

Parish Offerings – 6th Sunday after Pentecost — July 21, 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

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| Regular Offering (\$1,589) YP (\$19) | \$1,608.00 |
| Holy Days (\$102) YP (\$3) | 105.00 |
| Votive Candles | 95.25 |
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| | \$1,808.25 |

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

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| Regular Offering | \$328.00 |
| Holy Days | 25.00 |
| Utilities | 20.00 |
| Votive Candles | 41.00 |
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| | \$414.00 |

Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat, 4:00 p.m. (37)

Sun, (MR) 9:00 a.m. (68); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (37)

Feast of St. Elijah — Jul 19 (NS) 6:00 p.m. (7); Jul 20 – (MR) 9:00 a.m. (12)



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JESUS... "TEXT"...
WHILE DRIVING" IF YOU
WANT TO MEET HIM**

HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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PITTSBURGH, PA 15212

THE 7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 28, 2019



To be a **CHRISTIAN** means
to forgive the *inexcusable*
because **GOD** has *forgiven* the
inexcusable in
you
— CS Lewis

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SUNDAY RADIO (9:00 am WEDO 810 AM) & INTERNET DIVINE LITURGY

Liturgical Services LIVE: www.Youtube.com then type: Holy Ghost Church Live Stream

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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.

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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.
Religious Education Classes: (MR) Coordinator: Steve Puluka (412) 897- 4650.
GCU Northwest Pittsburgh Lodge: (MR) Contact Tina Burns (412) 859-9597 for membership.
Slavjane Folk Ensemble: (MR) Membership requirements contact Bob Bartko: rebartko@gmail.com.
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).

July 28, 2019

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 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 7th Sunday after Pentecost | | | |
| SUN, Jul 28  | 9:00 a.m. (MR) | + Steven Muska <i>(4th ann of passing 7/27)</i> | Wife: Gladys & Family |
| | 11:00 a.m. (NS) | + John Kost + Helen Petrancosta | Kost Family |
| Mon, Jul 29 | 8:00 a.m. (MR) | + Eleanor + John Kulka <i>(wedding anniversary)</i> | Children: Kathy & John |
| Tue, Jul 30 | 8:00 a.m. (MR) | + Karen Purcell <i>(anniversary of passing)</i> | Son: Andrew |
| Wed, Jul 31 | 8:00 a.m. (MR) | + Ann Onesi | Dgtrs: Eileen & Bonnie |
| Commencement of the Savioral Fast (Spasovka) | | | |
| Thrs, Aug 1 | 8:00 a.m. (MR) | + Mary Pyda <i>(6th ann of passing 7/25)</i> | Son: Bill |

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or EQUIVALENT PENANCE (your choice)
First Friday of the Month — Reparation against the sins of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Fri, Aug 2  8:00 a.m. (MR) + Alice Smoley *(birthday)* Dgtr: Mary Ann

First Saturday of the Month — Reparation for the blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sat, Aug 3 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Nicholas Moyta Sister: Basilian Nun: + Sr. Martha, O.S.B.M.

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Anna Kocak Niece: Dolores & Steve Kosko

8th Sunday after Pentecost

First Sunday of the Savioral Fast

SUN, Aug 4 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Frances + Joseph Saveikis Dgtrs: Anita Wolsko & Phyllis Murphy

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
NONE THIS WEEK

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

HOME: Margaret Beliuнас, Helen Best, Irene Bordas, Florence Charochak, Margaret Cifrulak, 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.

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

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR (1028 Benton Ave., PGH 15212): MARY SAHAYDA

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

NEW HOPE ASSISTED LIVING (300 Union Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15202): Helen Hopey.

OHIO VALLEY HOSPITAL (25 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136): Elizabeth Petruna.

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. (HV13). 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 28 — August 3, 2019

(MR): **In memory of Alphonse A. Siglow**

offered by Dgtr: Kathryn & William Kress

(NS): **In memory of Veronica Bauch**

(MR) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2019

offered by Sister: Velma Seman

(NS) NONE AVAILABLE FOR 2019



McKees Rocks Announcements

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED — The *Spirit of Truth* received word of the passing of **Irene Dorothy Minford, 96**, of West Mifflin, PA on Wednesday, July 3, 2019. She was the sister of parishioner, Florence Charochak, and aunt of parishioner, Debra Charochak. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, Jefferson Hills, PA. A Mass of Christian Burial took place at St. Paul of the Cross Roman Rite Church, Pittsburgh, PA on July 9. Interment was not mentioned in the obituary; **John “Jack” Burik, 91**, of McKees Rocks, PA who passed away at home on Wednesday, July 17, 2019. He is survived by his wife: Irene (Herczak) and children and grandchildren. Funeral arrangements were handled by the McDermott Funeral Home, Kennedy Township. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Malachy Roman Rite Church, Kennedy Township on July 22. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery, Moon Township. Our parish extends its most sincere condolences to the Burik, Herczak, Minford and Charochak Families. In blessed repose grant O Lord eternal rest to your servants, Irene and Jack, and remember them forever! *Vicnaja Jim Pamjat!*



PARISH ADVISORY/FINANCIAL COUNCIL MEETING NEXT WEEK — A PAC/FAC Meeting will be conducted tomorrow, **Monday, July 29, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.** All appointed members are encouraged to be in attendance in the parish office. Please mark your calendar.

