

Parish Offerings – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost — June 3, 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

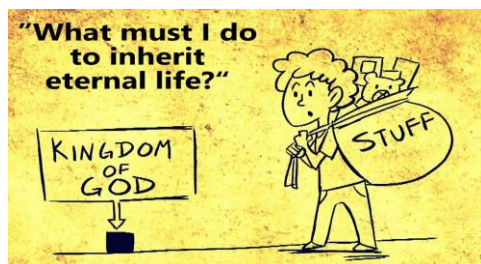
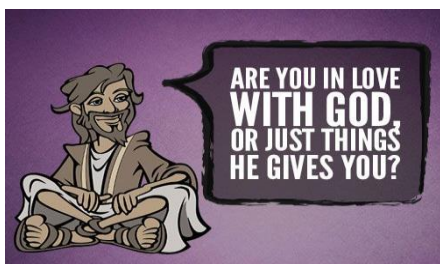
Regular Offering (\$2,599.50) YP (\$16)	\$2,615.50
Pentecost (\$20) Pentecost Monday (\$20) Holy Days (\$20)	60.00
Peter’s Pence	5.00
Votive Candles	143.50
	\$2,824.00

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$478.00
Holy Days	32.00
Utilities (\$16) Improvements (\$77)	93.00
Votive Candles	38.50
	\$641.50

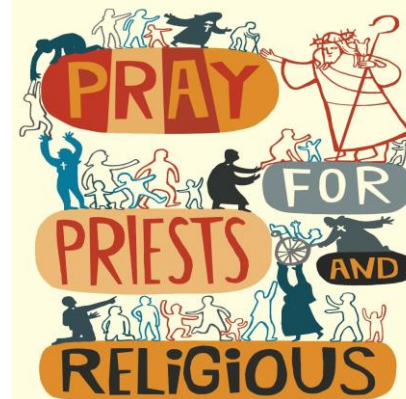
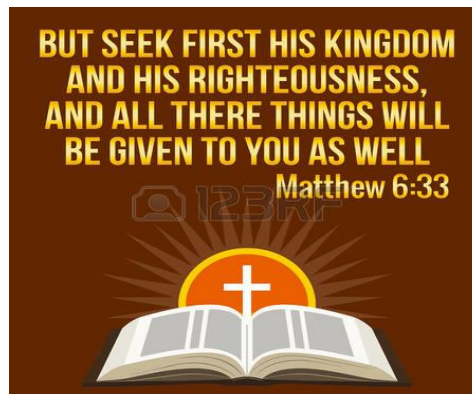
Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (56)
Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (75); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (28)



HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
225 OLIVIA STREET
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McKEES ROCKS, PA 15136
PITTSBURGH, PA 15212

THE 3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
2nd Sunday of the Petrine Fast — June 10, 2018



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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 Tina Burns (412) 859-9597 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!



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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).

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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

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

2nd Sunday of the Petrine Fast

SUN., Jun 10	9:00 a.m. (MR)	For the Parishioners of Both Parishes	
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	+ Marie Wittmer (40 th day of passing 5/25)	Joyce Smiechowski
Mon, Jun 11	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Archbishop Stephen J. Kocisko (birthday)	
Tue, Jun 12	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Pauline Kashmer	Elaine Kurtanich

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

Wed, Jun 13	8:00 a.m. (MR)	Health & Welfare of Debbie Rybowicz	Husband: Peter
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ANNUAL NATIONAL FLAG DAY

Thrs., Jun 14	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Claudia Gubba	Holy Ghost Pirohi Workers
	6:45 p.m. (MR)	Annual Flag Day Ceremony at the Flag Pole	

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

Fri, Jun 15	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Marie Nowakowski	Br. Regis, O.F.M.
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Sat, Jun 16	9:00 a.m. (NS)	+ Gladys A. Schlott	Anonymous
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Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost — Annual Father's Day

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Myrona + Bill Duggan Theresa Kundrat

