

Parish Offerings – Sept. 25, 2016

“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 (\$1,662) YP (\$3) | \$1,665.00 |
| Holy Days | 112.00 |
| Votive Candles | 110.60 |
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| | \$1,887.60 |

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

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| Regular Offering | \$472.00 |
| Utilities | 30.00 |
| Votive Candles | 41.50 |
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| | \$543.50 |

Church Attendance Last Week

Sat., (MR) 4:00 p.m. (33)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (82); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (38)

It takes a strong person
to say sorry,
and an even
STRONGER
person to FORGIVE.



Forgiveness is
Necessary, but
Not Easy!

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PITTSBURGH, PA 15212

THE 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Month of the Holy Virgin Mary — October 2, 2016



Respect
Life
Sunday

2015-2016 Extra-Ordinary Jubilee – THE YEAR OF MERCY
Catholics of the Ruthenian – Byzantine Rite in full communion with the Pope of Rome

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

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Dear God,
If I hurt others
Give me the strength
TO APOLOGIZE.
If people hurt me
Give me the strength
TO FORGIVE.

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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.

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 Beluinas (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

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 2, 2016

Seasonal Greeting

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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 2 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
11:00 a.m. (NS) + John Spontak (13th ann of passing) Son: Robert & Joyce

Mon, Oct 3 8:00 a.m. (MR) NO DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULED

Tue, Oct 4 8:00 a.m. (MR) NO DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULED

Wed, Oct 5 8:00 a.m. (MR) NO DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULED

Thrs., Oct 6 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.

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 7 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Joyce D. Ray (birthday 9/25) Margie Cifrulak
6:00 p.m. (MR) The Sorrowful Mystery of the Holy Rosary

Sat., Oct 8 9:00 a.m. (NS) Health & Welfare (birthday 8/14)
of Fr. Nicholas Deprospero Amy & Michael Petruska

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
4:00 p.m. (MR) + Mildred + Michael Tomchak Grandson: Mickey Tomchak

21st Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., Oct 9 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Marie Vestovich (birthday 9/18) Michael Maslaney
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 3 – Michele Billy, Helenea Connor, James Eberle, George Verner; Oct 4 – MaryEllen Oslick, Hayden Spisak, Steven Usouski; Oct 6 – Marcia Babin, Erin Bates; Oct 7 – Nicholas Nazak, II; Oct 8 – Mary Ann Goyda.

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

HOME: Margaret Beluinas, Irene Bordas, MARY ANN CONTI, Mary Culan, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Debra Palahunik, Elizabeth Petruna, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Agnes Rosko, MARY SAHAYDA, GERARD SLAGLE, ANNA TOTH, EVELYN VENTO, JOHN VEREB, Claudia Verner, Julia Wovchko.

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

THE RESIDENCE AT WILLOW LANE (30 Heckel Rd., MR, PA 15136): Andrew Drukalsky.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. What happens to prayers that are offered on behalf of deceased who, unbeknownst to the one who prays, are already in heaven or hell? Are those prayers wasted? A. Catholic Answers Apologist: They are not wasted. Those in heaven don't need our prayers, and those in hell are unable to profit by them. Only those who are undergoing purification prior to entering full union with God in heaven (1 Cor 3:12-15) can avail themselves of our prayers. When we pray for them we are asking God to mitigate their suffering. If the persons we pray for are not in purgatory and have already gone on to heaven, the Lord will apply our prayers to others in need of them.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

October 2 — October 8, 2016

(MR): In memory of Carlton J. Bates

offered by Wife: Barbara, Son: Carl & Family

(NS): In memory of Anna Sejka

(MR) NOW AVAILABLE 2017

offered by Children

(NS) NOW AVAILABLE 2017

McKees Rocks Announcements

GROUNDS CLEANUP SLATED THIS WEEK — A general cleanup of the weeds and debris surrounding our Holy Ghost Church really needs attention. We can't do it without your cooperation! We surely need your help this **Saturday, October 8, 2016** from **10:00 a.m. to noon**. To keep our grounds tidied encourages our neighbors to have civic pride and demonstrates that we care for God's Church and the important gift it is to the community. Again, please circle this date on your calendar to assist us! We need you!!! If you have any relatives needing extra credit for a scouting project or for school, our pastor will be happy to sign a form for them.



PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING FORTHCOMING — The members of the PAC are reminded of the meeting slated for **Monday, October 17, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.** Please place this date on your agenda.

Northside Announcements

GROUNDS CLEANUP SLATED FORTHCOMING — The weeds and debris surrounding our Holy Ghost Church really needs attention. We can't do it without your cooperation! We surely need your help on **Saturday, October 15, 2016** from **10:00 a.m. to noon**. To keep our grounds tidied encourages our neighbors to have civic pride and demonstrates that we care for God's Church and the important gift it is to the community. Again, please circle this date on your calendar to assist us! We need you!!! If you have any relatives needing extra credit for a scouting project or for school, our pastor will be happy to sign a form for them.



PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING FORTHCOMING — The members of the PAC are reminded of the meeting slated for **Tuesday, October 18, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.** at the Social Center. Please place this date on your agenda.

JUBILEE BLESSING FROM A SHRINE IN PITTSBURGH AREA

Last week's **Year of Mercy Pilgrimage** took place at St. Anthony Shrine, Troy Hill Road, Pittsburgh. Nearly ten pilgrims from both our Holy Ghost Parishes gathered for the very informative presentation and tour which contains the second largest exhibition of holy relics next to that of the Vatican. The Shrine contains over 10,000 relics such as pieces of the Precious Cross of the Lord, the veil of the Holy Virgin Mary, the table of the Mystical (Last) Supper besides many first class relics of the Saints including St. John Chrysostom and St. Nicholas the Wonder-Worker, the Patron of the Byzantine Catholic Church. The prescribed prayers were offered for the Plenary and Partial Indulgence. Our next pilgrimage will take us to St. Paul Cathedral, Pittsburgh (Oakland section) on Sunday, October 23. Everyone is invited.



Annual Clergy Retreat this week from October 2 through 6 at the Antiochian Village, Ligonier. Please keep all the Priests in your prayers that God may refresh their zeal in the service of the Church. All emergency pastoral situations, please call the MR Rectory (412) 771-3324.

October Is Respect Life Month

(This article appeared from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and its chairman Timothy Cardinal Dolan on Pro-Life Activities October 2016).

The theme of the 2016-17 Respect Life Program is "Moved by Mercy." When we let our hearts be moved by God's mercy, it shapes everything. As Pope Francis said, "We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us." God made each of us in his own image and likeness. He desires to be united with us forever in a loving relationship. God loves us, treats us with respect, and asks us to do the same with others. Every person is sacred and must be treated with the dignity they deserve. No one should ever be treated callously or carelessly—everyone should be cherished and protected! From each tiny child waiting to be born, to individuals nearing death, all are precious and deserve our care and protection. Women and men suffering after abortion, individuals tempted to end their lives, couples longing to conceive a child, people pushed to the margins of society by a "throwaway culture," expectant mothers facing challenging pregnancies, and every other person—each "has a place in God's heart from all eternity." Let's ask God to make us channels of his loving mercy: Lord, help us to receive your mercy and turn to you each moment. And please guide us in extending your mercy to others today. Now is the time for mercy. *"Only with prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls - will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life."* -Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Catholic Bishops



1ST WEEK INTENTION OF RESPECT LIFE MONTH:

Prayer for all Unborn Children & their Mothers & Fathers

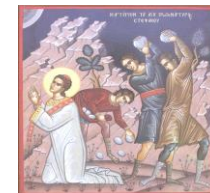
O God, Who adorn creation with splendor and beauty and fashion human lives in Your Image and Likeness, awaken in every heart reverence for the work of Your Hands, and renew among Your people a readiness to nurture and sustain Your precious gift of Human Life. In this may Your Name be blessed and glorified,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

