

Parish Offerings – 18th Sunday after Pentecost — October 13, 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 (\$1,536) YP (\$19)	\$1,555.00
Holy Days	45.00
Votive Candles (\$72.50) Initial (\$5)	77.50
	\$1,677.50

Holy Ghost Church, Northside

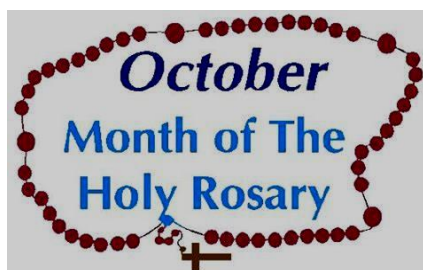
Regular Offering	\$328.00
Special Donation (William Knoll)	100.00
Votive Candles	38.50
	\$466.50

Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat, 4:00 p.m. (44)

Sun, (MR) 9:00 a.m. (75); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (32)

10/11 Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary— (MR) Fri. 6:00 p.m. (9)



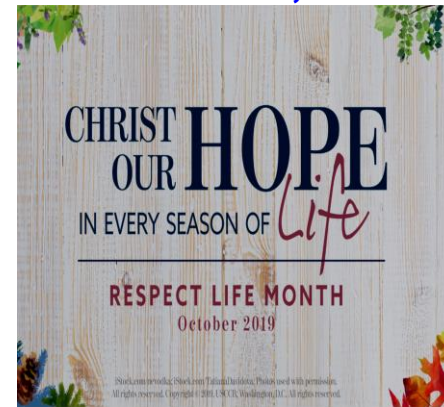
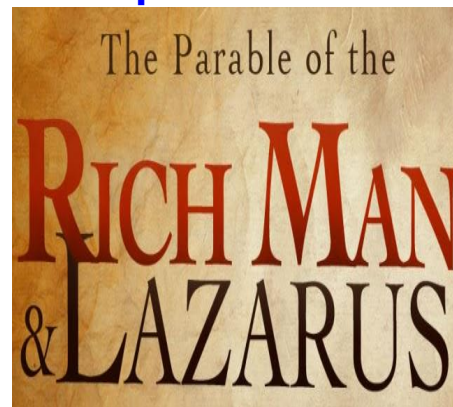
HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Respect Life Month — October 20, 2019



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

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: (412) 779-0195.

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*

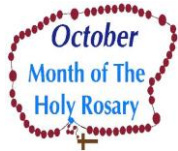
SPIRIT OF TRUTH

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).

Oct 20, 2019

Seasonal Greeting

Volume IX, Number 42



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



Liturgical Services for the Week


Date

Time

Intention

Requested By

19th Sunday after Pentecost

SUN, Oct 20	9:00 a.m. (MR) + Elsie Eberle (3 rd ann of passing)	Son: James
	11:00 a.m. (NS) + Betty + Jay Mowery	Dgtr: Barbara "Babs"
Mon, Oct 21	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Joyce D. Ray (4 th ann. of passing 10/18)	Roxanne & Bob Todovich
	Feast of Pope St. John Paul II	
Tue, Oct 22	8:00 a.m. (MR) + John Kulka (birthday)	Children: Kathy & John
	The Holy Apostle James the Less, Relative of the Lord	
Wed, Oct 23	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary Frissora (5 th ann. of passing 10/19)	Nephew: Dr. Gordon & Kate Frissora.
Thrs, Oct 24	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Andrew J. Drukalsky.	Sister: Eleanor Masters
	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 25	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Alexander Alman (40 th day of passing 10/17)	Anonymous
	 6:00 p.m. (MR) Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary	
Sat, Oct 26	9:00 a.m. (NS) + Gladys A. Schlott (2 nd ann. of passing 10/23)	Anonymous

Anticipated Divine Liturgy for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost — Sunday of Christ the King

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Eleanor Kapko
(2nd ann. of passing 10/22) Elizabeth Prostudy



20th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of Christ the King

SUN, Oct 27	9:00 a.m. (MR) + Joe Babin (11 th ann of passing)	Wife: Gerry
	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

Oct 20 – Patricia Ference; **Oct 21** – Charles McCusker; **Oct 22** – Zizi Vo Safranko; **Oct 24** – Anastasia Bedard, Theresa Kundrat; **Oct 25** – Gregory Stilwell, Emma Joy Usowski

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

HOME: Margaret Beliuнас, Helen Best, Irene Bordas, Florence Charochak, Margaret Cifrulak, MARY ANN CONTI, Iлона Goyda, Beverly Harsh, GEORGE HUDANICK, SR., MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Mike Muska, 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.
MANORCARE HEALTH SERVICES (505 Weyman Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15236): Nancy Wauthier.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. Can gay marriage ever be not sinful? Also, can a priest bless a gay couple? **A.** **Answer by a Catholic Answers Apologist:** No, the Catholic Church could never approve or otherwise support "same-sex" marriage, nor could a priest validly bless such a couple as a couple, irrespective of whether the pair had gone through a civil ceremony of some sort. The Church maintains its position out of love for the two persons involved as well as society in general. Authentic marriage involves the marital act, in which the two become one. Same-sex relationships involve two people of the same gender whose absence of complementarity precludes oneness sexually and otherwise as a couple. Two men are called to be brothers and two women to be sisters.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

