

Parish Offerings – Sunday of All Saints — June 7, 2020

“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	\$719.00
All Saints (\$2,265) YP (\$7) Holy Days (\$118)	2,390.00
Ascension (\$25) Pentecost (\$820) YP (\$5)	850.00
Votive Candles (\$77.50) Seminary (\$35)	112.50
	\$4,071.50

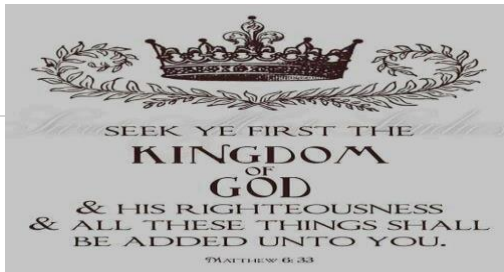
Holy Ghost Church, Northside

Regular Offering	\$155.00
All Saints (\$575) Pentecost (\$100) Holy Days (\$5).....	680.00
Improvements	75.00
Candles	30.00
	\$940.00

Church Attendance Last Week

Sat., 4:00 p.m. (38)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (45); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (21)



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THE 2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 1st Sunday of the Petrine Fast — June 14, 2020



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Pastor, Administrator & Protopresbyter
The Reverend Deacon Michael Meaders (NS)

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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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Call the office (412) 771-3324

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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.
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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: (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

You revealed Your Most Sacred Heart as the abyss of Your love for us, O Christ our God. Let our observance of You're your Commandments in the present age be the return of love for us so that in the age to come we may enjoy in perfect love the contemplation of Your Divinity (*Troparion of the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart*).

June 14, 2020

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
2nd Sunday after Pentecost			
1st Sunday of the Petrine Fast — Annual Flag Day			
SUN., Jun 14	9:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Margaret Kurtanich (<i>16th ann of pass 6/12</i>)	Children
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	Thanksgiving	Mary Ann & Richard Cupka
		(<i>40th Wedding Ann</i>)	
Mon, June 15	8:00 a.m. (MR)	Health & Welfare of Margaret Cifrulak	Mildred Terrek
Tue, June 16	8:00 a.m. (MR)	<i>For the Parishioners of Both Parishes</i>	
Recommended SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice): for vocations			
Wed, June 17	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Michael Eisenman	Sister: Martha & Bob Maletz
Thrs., June 18	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Deceased of the Matichko Families	Karen & John
Commemoration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Lover of Mankind			
REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice): for vocations			
Fri, Jun 19	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Sandra Derrick (<i>memorial</i>)	Sister: Barbara & Lee Feldman
Commemoration of the Compassionate Heart of Mary			
Sat, June 20	9:00 a.m. (NS)	+ Nicole Elena Ringes	Baba: Anna

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Third Sunday after Pentecost			
	4:00 p.m. (MR)	+ John Bordas	Wife: Irene
3rd Sunday after Pentecost			
2nd Sunday of the Petrine Fast — Annual Father's Day			
SUN., Jun 21	9:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Deceased Fathers of Both Parishes	
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	+ Deceased 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

Birthdays: Jun 15 – Kathleen Kulka; Jun 16 – Karen Stebbins; Jun 17 – MARY SAHAYDA (103); Jun 18 – Olivia Harsh; Sandra Rosko; Jun 19 – Eric Ruud.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliunas, Helen Best, Irene Bordas, Florence Charochak, Margaret Cifrulak, MARY ANN CONTI, Iлона Goyda, TAMARA HARDING, Beverly Harsh, MARTHA LUCAS, Olga Manfredo, Irene Muha, Mike Muska, Irene Palahunik, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Lisa Plutto, Anna May Sejka, Betty Spisak, Anita Wolsko, 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.

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

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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, # 230, Bridgeville, PA 15017): Helen Hopey.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. In a relationship, how far is "too far" before it is considered a sin? **A. Answer by Catholic Answers:** We are made in the image and likeness of God, which means we cannot treat another person as an object of pleasure (Gn 1:26). Therefore, actions that directly stimulate sexual passion are morally unacceptable (1 Tim 5:22). Our sexual gifts have a much higher and special purpose. Looser sexual behavior becomes a tyrant that keeps making more demands on those involved. Eventually, you and your date will get bored with just kissing and will most likely want to move on to other things. This is called the "law of diminishing returns." Kissing does not always give the same excitement as when you first did it. The more one feeds these passions, the more one's will becomes weakened.... Even when a man and a woman are engaged to be married, they must live chastely. The covenant and consecrated relationship begins only when enter the Holy Mystery (Sacrament) of Marriage WITH THE BLESSING OF God and the Church. The couple must reserve for marriage any expression of affection that belongs to the married life.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

