

**Parish Offerings – Sunday after Theophany — Jan. 12, 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**

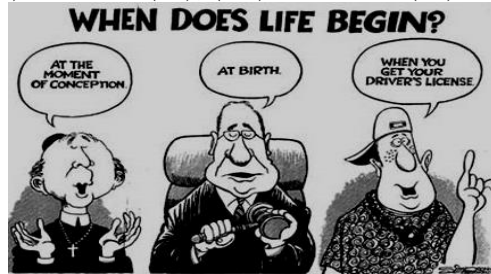
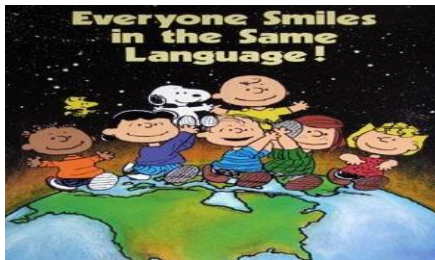
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	\$1,011.50

**Church Attendance Last Week**

Sat (MR), 4:00 p.m. (49); Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (71); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (31)



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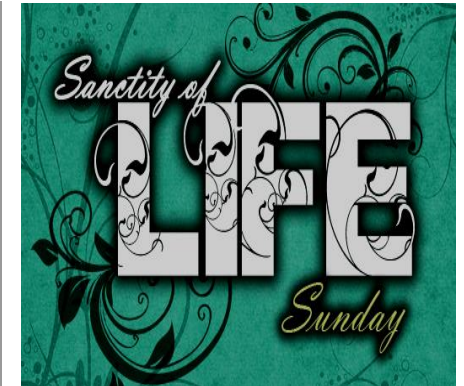
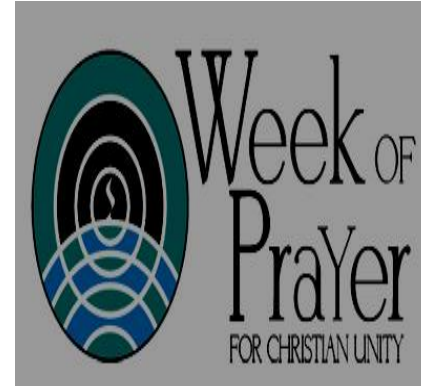
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**THE 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Prayer for Christian Unity & Respect Life Sunday**  
**January 19, 2020**



**Catholics of the Ruthenian – Byzantine Rite in full communion with the Pope of Rome**

**The Very Reverend Father Frank A. Firko**  
 Pastor, Administrator & Protopresbyter  
**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](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 - Vigil  
 Holy Days (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 Northwest Pittsburgh Lodge: (MR) Contact Randy Baden (412) 973-1085 for membership requirements.  
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: (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).

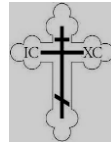
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Seasonal Greeting

Volume X, Number 3



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



## Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

### The 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> day of prayer for Christian Unity

Sun., Jan 19 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Charles Petruna Daughters  
(41<sup>st</sup> ann of passing 1/18)  
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Leonard R. Kallop, Sr. Valeriano & Kallop Families  
(birthday 1/12)



**Federal Holiday — Martin Luther King, Jr. — Banks Closed & No Postal Service**

Mon., Jan 20 8:00 a.m. (MR) Health & Welfare of Donna Herron Kurt Perschy



Tue., Jan 21 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Sharon Ann Maletz Parents: Bob & Martha

**47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Roe v. Wade Supreme Court infamous decision legalizing abortion**

Wed., Jan 22 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Julia Wovchko (birthday 1/21) Nephew: John Wovchko

Thrs., Jan 23 8:00 a.m. (MR) Health of Gerald Friend



**REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice) for Peace in the whole world**

Fri., Jan 24 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Cantor John Fejka Harhai Family.

#### Conclusion of the annual eight days of prayer for Christian Unity

Sat., Jan 25 9:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

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**Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Sunday of Zacchaeus – 1<sup>st</sup> Pregreat Fast Sunday**

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Debra Ann Palahunik Lil & Bob Kozel  
(3<sup>rd</sup> ann of passing 1/23)



## Sunday of Zacchaeus The 1<sup>st</sup> Pregreat Fast Sunday

SUN., Jan 26 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Forgotten Souls in Purgatory Joseph A. Cehula, T.O. Carm.  
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Michael Barbush Anonymous

# 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 date not be published.

*Note: Capitalized Names designate North Side parishioners.*

**Birthdays:** Jan 19 – Barbara Lutz; Jan 22 – KIRK LATTA, Nicholas Nazak I; Jan 23 – Dean Poloka, Lydia Sell; Jan 24 – Alaina Usouski.