Oct. 20 — Oct. 26, 2019

(MR) **In memory of Eleanor & John Kulka**

offered by Children: Kathy & John

(NS): **In memory of Betty & Jay Mowery**

(MR) NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2020

offered by Daughter: Barbara "Babs"

(NS) NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2020



McKees Rocks Announcements

PIROHI PROJECT WILL RESUME THE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER — Since many of you are willing to participate in the upcoming Pirohi Project for Nov-Dec 2019, we will go ahead with this six-week project. **Here are the Friday dates: Nov. 1, 8, 15 & 22 (no sales the Friday after Thanksgiving); Dec 6 & 13.** Due to the Kennywood Event that gave our Church name, product and name recognition to a much wider area, we just may be in for another busier season. Therefore, we would appreciate more volunteers! Remember, all orders must be placed on the previous Wednesday of the sale between 9:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon. Call: (412) 331-5155.



PARISHIONER REQUESTS TRANSPORTATION — If you are interested in assisting a parishioner from our HGC, here is the submitted request: DRIVER WANTED. WILL PAY. PART-TIME, MUST DRIVE ON SUNDAYS. CALL: (412) 613-7219.

Holy Ghost, Northside

DEACON MEADERS CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY — A belated Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to our Deacon Michael Meaders on the occasion of his anniversary to the Diaconate! It's hard to believe that eight years ago on **October 9, 2011**, he was ordained to the Holy Order of the Diaconate. We offer him our most sincere congratulations and prayerful best wishes on his anniversary as he continues his sacred ministry here at his home parish! May God grant to Deacon Michael, health and happiness for many blessed years! Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!!!!





2019 ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT — The priests and deacons of the Pittsburgh Archeparchy attended their annual Retreat at the Antiochian Village, Bolivar, PA (near Latrobe) from October 6 through October 10. This year's retreat master was Fr. Boniface Hicks, O.S.B. from St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, PA. Can you pick out our pastor?

HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP & BAKE SALE — Caring Heights, 234 Coraopolis Road, Coraopolis, PA will be presenting their holiday event on Saturday, November 18, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch is also available for dine in or take out. The day will also present a Chinese Auction, Homemade crafts, Ornaments and much more.

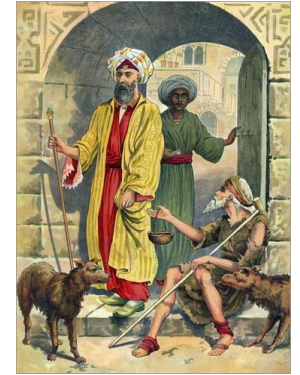
Bethlehem Artifacts For Sale November 23-24

Meditation on Today's Gospel

The Rich Man & Lazarus — A Lesson of Mercy

Luke 16:19-31

A parable is a story intended to convey a spiritual truth. The story doesn't have to be about real people or even real situations (such as a camel passing through the eye of a needle). But to achieve its teaching goal, a parable must be striking and memorable, so that as the story is retold and remembered, the spiritual truth is reinforced again and again. The hearers must be able to imagine the situation. Many scholars believe that Jesus is about a rich man and poor man whose lots after death are completely reversed. The story doesn't have to be true in all its particulars, but the popular mind can relate to its stereotyped characters — rich man, poor man, and Father Abraham. You've probably heard dozens of pointed jokes that began with popular mythology (loosely based on selected scriptures) that included the pearly gates (Revelation 21:21) and St. Peter who holds the keys to the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 16:19). Lawyers, especially, don't do well in genre of jokes. You don't stop the joke teller because his portrayal is inadequate, or leaves out the great white throne judgment (Revelation 20:11). You accept the semi-mythical props of the story and listen for the punch line. No, Jesus isn't trying to make a joke here — the subject is deadly serious. Nor do I think Jesus is trying to teach his disciples the details of the **Wealth without active mercy for the poor is great wickedness.** If we close our eyes to the truth we are given, then we are doomed. In the context, Jesus is condemning the Pharisees for their love of money but lack of mercy for the poor.



October Respect-Life Month

3rd WEEK INTENTION OF REPECT LIFE MONTH:

Prayer for the Elderly

O Lord of Life, grant that the Elderly may lovingly accept Your will, and place themselves each day in Your merciful hands. When the moment of their passing comes, grant that they may face it with serenity, without regret for what they shall leave behind. For in meeting You after having sought You for so long, they shall find once more every authentic good which they have known here on earth in the company of all who have gone before them marked with the sign of faith and hope. Grace the Elderly with this wisdom so that they and we may bless and glorify Your Great Name Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Join us in praying the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary That God may bless us our nation with peace, that the political division in our country may be healed by living Truth and that the hearts of many will turn back to Our Lord and His Church. Fridays in October @ 6:00 p.m.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 20 Freewill Pasta Dinner, St. Elias Church, Munhall, PA from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
October 25 (MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.
October 27 Sunday of Christ the King.
November 3 Eastern Standard Time Resumes: Clocks FALL BACK one hour.
Moleben for the advancement of the Causes of Our 4 saintly hierarchs (MR) @ 3:00 p.m.
November 5 General Election Day — Defend the most vulnerable: cast your Pro-Life Vote.
November 8 Synaxis of St. Michael & All Angels (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.
November 15 Commencement of the Philippian (Filipovka) Fast.

