

Parish Offerings – 19th Sunday after Pentecost – Oct. 15, 2017

“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 (\$1,578.50) YP (\$14)	\$1,592.50
Special Donation (Wed. Ann. of Barbara & Lee Feldman)	25.00
Collection for the Poor	470.75
Votive Candles	116.50
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	\$2,204.75

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$335.00
Thanksgiving Day	5.00
Collection for the Poor (\$137) Hurricane 2017 (\$25)	162.00
Votive Candles (\$51.11 Utilities (\$2)	53.11
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	\$555.11

Church Attendance Last Week

Sat., 4:00 p.m. (31)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (90); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (38)

Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary — (MR) Wed. 6:00 p.m. (7)



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THE 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Respect Life Month — October 22, 2017



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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 Randy Baden (412) 973-1085 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)

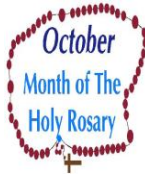
October 22, 2017

Seasonal Greeting

Volume VII, Number 43



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

Feast of Pope St. John Paul II

SUN., OCT 22 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Joe Babin Wife: Gerry
(9th ann of passing 10/27)
11:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Mon, Oct 23 8:00 a.m. (MR) + John Kulka *(birthday 10/22)* Children: Kathy & John
10:00 a.m. (NS) Funeral of Agnes Knoll

Tue, Oct 24 8:00 a.m. (MR) + John A. Jumba *(birthday 10/31)* Sal Williams & Family


Wed, Oct 25 8:00 a.m. (MR) Health & Welfare Mom: Mildred Terrek
of Michele Chiavetta
6:00 p.m. (MR) Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary



Holy Great-Martyr Demetrius

Thrs, Oct 26 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Charles Kundrat + Judy A. Hopey

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or **Equivalent Penance** (your choice)
*in reparation for sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for the conversion of sinners
& reparation for the blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary*

Fri, Oct 27  8:00 a.m. (MR) + H. Jayne Skreptach Michael Harsh, Sr.

Sat, Oct 28 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Michael Lorinc *(birthday 10/30)* Wife: Elizabeth



Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of Christ the King

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Mary Frissora Dolores & Steve Kosko

Sunday of Christ the King

SUN., OCT 29 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Patricia Petruna Mom: Betty Petruna & Family
(4th ann of passing 10/27)

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

Birthdays: Oct 22 – ZiZi Vo Mary Safranko; 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: Irene Bordas, Margaret Beliuнас, MARY ANN CONTI, Andrew Drukalsky, Ilona Goyda, Helen Hopey, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, Elizabeth Petruna, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Agnes Rosko, MARY SAHAYDA, Michael Spisak, ANNA TOTH, EVELYN VENTO, JOHN VEREB, Julia Wovchko, SHIRLEY YANOSKO.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARING HEIGHTS (234 Coraopolis Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108): Beverly Harsh

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. May Catholics pray distinctly Jewish prayers? **A. Answer by Catholic Answers:** Jesus reminds us that salvation is from the Jews (John 4:22), as he indeed the Jewish Messiah and Savior of all mankind. And Jesus is the King of the new and fulfilled Israel, the Catholic Church (see Matt. 16:18-19, Gal. 6:15). Given those realities, Catholics may pray Jewish prayers from the Old Testament, for example. Indeed, the Church prays the Psalms each day at Mass and in the Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office). The only exceptions would be later prayers following the establishment of the Church in which Church teaching is contradicted, e.g., praying for a Messiah who has already come and completed his earthly ministry.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

October 22 — October 28, 2017

(MR): **In memory of Joe Babin** *(9th ann of passing 10/27)*

offered by Wife: Gerry

(NS): **In memory of the Michael Blinda Family**

(MR) AVAILABLE FOR 2018 offered by Cousin: Basil & Eleanor Gramata (NS) AVAILABLE FOR 2018

McKees Rocks Announcements

PIROHI PROJECT WILL COMMENCE NEXT MONTH — During the reorganizational meeting last Sunday following the morning Divine Liturgy, it was decided that the following Friday dates will be a go for Pirohi Sales: **Nov. 10, 17, (no sales the Friday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 24); Dec. 1, 8 & 15.** We need additional volunteers especially in the kitchen making dough, cooking, answering the phone, and packing the pirohi in containers. This has been the only consistent fundraiser in the parish, and has been a great asset in contributing to important and well-need projects. It was also agreed that besides the updating of church and gym restrooms, the Pirohi funds will also contribute to the upcoming Olivia Street School Roof draining project. **Please help us by taking Posters (located in the Church Narthex and Side Vestibule) to publicize this event!**

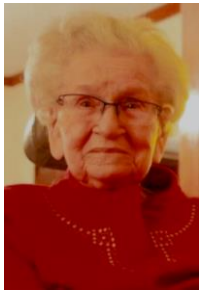


PARISH ADVISORY & FINANCIAL COUNCIL MEETING RESULTS THIS PAST WEEK — The issues discussed at this past Monday's meeting: (1) A unanimous decision to continue contracting with Matt Mertz Plumbing in redirecting of the water drainage of the Olivia Street side of the school building to the street (1) Contracting an electrician to replace expired bulbs both in the Church, and on the premises; (2) Archbishop Skurla will ordain Subdeacon Vitalii Stashkevych to the major order of Diaconate here at Holy Ghost Church on the Synaxis Feast of St. Michael & All Holy Angels, **November 8, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.**; We are encouraging everyone to attend; (3) St. Nicholas Archieparhial & Parochial Celebration will take place on Sunday, December 3, 2017; and (4) A new member of the PAC Council will be appointed for the February 5, 2018 meeting.



