

**Parish Offerings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost — June 30, 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**

Regular Offering (\$1,274) YP (\$2)	\$1,276.00
Pentecost (\$10) SS. Peter & Paul (\$482) Holy Days (\$107) YP (\$2)	601.00
Special Donation (In mem. of Andrew J. Drukalsky)	150.00
Peter’s Pence (\$95) Votive Candles (\$149)	244.00
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	\$2,271.00

**Holy Ghost Church, Northside**

Regular Offering	\$582.75
Pentecost (\$5) SS. Peter & Paul (\$65) Holy Days (\$5)	75.00
Votive Candles	66.50
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	\$724.25

**Church Attendance Last Week**

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (35)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (65); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (30)

*Feast of Saints Peter & Paul (Holy Day of Obligation)*

Fri, Jun 28 (NS) 6:00 p.m. (31); Sat., Jun 29 (MR) 9:00 a.m. (37)



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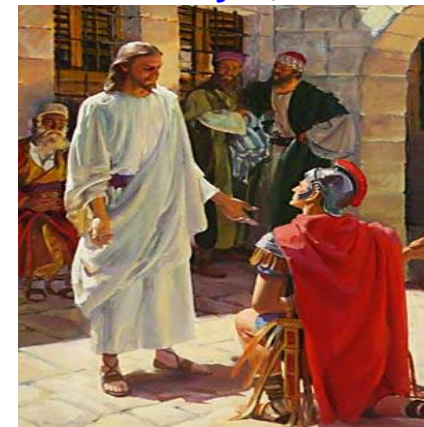
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**THE 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Independence Weekend — July 7, 2019**



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**SUNDAY RADIO (9:00 am WEDO 810 AM) & INTERNET DIVINE LITURGY**  
**Liturgical Services LIVE: [www.Youtube.com](http://www.Youtube.com) then type: Holy Ghost Church Live Stream**

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 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.

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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

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
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Independence Weekend</b>			
SUN., Jul 7	9:00 a.m. (MR) + Hrebenak + Burda Families	Children & Great Grand-Children	
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	For the Parishioners of Both Parishes	
Mon, Jul 8	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Peter M. Zappas	(40 <sup>th</sup> day of passing 7/6)	Family
Tue, Jul 9	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Frank Mazur	(9 <sup>th</sup> ann of passing)	Righetti Family
Wed, Jul 10	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Julia Wovchko	(40 <sup>th</sup> day of passing 7/9)	Nephew: John Wovchko
Thrs., Jul 11	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Emory Holowatch		Anna Myers
<b>REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or EQUIVALENT PENANCE (your choice) for our Nation</b>			
Fri, Jul 12	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Holy Souls in Purgatory		Joseph A. Cehula, T.O. Carm.
Sat, Jun 13	9:00 a.m. (NS) + Mary (Danks) Sisak		Michael B. Sisak Family

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Fathers of the first six Ecumenical Councils

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Alex Bilak, Jr. Grandson: Mike Tomchak  
(6<sup>th</sup> ann of passing 7/12)

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Fathers of the first Six Ecumenical Councils

SUN., Jul 14 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Anna + George Skaylo Joyce & James Walsh  
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

Jul 7 – Timothy Bedard, Anna Stebbins, MONSIGNOR PETER TAY; Jul 9 – Albert Kovacs, Sr., John Kutchmark, DEACON MICHAEL MEADERS; Jul 10 – Albert Kovacs, Jr.; Jul 11 – Dolores Kosko; Jul 12 – ANNA MARIE DEMIANCZYK, Christopher Lucas, Michael S. Muska; Jul 13 – Michael Maslaney, Devin Michalisms, Stacie Paronish

