADUATES HONORED — During our Pentecost Patronal Feast Day Dinner on June 9, three of our high school and university/college graduates were honored by the parish and presented special icons and congratulatory citations: Pictured with their pastor are (L-R): High School — Anna Stebbins; University — Anita Iyenger; and College — Elias Stebbins. May God grant them many happy and blessed years as their future commences with new and hidden challenges.



Holy Ghost, Northside

SACRISTY GUTTER CLEANED DUE TO WATER — Due to the enormous wet rainy weather in June, water had been seeping into the priest's sacristy. This past week the gutter was cleaned and seemed to have remedied the problem. Also, the women's restroom sink facet has been dripping water raising the cost of our water bill. The faucet is very old. If it cannot be repaired, it will have to be replaced.

As we continue our final journey through the Petrine Fast, let us offer Simple Abstinence (no meat) or an Equivalent Penance on Recommended Wednesdays & REQUIRED Fridays! Let pray & abstinence for the intention of an increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and for all priests.

2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Come, follow me! (Matthew 4:18-23)

The second Sunday after Pentecost shows us the practical application of the great call to renunciation formulated by Jesus in the gospel for the first Sunday. The



gospel read today at the Divine Liturgy tells of the calling of the first apostles. On the shore of Lake Galilee, Jesus sees Simon and Andrew fishing. He says to them: 'Follow me'. He wants to make them fishers of men. 'And they straightway left their nets, and followed him'. Further on Jesus meets James and John, also fishermen, in the company of their father, Zebedee. Jesus calls them. 'They immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.' The new

disciples abandoned their nets and their ships: Jesus sometimes asks us to renounce our profession, our instruments of work, whatever we possess. But some sons, at the call of Jesus, abandon their father too: sometimes he wants us to abandon family affections, human friendships, created love. This is not a purely negative attitude. Jesus' call has a very positive aspect: one must follow the Master. But the first apostles could not have followed the Master if they had not first of all left their ships, and their nets, and their father. And what have I abandoned in order to follow Jesus? What does he want me to leave?

Special Commemoration this Week THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

On the Third Friday following Holy Pentecost, the Byzantine-Ruthenian Catholic Church has always commemorated the *Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Prazdnik Najsvjatijsaho Serdca Isusa)*. On this day, the Church renders a special tribute to our Lord Jesus Christ as **THE LOVER OF MANKIND**. A person's heart is a symbol of love. Just as God loves us, we are to ask to beseech His grace to increase our love for God and neighbor. The founders and benefactors of our Churches have always had a special love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Every home had an image hanging on their walls. During the month of June, the Church exhorts us to honor the Lord Jesus because of His unflinching love for all. Join us on this festive day honoring Our Lord Jesus.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

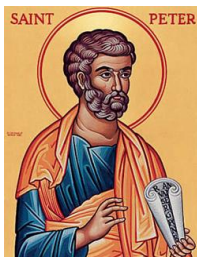
June 24 Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.: cf. Liturgical Page for times and places.
50th anniversary of the Pittsburgh Metropolitan Province: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Cathedral @ 3:00

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 2 Archieparchial Altar Boy "Faith & Fun Days".
July 19 ... Vigil Divine Liturgy of the Holy Prophet Elijah — Blessing of vehicles: (NS) 6:00 pm.
July 20Feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah — Blessing of vehicles: (MR) 9:00 am.

Holy Day of Obligation this Week — June 29

THE HOLY APOSTLE PETER

The son of Jonah and brother of Andrew the First-Called, of the tribe of Simeon and the town of Bethsaida, he was a fisherman and was at first called Simon, but the Lord was pleased to call him Cephas, or Peter (Jn 1:42). He was the first of the disciples to give clear expression to his faith in the Lord Jesus, saying: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Mt 16:16). His love for the Lord was very strong, and his faith in Him went from strength to strength. When the Lord was put on trial, Peter denied him three times, but it needed only one look into the face of the Lord, and Peter's soul was filled with shame and repentance. After the descent of the Holy Spirit, Peter became a fearless and powerful preacher of the Gospel. After his first sermon in Jerusalem, about 3,000 souls were converted to the Faith. He preached the Gospel throughout Palestine and Asia Minor, in Italy and Illyria. He performed many wonders, healing the sick and raising the dead, and even his shadow had the power of healing the sick. He had a major struggle with Simon the Magician, who declared himself to be from God but was actually a servant of the devil. He finally put him to shame and overcame him. Peter was condemned to death on the order of the wicked Emperor Nero, a friend of Simon's. After installing Linus as Bishop of Rome and exhorting and encouraging the flock of Christ there, Peter went to his death with joy. When he saw the cross before him, he asked the executioner to crucify him upside-down, because he felt himself unworthy to die in the same way as his Lord. And so this great servant of the greatest Master went to his rest and received a crown of eternal glory.



THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL

Born in Tarsus and of the tribe of Benjamin, he was formerly called Saul and studied under Gamaliel. He was a Pharisee and a persecutor of Christians. He was wondrously converted to the Christian faith by the Lord Himself, who appeared to him on the road to Damascus. He was baptized by the Apostle Ananias, named Paul and enrolled in the work of the Great Apostles. He preached the Gospel everywhere with burning zeal, from the borders of Arabia to the land of Spain, among both the Jews and the heathen, and receiving the title of "The Apostle to the Gentiles." His fearful sufferings were matched only by his superhuman endurance. Through all the years of his preaching, he hung from day to day like a thread between life and death. Filling his days and nights with toil and sufferings for Christ, organizing the Church in many places and receiving a high level of perfection, he was able to say: "I live, yet not I but Christ lives in me" (Gal 2:20). He was beheaded in Rome in the reign of Nero, at the same time as St. Peter.



General Announcements

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF THE PITTSBURGH METROPOLITAN PROVINCE – Archbishop Skurla will be the principle celebrant at this afternoon's Hierarchical Divine Liturgy @ 3:00 p.m. This celebration marks the 50th anniversary of the



establishment and elevation of our Church in the United States to the status and dignity of a *suri juris* (self-governing) jurisdiction. On June 11, 1969, the exarchate of Pittsburgh was raised to the status of a Metropolitan Archeparchy and Bishop Stephen J. Kocisko, Ordinary of the Passaic Eparchy, was appointed the First Metropolitan Archbishop. Cardinal Leonardo Sandri will represent Pope Francis at this celebration. He is an Argentine Cardinal of the Catholic Church, and had been the Prefect of the Congregation for the Eastern Churches since June 2007.

This joyous Golden Anniversary milestone Celebration will be followed by a dinner. All are invited to the Liturgical Celebration but the dinner is limited to those who received a ticket. The following day both clergy and laity that had been selected last year for the initial convocation of Assembly 2018 will, once again, gather in the morning and afternoon for a follow up session. Let us be grateful to Almighty God for continued growth and blessings.

SAVE THE DATES; (1) **ALTAR BOY FAITH & FUN DAYS** – is schedule for Tuesday, July 2.



All Altar Servers are asked to contact the Pastor if they intend to attend. The highlights of the day will be the Divine Liturgy, Pittsburgh Museum, and of course, the Pirate Game.; (3) **BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY** sponsored by the GCU at Kennywood Park will be on Thursday, July 25. Special discounted tickets are available. More info will be forthcoming; and (4) **ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC** on **Sunday, Aug. 18th** in the Robinson Township Picnic Grove off of Cleaver Road. Please plan to join us as a member of our parish family.

Prayer of Pope St. John Paul II for Vocations

This prayer is said near the end of the morning Divine Liturgy during the Petrine Fast from June 17 through June 28. As we prepare for the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul, let us unite our voices together daily and pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life; and to pray for all Priests

O Jesus, Good Shepherd, accept our prayers and our humble thanks for all vocations which, through Your Spirit, You give liberally and continually to our Church. Assist the bishops, priests, missionaries and all consecrated persons; enable them to give example of truly evangelical life. Make strong and persevering in their intentions those who are preparing for the sacred ministry and consecrated life. Multiply the laborers of the Gospel to announce Your name to all peoples. Take care of all the young in our communities; grant them readiness and generosity to follow You. Today, too, turn Your gaze upon them and call them. Grant to all the call, the strength to abandon everything in order to choose only You Who are love. Forgive the non-responses and infidelities of those Whom You have chosen. Listen, O Christ, to our invocations through the intercession of most holy Mary, Your Mother and Queen of the Apostles. She, who, having believed and replied generously, has been the cause of our joy; accompany with her presence and her example those whom You call to total service in Your Kingdom. Amen.

