

Parish Offerings – All Saints Sunday — June 11, 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

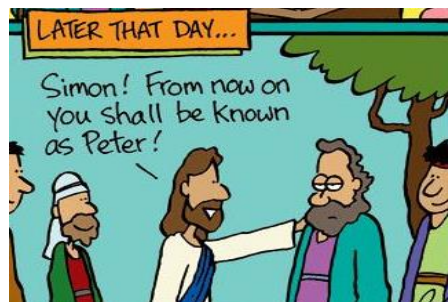
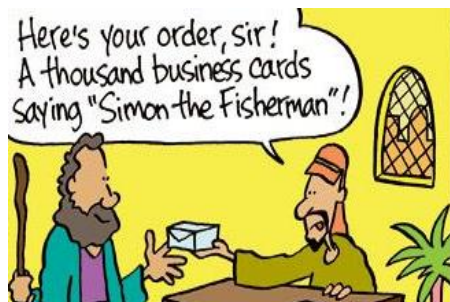
Regular Offering	\$30.00
Pentecost (\$245) All Saints (\$1,618) YP (\$8)	1,873.00
Holy Days	102.00
Votive Candles	73.00
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	\$2,078.00

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$115.00
Pentecost Monday (\$15) All Saints (\$320)	325.00
Votive Candles	25.50
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	\$475.50

Church Attendance Last Week

Sat., 4:00 p.m. (45)
Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (77); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (31)



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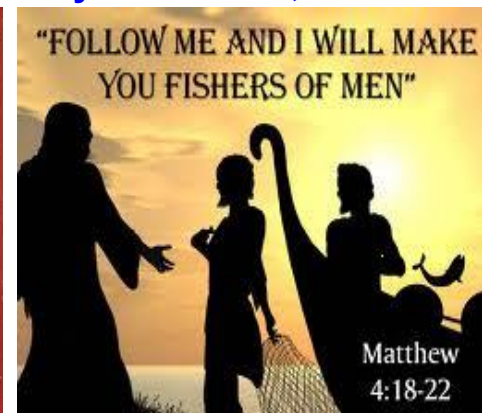
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THE 2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1st Sunday of the Petrine Fast
Annual Father's Day — June 18, 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 Margaret Belinas (412) 331-3577 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

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 18, 2017

Seasonal Greeting

Volume VII, Number 25



Date

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



Requested By

Liturgical Services for the Week

Time

Intention

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1st Sunday of the Petrine Fast — Annual Father's Day

SUN., Jun 18 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish
11:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

The Holy Apostle Jude, Relative of the Lord according to the flesh

Mon, Jun 19 8:00 a.m. (MR) + John J. Jumba Kathy & Rudy Himmelrich
(3rd ann of passing)

Tue, Jun 20 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Steve Gaydas Carol & Tom Lorengi
(4th ann of passing)

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

Wed, Jun 21 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Myrona Duggan Judy Hopey
(2nd ann of passing)

Thrs., Jun 22 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Jim Ondich Cyndi Serafin



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 23 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Sr. Vladimir Chabala, O.S.B.M. Basilian Sisters

Vigil Divine Liturgy of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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

Sat, Jun 24 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Ann Lubas (birthday) Dgtr: Lisa & George Plutto

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Third Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Debra Ann Palahunik M/M Burt Cifrulak

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

2nd Sunday of the Petrine Fast

SUN., Jun 25 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Helen Newport Florence & Anthony Lazarro

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: Jun 18 – Olivia Harsh; Jun 19 – Eric Ruud; Jun 21 – Nancy Cifrulak; Jun 24 – Kristen Ruud, BRADLEY SPONTAK.

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

HOME: Irene Bordas, MARY ANN CONTI, Mary Culan, Andrew Drukalsky, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, Elizabeth Petruna, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Agnes Rosko, MARY SAHAYDA, Michael Spisak, ANNA TOTH, EVELYN VENTO, JOHN VEREB, Julia Wovchko.

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): MICHAEL BARBUSH, Irene Bednar.

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

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

SUNRISE OF EAST COBB (1551 Johnson Ferry Rd., Marietta, GA 30062): AGNES KNOLL.