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

**HOME:** Margaret Beliuinas, Helen Best, Irene Bordas, Florence Charochak, Margaret Cifrulak, MARY ANN CONTI, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Muha, 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.  
**VANADIUM WOODS VILLAGE** (50 Vanadium Rd, Apt 230 Bridgeville, PA 15017): Helen Hopey.  
**NORTH HILLS HEALTH & REHAB CTR.** (194 Swinderman Rd., Wexford, PA 15090): Mike Muska.

### Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

**Q.** What should you get out of church (Divine Liturgy)? **A. Answer by a Catholic Apologist:** The real question is, "What should you put into the Divine Liturgy?" We are there to worship God (CCC 1070, 1073). He is not there to entertain us. With good and fervent worship of God and heartfelt prayer, you will have an inner peace in knowing that you adore God and are giving Him thanks (1 Jn 4:19; Sirach 7:30). This is the funny thing: People who go to the Divine Liturgy seeking to put in faith, hope and charity find themselves getting all sorts of wonderful things out of the Divine Liturgy. Those who go trying to get something out of the Divine Liturgy often find it dull.

## This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

**Jan. 19, 2020 — Jan. 25, 2020**

(MR) **In memory of Agnes Bialek**

offered by Dgtr: Eileen & Kevin Finnegan

(NS): **In memory of Helen & Stanley Lubenski**

(MR) STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2020

offered by a Friend

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## Holy Ghost, McKees Rocks

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION TO BE DISMANTLED TODAY** — We no sooner set the Church up for Christmas and it's time to dismantle it for another year. **Today**, following the Divine Liturgy, we are asking all volunteers to help put away the festive decorations. The more assistance we can get, the faster we can all depart. Please consider offering an hour of your time, especially if you weren't able to help in the set up.

**NEW HEATING AND COOLING UNITS FOR THE GYM** — As previously stated, we have rotted steam pipes under the gym floor leaking hundred gallons of water thus disabling water to fill the boiler retaining tanks for heat. Instead of having the floor dug and new pipes replaced which would be astronomically costly, the Pastor and Parish Advisory and Financial Advisory Council have determined that the following optional plan be initiated. We will not only have heat but also air conditioning. Gravener Heating and Cooling of Pittsburgh, who also services our Seminary and Chancery, gave us the following proposal. Permission for this expenditure was granted by the Chancery. The initial work has already begun this past week. *Installation of (2) ICP/Carrier rooftop units in gym area. This bid covers the installation of 2- ten-ton rooftop combination gas/electric units. These units will be installed on factory curbs flashed in by a certified rubber roofing contractor. We will crane the units up onto the roof area above the gym. A new insulated supply trunk line will be installed below the bar joists with ten-inch supply diffuser rings cut into the bottom of the trunk line. This will direct the warm air down to the floor area to minimize the differential of temperature between the floor and ceiling area. A central style return air grille will be installed at roof level to pull the heat off the ceiling, making the system as efficient as possible for both winter and summer operation. Two 220 volt / 3 phase electric circuits will be installed between the basement breaker box to a disconnect box mounted to the new rooftop unit through the factory curb. A new gas line will be installed from the kitchen area up to both rooftop units. A two-stage thermostat will be installed in the gym space for temperature control. Discounted Installed Grand Total: \$42,000.00. This includes all equipment, ductwork, controls and labor needed to perform a complete installation.*

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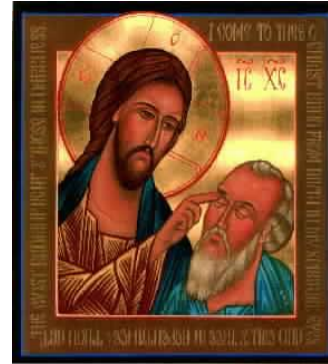


**SANCTUARY LAMPS STILL AVAILABLE in 2020** — Additional Sanctuary Lamps are available for your intentions at both parishes. They are \$10.00 each and are burned before the Tabernacle of Our Lord Jesus' Real Presence throughout the week. Submit your request and stipend in a regular envelope and who it is that is offering.