June 14 — June 20, 2020

(MR): In memory of Olga & Joseph Goyda

offered by Dgtr: Mary Ann

(NS): In memory of Olga Senchyshyn

All reserved for 2020

offered by Dgtr: Joan

(NS) All reserved for 2020

General Announcements

McKees Rocks

This past week, we have received last year's 3rd — 4th — and 1st quarterly reports. Following a meeting with our Parish Advisory and Financial Advisory Councils, a general report will be submitted to you in the June 28 edition of the S.O.T.

AN UP-TO-DATE PIROHI PROJECT REPORT — The following report is currently presented following the interest growth of the 4th quarter 2019 & the 1st quarter of 2020 from the Parish Savings & Share Account.

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$110,338.44
PIROHI PROJECT PROCEEDS: FEBRUARY 28 - APRIL 3, 2020	\$10,086.00
MINUS EPENSES:	(2,953.93)
Cathedratcum	(569.10)
GCU Matching Funds	4,250.00
Deposited in Pirohi Parish Savings (5/27/2020)	\$10,812.97
Balance Brought Forward:	110,338.44
4 th quarter interest (\$548.22) & 1 st quarter interest (\$621.18)	1,169.40
Resealing and filling in cracks of Parish Parking Lot 6/8/2020	(2,600.00)
Current Balance in Pirohi Parish Savings & Share Program	\$119,720.81

N.B. The Covid-19 pandemic suspended all non-essential businesses. We have been notified that work on the Church Basement Wash Rooms will not be scheduled until at least October 2020. Scheduling will then proceed for the Gym Wash Rooms. In the meantime, our parking lot has been sealed and cracks filled this past week on Monday, June 8, 2020. Thank you to our Pirohi Project for making this possible.

Northside

This past week, we have received only last year's 3rd and are awaiting the 4th & 1st quarterly reports. Upon arrival there will be a meeting with our Parish Advisory and Financial Advisory Councils, a general report will be submitted to you in a future edition of the S.O.T.

TAMBURITIZANS NOW LEASING OUR SOCIAL CENTER — A few weeks ago, the S.O.T. had announced that the Tamburitizans and Holy Ghost Church have entered into a Lease Agreement with the option to purchase following 3 three-year segments. This agreement grants us parking access to the parking lot for Church events. We welcome them onto our premises!

***** Just a reminder, once again, both of our Parishes are open for Public Divine Liturgies. When you return, you are asked that you practice 6 feet distancing and highly recommend that you wear a mask for the safety of yourself and others.**

***** As we commence 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.**

2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Come, follow me! (Matthew 4:18-23)

The second Sunday after Pentecost shows us the practical application of the great call to renunciation formulated by Jesus in the gospel for the first Sunday. The



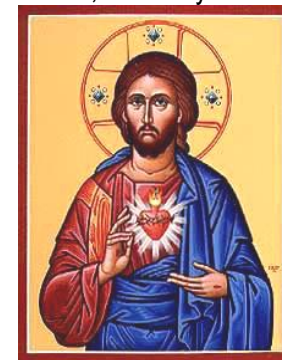
gospel read today at the Divine Liturgy tells of the calling of the first apostles. On the shore of Lake Galilee, Jesus sees Simon and Andrew fishing. He says to them: 'Follow me'. He wants to make them fishers of men. 'And they straightway left their nets, and followed him'. Further on Jesus meets James and John, also fishermen, in the company of their father, Zebedee. Jesus calls them. 'They immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.' The new

disciples abandoned their nets and their ships: Jesus sometimes asks us to renounce our profession, our instruments of work, whatever we possess. But some sons, at the call of Jesus, abandon their father too: sometimes he wants us to abandon family affections, human friendships, created love. This is not a purely negative attitude. Jesus' call has a very positive aspect: one must follow the Master. But the first apostles could not have followed the Master if they had not first of all left their ships, and their nets, and their father. And what have I abandoned in order to follow Jesus? What does he want me to leave?