Meditation on Today's Gospel

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES — TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 6: 31-36

ST. STEPHEN IS AN EXAMPLE OF LOVE FOR ENEMIES

"How will you love your enemies and pray for your adversaries and persecutors? We see what happened in the case of Stephen. When he was being killed by the violence and stones of the Jews, he did not ask for vengeance but forgiveness for his murderers, saying: "O Lord, do not lay this sin against them." So it was most fitting that the first martyr for Christ who, in preceding by his glorious death the martyrs that were to come, was not only a preacher of the Lord's suffering but also an imitator of his most patient gentleness." — St. Cyprian work: *The Good of Patience*, 16.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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| October 2-6 | Annual Archieparchial Clergy Retreat at Antiochian Retreat Center, Ligonier. |
| October 7 | (MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m. |
| October 8 | MR Church grounds cleanup from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. |
| October 9 | Freewill Offering Pasta Dinner, St. Elias Church, Munhall, PA from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. |
| October 14 | (MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m. |
| October 15 | NS Church grounds cleanup from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. |
| October 17 | (MR) Parish Advisory Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. |
| October 18 | (NS) Parish Advisory Council Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. |
| October 21 | (MR) The Sorrowful Mystery of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m. |
| October 28 | (MR) The Sorrowful Mystery of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m. |
| October 30 | Sunday of Christ the King. |
| | Annual Moleben for the Four Holy Hierarchs, Cathedral @ 3:00 p.m. |

Saint of the Week

Holy Woman-Martyr Charitina

October 5



Having been orphaned in infancy, Charitina was adopted by an eminent Christian man named Claudius, who raised her as his own daughter. Charitina was meek, humble, obedient and quiet. She studied the Law of God day and night, and vowed to live her life in chastity, as a true bride of Christ. Since Charitina also brought others to the Christian Faith, Dometius, Emperor Diocletian's eparch, heard of her, sent soldiers to take her from her foster father, and brought her to trial. The judge questioned her: "Is it true, young maiden, that you are a Christian, and that you deceive others, leading them to this profane Faith?" Charitina

courageously replied: "It is true that I am a Christian, but it is a lie that I deceive others; rather, I lead those in error to the true path, by leading them to my Christ." The evil judge condemned her. Her hair was shorn and hot coals were poured onto her head. Even so, she was saved by the power of God. They threw her into the sea, but God delivered her again. They tied her to a wheel and began to turn it, but an angel of God stopped the wheel, and Charitina remained unharmed. Then the depraved judge sent some dissolute young men to defile her. Fearing this dishonor, St. Charitina prayed to God to receive her soul before those degenerates could defile her virginal body. While she knelt, praying to God, her soul departed from her and was translated to the Immortal Kingdom of Christ.

General Announcements

RESERVATIONS CONTINUE FOR DL & SANCTUARY LAMPS — The new 2017 Church Desk Calendar has arrived! It was 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! Please don't wait or you'll be late!!!



PITTSBURGH DEANERY CLERGY TO SERVE PASTA DINNER — The Priests and Deacons in the Pittsburgh Deanery will be hosting a FREE PASTA DINNER at St. Elias Church, Munhall on **Sunday October 9, 2016** 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 next Sunday, *October 2.*



A freewill offering will be taken to pay for the supplies.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: COME & SEE WEEKEND — Young men 18-35 are invited to a FREE Weekend of Discovery retreat, Friday through Sunday, **October 14-15-16, 2016** at Saints Cyril & Methodius Seminary. *The purpose: to see if you might be interested in the possibility of becoming a priest. No hype, no boring lectures. Just recreation, relaxation, (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 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.*



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 Cathedral, Munhall on **Sunday of Christ the King, October 30, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m.** *We will have the opportunity to receive the special Jubilee Blessing by walking through the Holy Doors.* 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.



Join us for the Holy Rosary October Friday's (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 place into the hearts of all responsible voters to elect those candidates who will align themselves to Our Merciful Lord's Commandments in the Spirit Truth! Let's sacrifice this time as though Our Country is depending on our prayer!