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Annual Father's Day — 3rd Sunday of the Petrine Fast

SUN., Jun 17	9:00 a.m. (MR)	For the Parishioners of Both Parishes especially the Living & Deceased Fathers of Both Parishes	
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	+ Nicholas Moyta	Sister: Sr. Martha Moyta, OSBM

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 10 – Cynthia Saber; Jun 11 – Mary Susan Dragosh, Mark Eberle, GEORGE FECIK, LEAH KALLOP; Jun 13 – Susan Fejka, Anita Iyengar, EVELYN VENTO; Jun 14 – Dolores Pelescak; Jun 15 – Kathleen Kulka; Jun 16 – Karen Stebbins..

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

HOME: Irene Bordas, Margaret Beliuinas, MARY ANN CONTI, Andrew Drukalsky, Iлона Goyda, Beverly Harsh, Helen Hopey, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, Elizabeth Petruna, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Alice Sejka, 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 Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143): Helen M. Kriska, Marjorie Preganz.

MARIAN MANOR (2695 Winchester Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15220): Irene Bednar.

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

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VETERANS HOSPITAL (1010 Delafield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15215): JOHN VEREB.

THE RESIDENCE AT WILLOW LANE (30 Heckel Rd., McKees Rocks, PA 15136): John Marks.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. How do I reconcile the apparent contradiction of Vatican II and former teachings regarding salvation outside of the Catholic Church? A. Answer by Catholic Answers: A literal understanding of being an official/external member of the Catholic Church as necessary for salvation is not the teaching of the Church. A priest, Fr. Leonard Feeney, preached that message and was excommunicated in 1953 for disobedience in refusing to come to Rome and explain his views. This error is now named after him and is commonly called Feeneyism or the Boston Heresy. [The Holy Office in 1949 wrote to Fr. Feeney](#) and asked him to accept the Church's definition/understanding of the doctrine extra ecclesiam nulla salus: Therefore, that one may obtain eternal salvation, it is not always required that he be incorporated into the Church actually as a member, but it is necessary that at least he be united to her by desire and longing. However, this desire need not always be explicit, as it is in catechumens; but when a person is involved in invincible ignorance God accepts also an implicit desire, so called because it is included in that good disposition of soul whereby a person wishes his will to be conformed to the will of God.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

June 10 — June 16, 2018

(MR): In memory of Michael Sejka (birthday 6/17)

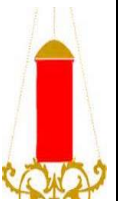
offered by Dgtrs: Alice & Anna May Sejka

(NS): In memory of Olga Senchyshyn (birthday 6/15)

(MR) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2018

offered by Dgtr: Joan

(NS) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2018



McKees Rocks Announcements

SYMPATHY EXTENDED — The *Spirit of Truth* announces the sudden passing of **Nicholas Niapas, 74**, at home on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 in Pittsburgh, PA. He was the husband of Diane Addlespurger and family. He was also the brother of parishioners, Christina (Wallace) Michalisk. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Anthony M. Musmanno Funeral Home, McKees Rocks. In blessed repose grant O Lord eternal rest to your servant, Nicholas, and remember him forever! *Vicnaja Jemu Pamjat!*



BANNS OF MARRIAGE I — This is the first announcement of the upcoming marriage of *Joshua Steven McCusker (Holy Ghost Church)* and *Rebecca Ann Stolarski (St. Albert the Great Roman Rite Church, Baldwin, PA)* on Saturday, June 30, 2018. If anyone knows why these individuals cannot contract marriage, please call the rectory office and speak to the pastor.

SPECIAL CLASSES CONCLUDE THIS EVENING — Special Classes continue for those wishing to know the fundamental teachings of the Catholic Church and to increase one's knowledge of the Byzantine-Ruthenian Catholic Church. This 10th and final week format presented awareness to anyone who is non-Catholic and for those who are Catholic of another Rite, the important Traditions of the Catholic Church and to increase their understanding of our Rite. This series will continue **this evening, June 10, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.** in the Church.