CARING HEIGHTS (234 Coraopolis Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108): Margaret Beliuinas.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. Can Christians blaspheme Allah? **A. Answer by Catholic Answers:** Christians should remember that "Allah" is the name of God in Arabic and so is a divine name that Arabic-speaking Christians such as *Maronite Catholics*, and not only Muslims, use. Consequently, out of respect to both God and Muslims, Christians should not misuse the name of Allah (see the Catechism 2142-67). In contrast, Christians can express legitimate criticism of Islamic doctrine regarding God, including Muslim disbelief in the divinity of Jesus Christ, but they should make that criticism constructively, i.e., without showing disrespect to God per se and needlessly alienating Muslims.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

June 18 — June 24, 2017

(MR): **In memory of Michael Sejka** (birthday 6/18)
offered by Children

(NS): **In memory of Ted Demianczyk**

(MR) NONE AVAILABLE 2017 offered by Wife: Anna Marie (NS) NONE AVAILABLE 2017



McKees Rocks Announcements

FLAG DAY CELEBRATION LAST WEEK — App. 11 Members of G.C.U. Lodge 390 and



Parishioners of the Parish joined together to celebrate and honored 'Ol Glory for the 8th consecutive time this past week on Flag Day, June 14. A new American Flag replaced the tattered one, and the Vatican Flag will fly beneath it to signify our identity as members of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Pictured are Veterans: Ted Babin and Peter Kacsur. The Ceremony culminated at 7:00 p.m. when we joined all 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.

SUMMARY OF THE LAST PAC MEETING — At the past Meeting on **Monday, June 12**, members of the Parish Advisory & Financial Council met with our pastor. Highlights discussed: (1) The 2017-2018 ECF Religious Education Program will officially commence on Catechetical Sunday, September 17. We are inviting both Parishes for a tentatively scheduled social trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo in Sept/Oct; (2) Continuing to look into contractors to refurbish the Church basement bathrooms sponsored by the Pirohi Project, and to seek bids for remodeling the gym restrooms; (3) Looking for contractors to give bids on re-routing School roof drains by diverting rain water to outside sewer sources as to Boro ordinances; (4) Replace old wooden unsteady ladders leading to bell tower with aluminum ones; (5) Rework our contract from Waste Management for trash elimination every other week due to rise in costs for weekly service; (6) Plans for the July 4 Independence Day Divine Liturgy & Cookout on the premises as well as the Annual Church Picnic in Robinson Township on August 20.

Holy Ghost, Northside

SUMMARY OF THE LAST PAC MEETING — At the past PAC Meeting on **Tuesday, June 13**, members of the Parish Advisory & Financial Council met with our pastor. Highlights discussed: (1) In reviewing several cost proposals to eliminate our Honey Bee problem on the left side of the roof, it has been decided to contract "B-Control of Dormont to set a trap to capture the bees rather than exterminate them. This will be a two months process, and then to seal the entrance where they gather; (2) Replacing the large frosted glass in the rectory foyer area that was accidentally broken by the last residents. It has been reported to the insurance company. The \$500.00 deductible will be handled by the Seminary as per our agreement. Some of the new residents will be moving in beginning at the end of June. They are a Ukrainian seminarian and possibly a Ukrainian priest with his family. Details still in the works. This agreement by the seminary will be help keep utility costs low since we will not be responsible for rectory utilities; (3) The Church recently received the first part of a \$6,000.00 gift from the Stanley Lubinski Estate. This amount has been subjected to a 10% Cathedralicum tax to the Chancery. The amount has been deposited into the Holy Ghost *Archieparchial Parish Savings and Share Program* to accrue 2% interest with no further tax on the interest. A thank you note will be sent to the Estate upon the reception of the 2nd part of the gift.

If you are retired or just enjoying the summer vacation, why not join us for the Daily Divine Liturgy!?! It's a great Spiritual Investment which Glorifies God, Sanctifies the soul and gives us an opportunity of offering a Spiritual Work of Mercy by praying for the Living and the Dead!