Saint of the Week

Pope St. John Paul II — October 22

Pope Saint John Paul II was born Karol Józef Wojtyła on May 18, 1920 and passed away on April 2, 2005). He was head of the Catholic Church from 1978 to 2005. He was elected by



the second Papal conclave of 1978, which was called after Pope John Paul I, who had been elected in August to succeed Pope Paul VI, died after thirty-three days. Cardinal Wojtyła was elected on the third day of the conclave and adopted his predecessor's name in tribute to him. John Paul II is recognized as helping to end Communist rule in his native Poland and eventually all of Europe. John Paul II significantly improved the Catholic Church's relations with Judaism, Islam, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Anglican Communion. He upheld the Church's teachings on such matters as artificial contraception and the ordination of women, but also supported the Church's Second Vatican Council and its reforms. He was one of the

most travelled world leaders in history, visiting 129 countries during his pontificate. As part of his special emphasis on the universal call to holiness, he beatified 1,340 people and canonized 483 saints, more than the combined tally of his predecessors during the preceding five centuries. By the time of his death, he had named most of the College of Cardinals, consecrated or co-consecrated a large number of the world's bishops, and ordained many priests. A key goal of John Paul's papacy was to transform and reposition the Catholic Church. His wish was "to place his Church at the heart of a new religious armada that would bring together Jews, Muslims and Christians in a great religious armada". John Paul II was the second longest-serving pope in modern history after Pope Pius IX, who served for nearly 32 years from 1846 to 1878. Born in Poland, John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope since the Dutch Pope Adrian VI, who served from 1522 to 1523. John Paul II's cause for canonization commenced in 2005 one month after his death with the traditional five-year waiting period waived. On December 19, 2009, John Paul II was proclaimed Venerable by his successor Pope Benedict XVI and was beatified on May 1, 2011 (Divine Mercy Sunday) after the Congregation for the Causes of Saints attributed one miracle to his intercession, the healing of a French nun from Parkinson's disease. A second miracle attributed to John Paul II's intercession was approved on July 2, 2013, and confirmed by Pope Francis two days later (two miracles must be attributed to a person's intercession to be declared a saint). John Paul II was canonized on 27 April 2014 (again Divine Mercy Sunday), together with Pope John XXIII. It is traditional to celebrate saints' feast days on the anniversary of their deaths, but that of John Paul II (22 October) is celebrated on the anniversary of his papal inauguration.

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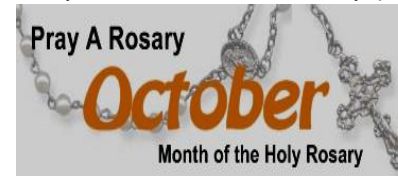
PITTSBURGH DEANERY CLERGY TO SERVE PASTA DINNER TODAY —The Priests and Deacons in the Pittsburgh Deanery are hosting a FREE PASTA DINNER at St. Elias Church,



Munhall **today from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** The Clergy will be preparing and serving the dinner. Thank you to all who have signed up last week for this event. A freewill offering will be taken to subsidize the project. Any profit that is made will go to the Archieparchial Priests' Pension Plan as a way of appreciating our priests for their dedicated life-time of pastoral service. Please offer a prayer that God's blessings be upon this

event. Also, thank you to all who purchased tickets for the GCU 50/50 raffle to take place on December 15th which will benefit our Saint Cyril & Methodius Seminary.

OCTOBER CONTINUES DEVOTION OF THE HOLY ROSARY — We are continuing our fidelity to Our Blessed Mother by praying to her through the prayers of our ancestors



according to our Byzantine-Ruthenian (Rusyn) tradition. We are setting aside a half hour **each Friday throughout the month @ 6:00 p.m.** at our Parish in McKees Rocks. This sacred devotion has been a part of our Church since it's founding over 100 years ago which our Founders

and Benefactors brought with them from Subcarpathian Homeland. Come and join us!

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 the **Holy Ghost Church, McKees Rocks, PA on Sunday, November 3, 2019 @ 3:00 p.m.** For the past 34 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.



GCU SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED — GCU will be accepting



applications for their annual scholarship awards from October 1 to December 31. Scholarships are available for GCU members who are college students or those studying in any secondary education program. There are also two athletic scholarships (1 female and 1 male) available for high school students. For

complete details and online application please visit: www.GCUusa.com/pages/scholarships.