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

HOME: Margaret Beliunas, Helen Best, Irene Bordas, Florence Charochak, Margaret Cifrutlak, MARY ANN CONTI, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, MILAN JUGAN, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Palahunik, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Lisa Plutto, Betty Spisak, EVELYN VENTO, 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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### Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. How can I convince my friend that contraception is forbidden not only within marriage but outside it? She says Humanae Vitae (a papal encyclical on Human Life) is against birth control only in marriage. A. Answer by a Catholic Apologist: Humanae Vitae is explicit in its teaching against artificial birth control, and yes, the context is marriage. But Humanae Vitae itself answers the question: Hence, one who reflects well must also recognize that a reciprocal act of love that jeopardizes the responsibility to transmit life that God the Creator, according to particular laws, inserted therein, is in contradiction with the design constitutive of marriage, and the will of the Author or life. To use this divine gift destroying, even if only partially, its meaning and its purpose is to contradict the nature both of man and of woman and of their intimate relationship, and therefore it is to contradict also the plan of God. (HV 13). These two sentences teach that anything that destroys the meaning of the "reciprocal act of love"—in this case contraception—is contrary to God. The Catechism calls these actions "intrinsically evil" (CCC 2370), meaning that it is evil in and of itself. It is always objectively evil, regardless of the context (within marriage or outside of it) in which it is carried out. The Church also teaches that sex outside of marriage is contrary to the will of God and destroys the true purpose of the act (cf. CCC 2353). Therefore, if one uses birth control while engaging in sex outside of marriage, the individual is compounding one sin with another.

## This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

July 7 — July 13, 2019

(MR): In memory of Donna & Jim Gallenger

offered by the Bilak & Tomchak Families

(NS): In memory of Elizabeth Seman

(MR) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2019

offered by Dgtr: Velma Seman

(NS) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2019



## McKees Rocks Announcements

**PIROHI PROJECTS CONTINUE FORWARD** — The process of renovating our Church and Gym Restrooms continues onward. We have received one bid and are awaiting another. Since the Contractors have to hire electricians, plumbers, etc. the process takes time. He then has to submit the proposing work plan and costs. In the meantime, the Pirohi Project has contributed to having our parking lot cracks filled, sealed and the painting of the parking lines by the TABS Asphalt Company, Millvale, PA at a cost of \$2,600.00. The investment to have it sealed, again, this year was due to constant use of the lot, but especially the warm and cold days of winter that cause additional crack to appear. We thank the Pirohi Project for their sacrifice and time for keeping our lot looking great and the pride of the The Bottoms!

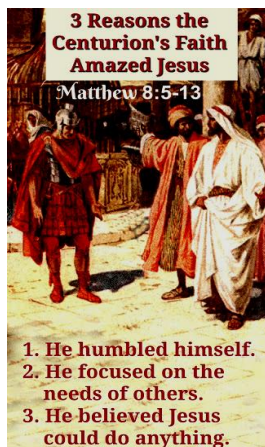
**FAITH & FUN DAY FOR ALTAR SERVERS THIS PAST WEEK** — There were approximately 50 Altar Boys along with Chaperones who attended the “Faith & Fun Day” this past week. Paul & Thomas Rubish represented our Parish. The annual gathering occurred at our Holy Ghost Church for registration followed by the celebration of the Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Skurla and several clergy. Following a luncheon at the school gym, all boarded the two buses and traveled for an afternoon of education at the Carnegie Museum in Oakland. The day concluded by attending the Pittsburgh Pirate verses the Chicago Cubs. Rain halted the game in the early innings. Due to those who traveled substantial distances, we decided to return to Holy Ghost Church for departure. The Bucco’s did eventually resume the game and won 5-1. We wish to thank Julia & George Mosko and Theresa Hrishenko for sacrificing their time to assist in serving the catered luncheon by the Office of Vocations.