Northside Announcements

SYMPATHY EXTENDED — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the passing of **Agnes Knoll, 98**, of Marietta, GA, formally of the North Side and faithful member of our Parish, at the Sunrise of East Cobb Nursing Facility, Marietta on Sunday, October 15, 2017. She was the wife of the late + Anthony, and the mother of Leslie Ann (Robert) O'Donnell, William B. (Susan) and Anthony F. (Lenora). Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Thomas P. Kunsak Funeral Home, North Side. Agnes continued to care for her Holy Ghost Church until her passing by faithfully contributing to her Church knowing her donations would help to meet ordinary expenses of the Parish. Visitation will be today from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm with a Parastas at 7:00 pm. The Funeral Divine Liturgy will be offered on Monday, Oct. 23 at 10:00 a.m. followed by the interment at Christ the Redeemer Cemetery, North Side. Our parish offers it's most sincere condolences to the family, relatives, friends and prayerful solicitude for her immortal soul. In blessed repose, grant O Lord, to your servant, Agnes, and remember her forever! *Vichaja Jej Pamjat'!*



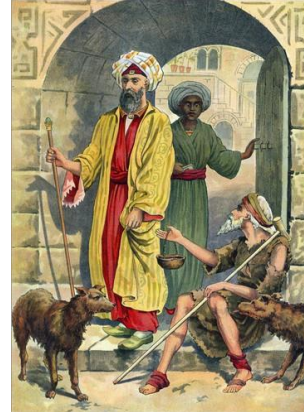
Many thanks to all who attended our Deanery Pasta Dinner last week at St. Elias Church, Munhall, and those who could not attend but contributed a freewill offering to be applied to our Archieparhial Priests' Pension Plan. God Bless all of you!

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.



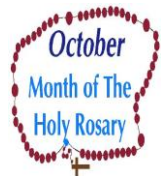
October: Respect-Life Month

4th 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 Wednesday (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 bless us with peace, that the division in our country may be healed and that the hearts of many will turn back to Our Lord and His Church. Let's sacrifice this time as Our Country is depending on our prayer!*



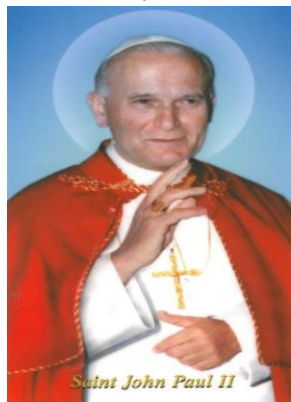
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

October 25	(MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.
October 29	Sunday of Christ the King & Annual Moleben to our 4 saintly bishops.
November 5	Eastern Standard Time Resumes: Clocks FALL BACK one hour.
November 7	General Election Day. St. Michael Holy Day Schedule is (NS) @ 6:00 p.m.
November 8	Synaxis of St. Michael & All Angels (MR) – Diaconate Ordination of Subdeacon Vitalii Stashkevych @ 7:00 p.m.
November 15	Commencement of the Philipian (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

RESERVATIONS NOW ACCEPTED FOR DL & SANCTUARY LAMPS — The new 2018 Church Desk Calendar has arrived! It arrived very late this year! Divine Liturgy and Sanctuary Lamp dates are now being taken on a first come, first serve basis. 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! Once again, Please don't wait or you'll be late!!!



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 St. John the Baptist Church,



Uniontown, PA on **Sunday of Christ the King, October 29, 2017 @ 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. This is also the Parish's Annual Rusyn Heritage Day.

2018 ENVELOPES BEING PREPARED FOR DISTRUBUTION — We are in the process of arranging the contribution envelopes for 2018. There are many individuals who have not contributed over the past few years. The assumption is that you are not interested in receiving envelopes. If you have not used your envelopes for two years (since 2015) your name will be eliminated from the list. Should you wish to re-enroll, please contact the Church Office A.S.A.P. Remember, **it is a precept of the Church to support the mission of the local Church so that the Gospel may continue to be proclaimed and that the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments) be dispensed from Holy Ghost Church. It is also one of six requirements necessary to stand as a Sponsor for Baptism and Chrismation.** Our responsibility is to meet our ongoing bills to keep us operational. It is also one requirement to stand as a sponsor for the Sacraments of Initiation. Those who will turn 18 in 2018 will receive adult envelopes if they have been using envelopes. Thus far, (MR) has gone from 198 to 205 boxes which include both adult and children. The (NS) has declined from 52 to 50 adult boxes.



BYZANTINE SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE 2017 — The Archieparchial Office of Religious Education is sponsoring this day entitled, "The Diversity of God's Blessings." It will be conducted at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$35.00 per person. Deadline is Friday, October 27. Brochures available at the Church's entrances for a detailed schedule. You may call the Office of Religious Education (412) 322-8773.