## Today's Gospel Reflection

### The Blind Man Refused to Be Silent — GOSPEL Luke 18: 35-43: 12-17

It was amongst the wayside crowd that the blind man was sitting. When he heard the murmur of the approaching throng he asked what was happening and was told that Jesus was passing by. Immediately he cried out to Jesus for help and healing. Thereupon everyone tried to silence him. But the man would not be silenced. He shouted again. So Jesus stopped, and the blind man found the healing he so passionately desired. This story tells us two things. (1) It tells us something about the blind man. He was determined to come face to face with Jesus. Nothing would stop him. He refused to be silent and he refused to be restrained. His sense of need drove him relentlessly into the presence of Jesus. If



a man wants a miracle that is the spirit he must show. A gentle, sentimental longing never really taps the power of God; but the passionate, intense desire of the very depths of the human heart will never be disappointed. (2) It tells us something about Jesus. At that moment he was discoursing to the crowd like any rabbi. But at the blind man's cry of need he stopped; the discourse forgotten. For Jesus it was always more important to act than to talk. Words always took second place to deeds. Here was a human soul in need. Speech must end and action begin. Someone has said that many teachers are like men throwing chatty remarks to a man drowning in a tempestuous sea. Jesus was never like that; he leaped to the rescue of the man. There is many a man who could not put two sentences together but others love him because he is kind. Men may respect an orator but they love a man with helping hands. Men admire a man with a great mind but they love a man with a big heart.

## Our Holy Father's General Audience

### Vatican City State on the Acts of the Apostles— January 15, 2020

**Dear Brothers and Sisters:** *Today we conclude our catechesis on the Acts of the Apostles with Paul's arrival in Rome, in chains, to appeal his case to Caesar. As we have seen, Saint Luke's account of the spread of the Gospel largely coincides with Paul's missionary journeys. In Rome, Paul is welcomed by the Christian community and permitted to remain under house arrest. Luke ends the Book of Acts not with Paul's martyrdom but by describing his tireless proclamation of the Gospel, showing the power of God's word which can never be chained (cf. 2 Tim 2:9). Paul's missionary journeys, culminating in this City, reveal the power of God's grace to open hearts to the Gospel and its saving message. Having in these past months followed the spread of the Good News throughout the world, let us ask the Holy Spirit to renew in each one of us the call to be courageous and joyful missionary disciples of Christ. In this way, we – in the footsteps of Paul – will fill our world with the Gospel and make our communities places of fraternity where all can encounter the risen Lord.*



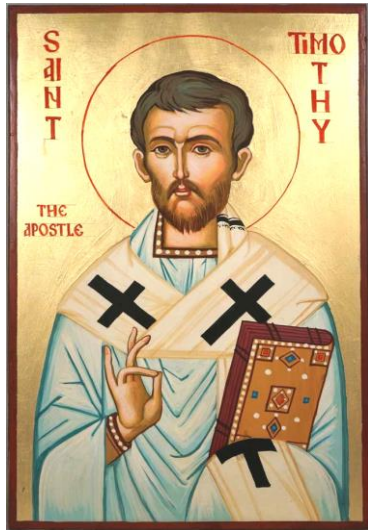
# Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 19 .....	Dismantling of the (MR) Christmas Decorations following the Sunday Divine Liturgy.
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January 18-25 .....	Annual 8 days of Prayer for Christian Unity.
January 22 .....	47 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the infamous Roe vs. Wade Decision legalizing abortion.
January 30 .....	Feast of the 3 Holy Hierarchs – Simple Holy Day – (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 pm.
February 2 .....	Traditional Solemn Blessing of Candles prior to each Divine Liturgy. We commence 15 minutes earlier.
.....	NS Parish Advisory Council Meeting following DL.
February 9 .....	GCU Northwest Pittsburgh Lodge meeting at 2:00 p.m.
February 10 .....	MR Parish Advisory Council Meeting.
February 14 .....	NS 1 <sup>st</sup> All Souls Saturday Vigil @ 6:00 p.m.
February 15 .....	MR 1 <sup>st</sup> All Souls Saturday @ 9:00 a.m.
February 23 .....	(MR) Forgiveness Vespers initiating The Great Fast Season @ 2:00 p.m.
February 24 .....	<b>PURE MONDAY: The Beginning of the Holy 40 Days Fast — NO MEAT AND DAIRY PRODUCTS.</b>
	<b>(MR) 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Greatfast Hours @ 9:00 a.m. (NS) Great Penitential Canon of St. Andrew with Great Metanies @ 6:00 p.m.</b>