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

The second Sunday after Pentecost shows us the practical application of the

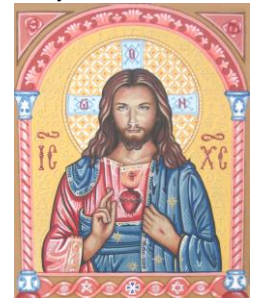


great call to renunciation formulated by Jesus in the gospel for the first Sunday. The gospel proclaimed at today's Divine Liturgy tells of the calling of the first apostles. On the shore of Lake Galilee, Jesus sees Simon and Andrew fishing. He says to them: 'Follow me'. He wants to make them fishers 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 Najsvjatijsho 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.



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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

June 18 Annual Father's Day.
June 23 Vigil Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (NS) 6:00 p.m.
June 24 Solemn Holy Day: Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (MR) 9:00 a.m.
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 10:00 a.m. Patriotic Divine Liturgy followed by a cookout in MR

Solemn Holy Day this Week — June 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist

The Gospel (Luke 1: 5) relates that the righteous parents of Saint John the Baptist, the Priest Zachariah and Elizabeth (September 5), lived in the ancient city of Hebron. They reached old age without having children, since Elizabeth was barren. Once, when Zachariah was serving in the Temple at Jerusalem and saw the Archangel Gabriel, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. He predicted that Zachariah would father a son, who would announce the Savior, the Messiah, awaited by the Old Testament Church. Zachariah was troubled, and fear fell upon him. He had doubts that in old age it was possible to have a son, and he asked for a sign. It was given to him, and it was also a chastisement for his unbelief. Zachariah was struck speechless until the time of the fulfillment of the archangel's words. Elizabeth came to be with child, and fearing derision at being pregnant so late in life, she kept it secret for five months. Then her relative, the Virgin Mary, came to share with her own



joy. Elizabeth, "filled with the Holy Spirit," was the first to greet the Virgin Mary as the Mother of God. Saint John leaped in his mother's womb at the visit of the Most Holy Virgin Mary and the Son of God incarnate within her. Soon Elizabeth gave birth to a son, and all the relatives and acquaintances rejoiced together with her. On the eighth day, in accordance with the Law of Moses, he was circumcised and was called John. Everyone was amazed, since no one in the family had this name. When they asked Saint Zachariah about this, he motioned for a tablet and wrote on it: "His name is John." Immediately his tongue was loosed, and Saint Zachariah glorified God. He also prophesied about the Coming into the world of the Messiah, and of his own son John, the Forerunner of the Lord (Luke. 1: 68-79). After the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ and the worship of the shepherds and the Magi, wicked king Herod gave orders to kill all male infants. Hearing about this, Saint Elizabeth fled into the wilderness and hid in a cave. Saint Zachariah was at Jerusalem and was doing his priestly service in the Temple. Herod sent soldiers to him to find out the abode of the infant John and his mother. Zachariah answered that their whereabouts were unknown to him, and he was killed right there in the Temple. Righteous Elizabeth continued to live in the wilderness with her son and she died there. The child John, protected by an angel, dwelt in the wilderness until the time when he came preaching repentance, and was accounted worthy to baptize the Lord.

General Announcements

ORIGINS OF FATHER'S DAY— A driving force behind the establishment of the integration of Father's Day was Mrs. Sonora Smart Dodd, born in Creston, Washington. Her father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, as a single parent reared his six children in Spokane, Washington. She was inspired by Anna Jarvis's efforts to establish Mother's Day. Although she initially suggested June 5, the anniversary of her father's death, she did not provide the organizers with enough time to make arrangements, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June. The first June Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in Spokane, WA. In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson made Father's Day a holiday to be celebrated on the third Sunday of June. The holiday was not officially recognized until 1972, during the presidency of Richard Nixon.



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+): \$9.99. All tickets include entry into the Park and All-Day Ride. Byzantine Catholic Fun Day is slated for **Thursday, July 27, 2017**. *Deadline for these discounted tickets is JULY 10.* 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. You may phone him at (412) 897-4650. Come join in the fun and set the day aside.

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 12 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.



FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM BEGINS THIS WEEK — DEFEND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY — Catholic eparchies and dioceses across the Commonwealth are marking the fourth annual "Fortnight for Freedom" beginning this week between June 21 and July 4: Let us offer this prayer for Religious Freedom: **O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and**



the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society. We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith. Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome — for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us — this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Amen."