Special Commemoration this Week

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

On the Third Friday following Holy Pentecost, the Byzantine-Ruthenian Catholic Church has always commemorated the *Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Prazdnik Najsvjatijisaho Serdca Isusa)*. On this day, the Church renders a special tribute to our Lord Jesus Christ as **THE LOVER OF MANKIND**. A person's heart is a symbol of love. Just as God loves us, we are to ask to beseech His grace to increase our love for God and neighbor. The founders and benefactors of our Churches have always had a special love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Every home had an image hanging on their walls. During the month of June, the Church exhorts us to honor the Lord Jesus because of His unending love for all. Join us on this festive day honoring Our Lord Jesus.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

June 14	Annual Flag Day.
June 20	First day of Summer.
June 24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist — (MR) 9:00 a.m. & (NS) 6:00 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 (MR) 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.

Saints of the Week

St. Tychon the Wonder-Worker, Bishop of Amathus — June 16

Saint Tikhon, Bishop of Amathus, was born in the city Amathus on the island of Cyprus. His parents raised their son in Christian piety, and taught him the reading of sacred books. It is



said that the gift of wonder-working appeared in St Tikhon at quite a young age. His father was the owner of a bakery, and whenever he left his son alone in the shop, the holy youth would give free bread to those in need. Learning of this, his father became angry, but the son said that he had read in the Scriptures, that in giving to God one receives back a hundredfold. "I," said the youth, "gave to God the bread which was taken," and he persuaded his father to go to the place where the grain was stored. With astonishment the father saw that the granary, which formerly was empty, was now filled to overflowing with wheat. From that time the father did not hinder his son from distributing bread to the poor. A certain gardener brought the dried prunings of vines from the vineyard. St Tikhon gathered them, planted them in his garden and besought the Lord that these branches might take root and yield fruit for the health of people. The Lord did so through the faith of the holy youth. The branches

took root, and their fruit had a particular and very pleasant taste. It was used during the lifetime of the saint and after his death for making wine for the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist. They accepted the pious youth into the church clergy, by ordaining him a Reader. Later, Mnemonios, the Bishop of Amathus ordained him a deacon. After the death of Bishop Mnemonios, St Tikhon by universal agreement was chosen as Bishop of Amathus. St Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus (May 12), presided at the service. St Tikhon labored zealously to eradicate the remnants of paganism on Cyprus; he destroyed a pagan temple and spread the Christian Faith. The holy bishop was generous, his doors were open to all, and he listened to and lovingly fulfilled the request of each person who came to him. Fearing neither threats nor tortures, he firmly and fearlessly confessed his faith before pagans. In the service to St Tikhon it is stated that he foresaw the time of his death, which occurred in the year 425.

General Announcements

THE COMPASSION OF THE THEOTOKOS

A traditional and optional remembrance of the Most Holy Virgin's role focusing on her presence at the foot of the Cross is celebrated on the Third Saturday after Holy Pentecost. Her title as the *COMPASSIONATE MOTHER* focuses on the suffering she enduring at the crucifixion scene. It was a true and abiding love that moved Mary to willing share in her Divine Son's sufferings which He endured for all mankind. We are called to imitate her love as we see Jesus in the person of our neighbor and be with them in their sufferings.



ANNUAL PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION — 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. **N.B.** In a recent article, the Holy Father has moved the Peter's Pence Collection to October due to the Covid-19 pandemic. For those of you who have already contributed, donations have been and will continue to be sent to the Chancery who will see that your monetary gift be sent to the Vatican.



Prayer of Pope St. John Paul II for Vocations

This prayer is said near the end of the morning Divine Liturgy during the Petrine Fast from June 8 through June 28. As we prepare for the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul, let us unite our voices together daily and pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life; and to pray for all Priests

O Jesus, Good Shepherd, accept our prayers and our humble thanks for all vocations which, through Your Spirit, You give liberally and continually to our Church. Assist the bishops, priests, missionaries and all consecrated persons; enable them to give example of truly evangelical life. Make strong and persevering in their intentions those who are preparing for the sacred ministry and consecrated life. Multiply the laborers of the Gospel to announce Your name to all peoples. Take care of all the young in our communities; grant them readiness and generosity to follow You. Today, too, turn Your gaze upon them and call them. Grant to all the call, the strength to abandon everything in order to choose only You Who are love. Forgive the non-responses and infidelities of those Whom You have chosen. Listen, O Christ, to our invocations through the intercession of most holy Mary, Your Mother and Queen of the Apostles. She, who, having believed and replied generously, has been the cause of our joy; accompany with her presence and her example those whom You call to total service in Your Kingdom. Amen.