## Saint of the Week — January 22

### Holy Apostle Timothy

Timothy was one of the Seventy Apostles. He was born in Lystra in Lycaonia of a Greek father and a Jewish mother. The Apostle Paul praised his mother and grandmother because of their sincere faith. "I yearn to see you again, recalling your tears, so that I may be filled with joy, as I recall your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and that, I am confident, lives also in you" (II Timothy 1: 4-5). Timothy first met with the great apostle in Lystra and was himself a witness when Paul healed the one lame from birth. Later, Timothy was an almost constant traveling companion of Paul, traveling with him to Achaia, Macedonia, Italy and Spain. Sweet in soul, he was a great zealot for the Faith, and a superb preacher. Timothy contributed much to the spreading and establishing of the Christian Faith. Paul calls him "my own son in the faith." "Paul an apostle of Christ



Jesus, Who is our hope, to Timothy, my own son in the Faith: grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord" (I Timothy 1: 1-2). After Paul's martyrdom, Timothy had St. John the Evangelist as his teacher. But when the Emperor Domitian banished John from Ephesus to the island of Patmos, Timothy remained in Ephesus to serve as bishop. During the time of an idolatrous feast called Katagogium, the pagans, resentful of the Christians, treacherously and in disguise, attacked Timothy and killed him about the year 93 A.D. Later his honorable relics were translated to Constantinople and interred in the Church of the Twelve Apostles alongside of the grave of St. Luke the Evangelist and St. Andrew the First-called.

# General Announcements

**INVITE YOUR PASTOR TO BLESS YOUR HOME EACH YEAR** — Traditionally, the priest personally visits his parishioners each year to pray with them in the place where they live, and



to bless their surroundings with the newly sanctified water of Theophany. By sanctifying our home, we extend the grace of God to our individual dwellings. Just as our souls, so also our homes become tainted by the sins of those living in them and consequently lose God's protective power. *We cleanse our souls of sins at least once a year and the church is blessed with the newly blessed water every year, so should our homes*

*be sanctified with Holy Water to invoke God's blessings and protection on it and its inhabitants.* As we renew the insurance on our home every year, so we should renew our insurance of God's protection and His blessing which is of greater importance and more effective. If you would like to have your home blessed, please call the Church office.

**ANNIVERSARY OF ROE VS. WADE** — Tuesday, January 22, marked the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary

of the shameful 1973 infamous Supreme Court Decision of *ROE VS. WADE* which legalized abortion. As a Pro-Life Parish, we must continue our prayers of supplication and sacrificial efforts to have this horrific law overturned. As we commemorate this Pro-Life Weekend, may we join other Prolifers as the outspoken voices for our silent brothers and sisters conceived awaiting birth. Prayer: **O Lord, send down Your Holy Spirit and protect all children, born and unborn. Penetrate the hearts of all pregnant women and fill them with Your love as well as love for their precious unborn babies. May all victims of abortion find healing in You. Lord, enlighten all those who do not know the truth. Soften the hearts of the abortionists, and those who use their influence and power to bring about this end. For You are the Source of life, mercy and forgiveness and we render glory to You, Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.**



**EIGHT DAYS OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY CONTINUES** — This Saturday concludes the *Annual Eight Days of Prayer* for the intention of Christian Unity. Each year

from January 18-25, Christians unite to pray in the same sentiments that Jesus prayed to the Father: "That all may be one ... so that the world may believe." (John 17:21). **This year's theme is: "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 27:18-28:10).** As Catholics we have the fullness of the faith that Jesus established, let us pray that others may be drawn into its truth. Pray each day: **"O Almighty and Merciful God, You willed that the different nations should become one people through Your Son. Grant in**

**Your kindness that those who glory in being known as Christians may put aside their differences and become one in truth and charity, and that all men, enlightened by the true faith, may be united in fraternal communion in the one Church. In this may Your name be glorified Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen."**

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