Holy Ghost, Northside

PLEASE PARK CLOSER ON THE STREET — For the past few months there has been an increase of residential cars parking on Superior Avenue. It is leaving less parking for our parishioners on Sundays. However, several have been taking a car length and a half when parking for Church. Please park closer so as to allow an additional car to park on the street. We must learn to practice this discipline since someday the Social Center Parking Lot may no longer be available.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT AT MT. ST. MACRINA — Young adults are gathering **June 22-24**, for a weekend retreat, "Joyfully Adulthood". The retreat begins Friday, 7:00 p.m. and concludes 12:00 p.m. on Sunday. Young adults are working with Sister Barbara Jean, OSBM to prepare the program which includes conferences, break-out groups, confessions, prayers services and Divine Liturgy. Please help us spread the word and encourage young men and women to attend. Offering is \$110.00 **Registration is due by June 15.** Call (724) 438-7149.



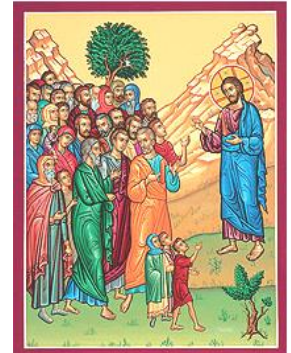
As we continue our journey through the Petrine Fast, let us offer Simple Abstinence (no meat) or an Equivalent Penance on Recommended Wednesdays & REQUIRED Fridays! Let us offer our prayer & abstinence for the intention of an increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and for all priests.

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Don't Be Anxious — Seek First His Kingship Over You!

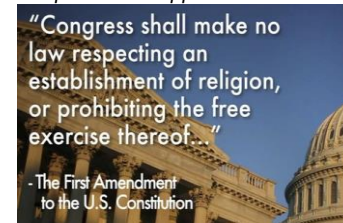
(Matthew 6:22-34)

What does "serving two masters" and "anxiety" have in common? They both have the same root problem -- being divided within oneself. The root word for "anxiety" literally means "being of two minds". An anxious person is often "tossed to and fro" and paralyzed by indecision. Fear of some bad outcome usually cripples those afflicted with anxiety. It's also the case with someone who wants to submit to God but also live according to the world's standards of success and fulfillment. Who is the master in charge of your life? Our "master" is that which governs our thought-life, shapes our ideals, controls the desires of the heart and the values we choose to live by. We can be ruled by many different things -- the love of money or possessions, the power of position, the glamour of wealth and prestige, the driving force of unruly passions and addictions. Ultimately the choice boils down to two: God and "mammon". What is mammon? "Mammon" stands for "material wealth or possessions" or whatever tends to "control our appetites and desires". There is one Master alone who has the power to set us free from the slavery of sin and fear. That Master is the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus uses an illustration from nature — the birds and the flowers — to show how God provides for them in the natural order of his creation. How much more can we, as his children, rely upon God's providential care? God is utterly reliable. In the Lord's Prayer we are reminded that God is our provider when we pray: *Give us this day our daily bread.* What is bread, but the very staple of life and symbol of all that we need to live and grow. Anxiety is neither helpful nor necessary. It robs us of faith and confidence in God's help and it saps our energy for doing well. Jesus admonishes his followers to put away anxiety and preoccupation with material things and instead to seek first the things of God — his kingdom and righteousness. Anxiety robs the heart of trust in the mercy and goodness of God and in his loving care for us. God knows our needs even before we ask and he gives generously to those who trust in him. Who is your master -- God or mammon?



A 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.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14	GCU Lodge 390 Flag Day Ceremony @ 6:45 p.m.
June 17	Annual Father's Day
June 24	Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.
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 9:00 a.m. Patriotic Divine Liturgy.
July 20	Simple Holy Day: Feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah — Blessing of Vehicles. (MR) 9:00 a.m. & (NS) 6:00 p.m.