## Holy Ghost, Northside

**No Particular information this week**

### The Centurion Teaches Us to Believe! — (Matthew 8:5-13)



This centurion was a heathen, a Roman soldier. Though he was a soldier, yet he was a godly man. No man's calling or place will be an excuse for unbelief and sin. See how he states his servant's case. *We should concern ourselves for the souls of our children and servants, who are spiritually sick, who feel not spiritual evils, who know not that which is spiritually good; and we should bring them to Christ by faith and prayers.* Observe his self-abasement. Humble souls are made more humble by Christ's gracious dealings with them. Observe his great faith. The more diffident we are of ourselves, the stronger will be our confidence in Christ. Herein the centurion owns him to have Divine power, and a full command of all the creatures and powers of nature, as a master over his servants. Such servants we all should be to God; we must go and come, according to the directions of his word and the disposals of his providence. But when the Son of man comes he finds little faith, therefore he finds little fruit. An outward profession may cause us to be called children of the kingdom; but if we rest in that, and have nothing else to show, we shall be cast out. The servant got a cure of his disease, and the master got the approval of his faith. What was said to

him, is said to all, Believe, and you will receive; only believe. See the power of Christ, and the power of faith. The healing of our souls is at once the effect and evidence of our interest in the blood of Christ.

## Patriotism Begins at Home

*(The following article appears on the Catholic Answers web-page {www.catholic.com/magazine/print-edition/patriotism-begins-at-home}. The author is Catholic Apologist, Karl Keating. It is with permission that this article is reprinted as to educate every Catholic on this topic)*

As I leave work, I drive up a steep hill. Below me on the right are rooftops. Towering above one is a flagpole that rises a few feet above the street I use. The flagpole sports two flags, the Stars and Stripes and the first Navy jack. The latter has 13 red and white stripes, a stretched-out timber rattlesnake, and the words Don't Tread on Me. Sometimes I'm tempted to drive down the hill, find the owner of the flagpole, and puckishly ask him why he flies these flags so prominently. I expect him to answer, “Because I want to show my patriotism.” “But are you really showing your patriotism—or is it your nationalism?” “They're the same thing.” No, they're not. They're different, and one is good while the other isn't.” ...

But it's a point worth making. **There is a difference between patriotism and nationalism, and it's one that eludes many Catholics.** Patriotism is the love of one's native or adopted place, simply for what it is—not because it is “the best in the world” (whatever that means), not because it is the “richest,” not because it is the “most powerful.” All such considerations are irrelevant to patriotism. Someone living in a politically backward country that is poor and that “projects” no power beyond its own borders can be every bit as patriotic as an American. He can love his place and his people as much as Americans love theirs.

We tend to think of patriotism as being only a country-level thing: Someone's “patriotic American,” and that's the end of it. But “patriotism”—which stems from the Latin patria, meaning “fatherland” or “homeland”—starts at home. **The virtue of patriotism (and it is a virtue) begins at home and works outward: neighborhood, town, county, state, region, country.** You can't very well say you love the place that is America without first loving particular places within America. It's as though you say you love Americans in general but not any American in particular. Patriotism, being a species of love, is a good thing. It needs to be contrasted with nationalism, which arises not out of love but out of pride. We know that pride is a sin—the chief of the Seven Deadlies—but colloquially we use the word pride in positive senses: I have pride in my child's educational attainments; I have pride in my favorite sports teams; I have pride in what my co-workers accomplish at the office. The pride that underlies nationalism is not this harmless sort. **The nationalist thinks America is “the best,” that Americans are “the best,” that American politics and culture are of universal applicability. His fundamental attitude is not one of gratitude and satisfaction but of expansion and even imposition.** There is no room for foreigners to be equally nationalistic because their countries and their people are not “the best.” They are inferior in history or constitution or military power or table manners. Woodrow Wilson said, “The world must be made safe for democracy”—another way of saying, “The world needs to be remade in our own image, even if this remaking needs to be imposed upon it.” In its extreme form, this idea inspired Napoleon and Hitler and Stalin, each of whom, out of ideology mixed with nationalism, sought to remake the world. In its mild form, this idea is still subversive. This should not surprise a Catholic. Just as pride differs from love, so nationalism differs from patriotism. Just as a Catholic should avoid pride and foster love, so he should avoid nationalism and foster patriotism.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