Holy Ghost, Northside

SYMPATHY EXTENDED — The *Spirit of Truth* was saddened to hear of the passing of parishioner, **Milan Jugan, 87**, of Tionesta, PA (formerly of Pittsburgh) at home on Saturday, July 20, 2019. He is survived by wife, parishioner, Irene (Santa) children, Milan, Jr. and Carol Jugan; and grandchildren, Alexander, Matthew, Abigail and Isabella. They had recently celebrated their milestone 60th Wedding Anniversary. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Thomas P. Kunsak Funeral Home, California Avenue, Pittsburgh. The Funeral Divine Liturgy took place at Holy Ghost Church on July 26. Interment was at Christ our Redeemer Cemetery, Pittsburgh. Our parish extends its most sincere condolences to the Jugan Family. In blessed repose grant O Lord eternal rest to your servant, Milan, and remember him forever! *Vicnaja Jemu Pamjat!*

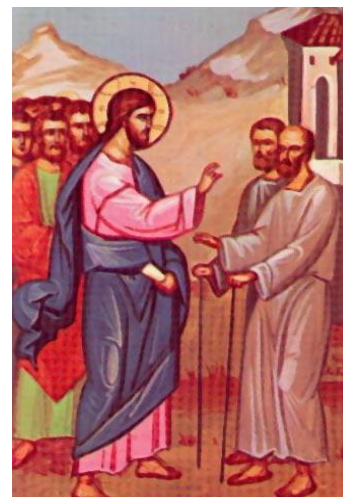
CATHOLIC HOSPICE: FAITH-BASED END-OF-LIFE CARE AVAILABLE — There are many Hospice Facilities throughout the area that are not based on Catholic Teachings. They all come across as nice and seemingly helpful, but do not direct end of life issues compatible to Church teachings. However, there is one Facility that incorporates what the Catholic Church directs. **CATHOLIC HOSPICE** is perhaps the only non-profitable Medicare-certified hospice program in the Pittsburgh area that provides faith-based end of life care according to the doctrines of the Church and in conformity with Catholic tradition. Through this hospice program, Catholic medical professionals are made available to minister end of life care and provide quality comfort when curative treatments are no longer an option. Catholic Hospice offers its services at this particular time of life to all of the communities throughout Allegheny County. Additional information may be obtained by phoning (412) 933-6221. Keep this number handy if and when you choose this pro-life Hospice Service. **Many health care facilities offer a non-denominational hospice service that are contrary to Catholic Hospice.**



7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

They wanted desperately to be healed — *Matthew 9: 27-35*

One of the reasons Jesus came to earth was to show us what God is really like.



Although God had revealed himself continually to his people, it was difficult for them to understand how he thought because of their fallen minds. By giving us the Holy Spirit, Jesus enabled us to understand how he thought because of their fallen minds. By giving us the Holy Spirit, Jesus enabled us to understand the mind of God (see John 16:13). By living a perfect human life, Jesus showed how God wants us to live. The two blind beggars in today's reading were probably very needy individuals, both materially and emotionally. They wanted desperately to be healed of their blindness. From what they had heard about him, they realized that Jesus was their only hope. They believed that he could heal them and so they came to him, begging for mercy. Seeing their faith, God granted their request. The gift that the Lord most wants to give us is spiritual life through knowledge of him. All

the other healings we may need are dependent upon this. Our Father is delighted when his children want to know him more deeply. He will reveal himself to us. Pray in this fashion: "Holy Spirit, I want to know more about Jesus than I've ever known before. Make this a time of preparation and revelation. Teach me how to ask the Lord questions and give me the faith to expect answers."

COMBINED LIVING WILL AND HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY — Two very

important documents are available to you regarding a Catholic approach to Health Care. Many Catholics are unaware of how our Faith directs us to respond in critical life situations. Perhaps, you may have been presented by a health care institution with a form to mark off the care you wish to receive if you could not answer yourself. You may have even marked that you do not want *hydration and nutrition* to be given due to your illness. **Be advised that hydration and nutrition are not necessarily extraordinary means but Ordinary Means in most cases! It is ERRONEOUS to accept the statement that we are not to feed or hydrate human life since it is a process of dying! If we are going to succumb to biological death it must be due to the disease and not from a lack of hydration and nutrition. This is why Catholic Health Services forms were drawn up and given the blessing of our hierarchy. USE THIS FORM WHEN ASKED!** This form was developed by Pennsylvania's Conference of Catholic Bishops to offer ethical and religious guidance. It is the Catholic approach to life issues. Additional complimentary copies are available in the vestibule or by contacting the Church Office. You may, also, make copies and give it to others even if not of our Faith.