Saint of the Week

THE HOLY FEMALE MARTYR AQUILINA

June 13



Aquilina was born in the Palestinian town of Byblus of honorable Christian parents. At age seven, little Aquilina was already completely versed in the true Christian life and at age ten she was so filled with divine understanding and the grace of the Holy Spirit that she, with great power and zealously, preached Christ to her female companions. When Diocletian's persecution began, someone accused Aquilina before Volusian, the imperial deputy, who was more like a beast than a man. At first, Volusian ordered that Aquilina be flogged and after that, a red hot rod be pierced through her ears and brain. Until the last moment, the virgin Aquilina freely and openly confessed Christ the Lord and when her brain and blood began to flow from her head, she fell as though dead. The

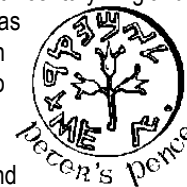
deputy, thinking Aquilina was indeed dead, ordered her body to be carried outside the city and thrown upon a dung heap for the dogs to consume. But, an angel of God appeared to her at night and said to her: "Arise, and be whole!" And the virgin arose and was whole and for a long time she offered up praise of thanksgiving to God imploring Him not to deprive her to fulfill her martyr's mortification. A voice from heaven was heard: "Go, it will be to you as you pray" and Aquilina set out for the town. The gates of the town opened on their own accord before her and she entered like a spirit into the palace of the deputy and appeared before his bed. The deputy was seized with unspeakable fear, seeing the virgin alive whom he thought was dead. The following day, according to his command, the executioners led Aquilina out to behead her. Before her beheading, the virgin Aquilina prayed to God on her knees and gave up her soul. The executioner beheaded her lifeless head. Her relics gave healing to many of the sick. **Aquilina was twelve years old** when she suffered for the Lord: suffered and crowned with the martyr's wreath in the year 293 A.D.

General Announcements

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+): \$10.00. All tickets include entry into the Park and All-Day Ride. Byzantine Catholic Family Day is slated for **Thursday, July 26, 2018**. *Deadline for these discounted tickets is JULY 8*. 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. Come join in the fun and set the day aside.



ANNUAL PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION THROUGHOUT JUNE — The History of the Peter's Pence Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In ninth-century England, King Alfred the Great collected money, a "pence," from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease. In his address of March 20, 2013, Pope Francis spoke of our responsibility before the world and creation. *"There is much that we can do to benefit the poor, the needy and those who suffer, and to favor justice, promote reconciliation and build peace,"* he said. The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters.



FLAG DAY CEREMONY THIS WEEK

As a requirement of their fraternal activity, GCU Lodge 390 will sponsor the 9th Annual Flag Day Ceremony on **Thursday, June 14 @ 6:45 p.m.** It will take place at the flag pole located in the front of the MR Church. This short Program will be highlighted by the "Pledge of Allegiance" at 7:00 p.m. when all fraternal groups throughout our nation will salute Old Glory. Come and join us! Refreshments will be served following the honor given to the red, white & blue. Please attend. All welcome!!!



GCU LODGE 390 LENDS A HELPING HAND TO FISHER HOUSE — Our local GCU Lodge is continuing to collect items to help Pittsburgh's VA Fisher House. The Pittsburgh Fisher House is a 10-bedroom "home away from home" and provides a place for visiting families to stay, free of charge, while their loved ones receive inpatient medical care at VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System. The Pittsburgh Fisher House is professionally furnished and features a common kitchen, laundry facilities, spacious dining room, living room with a library, and toys for children. They are requesting assistance in keeping these areas stocked with supplies. Boxes will be placed at the side vestibule and narthex areas of both parishes for the **collection that will extend to August 5**. Needed items are listed on a stationery sheet near these boxes. Let's help our afflicted veterans and their families by supporting Lodge 390 in this collection!