July 19 ... Vigil Divine Liturgy of the Holy Prophet Elijah — Blessing of vehicles: (NS) 6:00 pm.  
July 20 .....Feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah — Blessing of vehicles: (MR) 9:00 am.  
August 1 - 14 ..... Commencement of the Saviorial Fast (Spasovka).  
August 5 ..... Vigil of the Feast (**Note well**): (NS) 6:00 p.m. Blessing of grapes and fruits.  
August 6 ..... Feast of the Holy Transfiguration – (**Note well**): (MR) 9:00 a.m. Blessing of grapes and fruits.  
August 10-11 ..... Blessing of Students and Teachers for the new Academic School Year following weekend DL.  
**August 14** .... Vigil of the Feast of the Dormition – Blessing of Herbs & Flowers – (MR) 7:00 pm — **Holy Day of Obligation**.  
**August 15** ... Feast of the Dormition – Blessing of Herbs & Flowers – (MR) 9:00 am; (NS) 6:00 p.m. — **Holy Day of Obligation**.  
**August 18** ..... Annual Parish Picnic, Robinson Clever Road, beginning @ 1:00 pm.

## Saint of the Week

### Venerable Father Anthony of the Monastery of the Caves — July 10

Anthony was the founder and father of monasticism in Russia. He



was born in the small town of Chernigov and, at an early age, left his home and went to Athos, the Holy Mountain, where he was tonsured a monk and lived a life of asceticism in the Monastery Esfigmenou. In obedience to a heavenly appearance, the abbot sent Anthony to Russia to establish monasticism. Anthony chose a cave near Kiev. When those who were desirous of a monastic life gathered around him, he then appointed Theodosius as abbot and he remained in the cave as a Silentary. By the blessing of God, the monastery increased and became the parent-monastery of Russian monasticism.

Anthony endured much evil both from men and demons but he conquered all by his humbleness. He possessed the great gift of discerning thoughts and the future and healed the sick. He presented himself to the Lord in the year 1073 A.D. at the age of ninety, leaving his spiritual nursery to bring beneficial fruits to all throughout the ages.

## General Announcements

**KENNYWOOD PARK: 99<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GCU & BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY** — Special discounted tickets are now available from GCU Secretary-Treasurer, Steve Puluka (412) 897-4650. Seniors (55+): \$15.00; for everyone else: \$25.00. Super Senior (70+): \$11.00. All tickets include entry into the Park and All-Day Ride. Byzantine Catholic Family Day is slated for **Thursday, July 25, 2019**. *Deadline for these discounted tickets is tomorrow, 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 4-10); and no charge ages 3 & under. Come join in the fun and set the day aside.



**GCU LODGE 390 LENDS A HELPING HAND TO FISHER HOUSE** — Our local GCU Lodge is 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 4**. Needed items are listed on a stationery sheet near these boxes. Let's help our afflicted veterans and their families by supporting the Lodge in this collection!



**SUMMER IS NOT A TIME TO VACATION FROM WORSHIPPING GOD** — Now that Summer is here many will be vacationing. Please remember to keep the worship of God in your plans. The first Precept of the Church is to participate in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. *This does not exclude vacation time!* The place to worship God is at the Divine Liturgy. He is most kind and merciful, sustaining and gifting us in all that we have and need. *A voluntarily absence without serious reason makes one guilty of mortal sin, and unable to approach Holy Communion until the sinful neglect is confessed in the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation.* If you know that where you are traveling that there is no Catholic Church, please inform the Pastor so that a dispensation may be considered. *You can download an app on your cell phone called "Mass Times" and find the nearest Byzantine, Roman, Maronite Rite, etc. Catholic Church to where you are staying.*



**SAVE THE DATE: PARISH PICNIC SLATED FOR AUGUST** — Although details will follow in a later edition of the SOT, you are asked to set aside, **Sunday, Aug. 18** for our parish picnic. It will be held once again in Robinson Township. Please plan to join us as a member of our parish family.