**Catholic
Health
Services**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 29 MR Parish Advisory/Financial Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
 August 1 - 14 Commencement of the Saviorial Fast (Spasovka).
 August 4 GCU Northwest Pittsburgh Lodge Meeting @ 2:00 p.m. (MR).
 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 — July 30

The Holy Apostle Silas & Companions of the Seventy

The Holy Apostles of the Seventy Silas, Silvanus, Crescens, Epenetus and Andronicus were disciples of the Savior. St Silas was a respected figure in the original Church at Jerusalem, one of the “chief men among the brethren” (Acts 15:22). The Council of the Apostles was convened at Jerusalem in the year 51 to deal with the question of whether Gentile Christian converts should be required to observe the Mosaic Law. The Apostles sent a message with Paul and Barnabas to the Christians of Antioch, giving the decision of the Council that Christians of Gentile origin did not have to observe the prescriptions of the Mosaic Law. Nonetheless, they were told that they must refrain from partaking of foods offered to idols, from things strangled and from blood, to refrain from fornication (Acts 15:20-29). Together with Saints Paul and Barnabas, the Council of the Apostles sent Saints Silas and Jude to explain the message in greater detail, since they both were filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit. St Jude was later sent back to Jerusalem, but St Silas remained at Antioch and zealously assisted St Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, on his missionary journeys preaching the Gospel. They visited Syria, Cilicia, Macedonia. In the city of Philippi they were accused of inciting unrest among the people, and for



this they were arrested, beaten with rods, and then thrown into prison. At midnight, when the saints were at prayer, suddenly there was a strong earthquake, their chains fell off from them and the doors of the prison opened. The prison guard, supposing that the prisoners had fled, wanted to kill himself, but was stopped by the Apostle Paul. Then, he fell down trembling at the feet of the saints, and with faith accepted their preaching about Christ. He then led them out of the prison and took them to his own home, where he washed their wounds, and was baptized together with all his household. From Philippi Saints Paul and Silas proceeded on to the cities of Amphipolis, Apollonia and Thessalonica. In each city they made new converts to Christ and built up the Church. At Corinth the holy Apostle Silas was consecrated as bishop, and worked many miracles and signs, and there he finished his life.

General Announcements

PENITENTIAL PERIOD IN PREPARATION FOR THE DORMITION FEAST — Each year the Byzantine Catholic Church sets aside the first fourteen days of August in honor of the Virgin



Mary. On August 15th, the faithful then gather to celebrate the Great Feast of the Dormition (Falling-Asleep) of the Theotokos. During this fourteen day penitential period, the Church prescribes the Paraklis Service be held in honor of the Mother of God. The word “paraklis” has two different meanings: the first is “consolation,” from which the Holy Spirit is called the “Paraclete,” or “Consoler”; the second is “supplication” or “petition”. The Paraklis Service consists of supplication hymns to obtain consolation and courage. It should be recited in times of temptation, discouragement or sickness. It is used more particularly during the two weeks before the Dormition of the Theotokos, from **August 1 to August 14**. The theme of this Paraklis Services centers around the petition. “Most Holy Mother of God, save us.” *Following each of the daily Divine Liturgies we will offer a portion of this service for all our family, relatives and friends who have left our church that they may return for the sake of their salvation.*

GCU LODGE CONTINUES TO LEND A HELPING HAND TO FISHER HOUSE — Our local

GCU Northwest Pittsburgh Lodge continues 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 are placed at the side vestibule and narthex areas of both parishes for the **collection that will extend to next Sunday, 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 fraternal collection!



PARISH PICNIC IN TWO WEEKS — 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



at the Cleaver Recreation and Sports Complex Pavilion, Robinson Township. Please plan to join us as a member of our parish family. Tickets for Catered Lunch: Adults (\$13) Children (\$6). You do not have to purchase a ticket. Just bring your own picnic basket and favorite portable chair too. Slavjane, once again, has graciously extended a complimentary performance to encourage the children of our parishes to join their ensemble.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE — The Archeparchy

wishes to honor those who are celebrating their 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 etc. anniversary of marriage this year. This celebration has been extended on a new format. It will take place on **Sunday, September 8, 2019 @ 3:00 p.m. at St. Elias Church, Munhall**. If you are observing one of the above milestones, *please contact the Church office if you plan or DO NOT plan to attend!* All anniversaries submitted will be published in a September issue of the SOT. *The final day of registration is today, Sunday, July 28.*

