

**Parish Offerings – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost — July 5, 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 (\$2,729) YP (\$8) .....	\$2,737.00
Holy Days (\$261) YP (\$4) .....	265.00
Peter’s Pence (\$145) Archdiocesan Charities (\$4) Poor (\$4) .....	153.00
Votive Candles .....	124.50
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	\$3,279.50

**Holy Ghost Church, Northside**

Regular Offering .....	\$1,032.00
Holy Days .....	30.00
Utilities (\$45) Improvement (\$55) .....	100.00
Candles .....	43.00
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	\$1,205.00

**Church Attendance Last Week**

Sat., 4:00 p.m. (21)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (35); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (28)



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**Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday,  
 Michael Maslaney!  
 May God grant you  
 many happy & blessed  
 years! Na Mnohaja I  
 Blahaja L'ita!  
 From: Christine & Al**

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**THE 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**July 12, 2020**



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

**The Very Reverend Father Frank A. Firko, Pastor  
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 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**

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 Lodge 390: (MR) Contact Tina Burns (412) 859-9597 for membership requirements.
- Slavjane Folk Ensemble: (MR) Membership requirements contact Bob Bartko: (412) 779-0915.
- 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).

July 12, 2020

Seasonal Greeting

Volume X, Number 28



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



## Liturgical Services for the Week

Date	Time	Intention	Requested By
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>			
SUN., Jul 12	9:00 a.m. (MR)	Health of Jerry Rihn	Julia Haluska
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	+ Agnes + Anthony Knoll	Son: William
Mom, Jul 13	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Elinor Uram (2 <sup>nd</sup> ann of passing)	Anonymous
Tue, Jul 14	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Mary + Charles Kundrat	Theresa Kundrat
<b>Commemoration of the Holy Vladimir the Great, Equal to the Apostles</b>			
Wed, Jul 15	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Susan Jupinko (40 <sup>th</sup> ann of passing)	Grand-Dgtr: Marianne Farabaugh
Thrs, Jul 16	8:00 a.m. (MR)	Health & Welfare of Mildred Psak (95 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)	Dgtr: Mary Beth & Al Peters



### Feast of the Blessed Bishop-Martyr Paul P. Gojdich, O.S.B.M.

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice): for vanquishing covid-19

Fri, Jul 17  8:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Sat, Jul 18 9:00 a.m. (NS) No Divine Liturgy Scheduled

### Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Fathers of the first Six Ecumenical Councils

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Michelle J. (Terrek) Chiavetta Husband: Richard



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

### Fathers of the first Six Ecumenical Councils

SUN., Jul 19 9:00 a.m. (MR) + Elizabeth Petruna Anita & Russ Sidun & Family  
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Mary Frances Pungras Sister: Anna (Pungras) Demianczyk

# 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: Jul 12 – ANNA DEMIANCZYK, Michael S. Muska; Jul 13 – Michael Maslaney, Stacie Paronish; Jul 14 – OLGA MANFRADO; Jul 15 – George Hundanick, Jr. Jul 16 – Teresa Harsh.

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

**HOME:** Margaret Beliuonas, Helen Best, Irene Bordas, Florence Charochak, Margaret Cifrulak, MARY ANN CONTI, Ilona 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.  
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.  
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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.** How can I be less hypocritical? I know what Jesus says and what I believe but I often go against these beliefs. **A. Answer by Catholic Answers:** So, does almost everyone in the world. SS. Peter & Paul and every saint in history (with the exception of Mary), struggle with this very problem (Rom 7:15-25). Here are some practical tips that will help you in this struggle: (1) Knowledge is power. If you know your faith, you will know more about how to fight the devil and the temptation to sin (1Peter 5:8-9; CCC 409); (2) Read the lives of the saints. These men and women have been where you are now, and their heroic example will inspire you (Phil 4:9); (3) Live a sacramental life. Attend the Divine Liturgy more than just on Sunday & Holy Days, pray the rosary, and go to Confession frequently, especially if you have sinned seriously (Heb 10:25; 1 Thess 5:17; CCC 1127, 1129). And (4) In prayer ask Jesus for guidance (Mt 7:7)

## This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

**July 12 — July 18, 2020**

(MR): In memory of Irene & Alex Bilak, Jr.

offered by Grandson: Mike Tomchak

(NS): In memory of Hubal Family

(MR) All reserved for 2020 offered by The Hubal Family (NS) All reserved for 2020





# General Announcements

## McKees Rocks

**PARISH PICNIC CANCELLED DUE TO THE PANDEMIC** — Since many have still not returned to Church over the weekend being cautious of the coronavirus, it has been decided for the best to cancel our annual August Parish Picnic. We will try again next year.

## Northside

**THE CHURCH SPARKLES AFTER A HEAVY-DUTY PROFESSIONAL CLEANING**



— This past week our Church and wash rooms had an extensive go-over by the Maye and Maye Cleaning Service, Ambridge. Once again, we extend our gratitude to two parishioners that picked up the tab for this project. Our icon stands had to be temporarily moved to clean the entire sanctuary. This is what the altar area looked like. Look at the shine on the floors.

**FORMER PASTOR EXPRESSES GRATITUDE** — Monsignor Peter Tay, retired priest of our Archeparchy, and former pastor, wishes to thank each of you for your cards and pledges of prayers as he celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 7! God Bless you!



## Prayer for Daily Neglects

(A Poor Clare Nun who had just passed away appeared to her Abbess, who was praying for her, and said, "I went straight to heaven, for, by means of this prayer, recited every evening, I paid my debts".) This prayer is not meant to replace Confession.

- (1) Eternal Father, I offer You the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with all its love, and its sufferings and all its merits **to expiate all the sins that I have committed this day and during my entire life.** Glory to the Father and to the Son (+) and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen
- (2) Eternal Father, I offer You the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with all its love, and its sufferings and all its merits **to purify the good that I have done badly this day and during my entire life.** Glory to the Father and to the Son (+) and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.
- (3) Eternal Father, I offer You the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with all its love, and its sufferings and all its merits **to supply for the good that I ought to have done, and that I neglected this day and during my entire life.** Glory to the Father and to the Son (+) and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen

# 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Trust that God will do the best — Read Matthew 9: 1-8

Those who brought the paralytic to Jesus did so because they believed in Him. It was faith in Jesus that inspired them to come to Him. It was also love for their



paralyzed friend that emboldened them to make their way through the crowd and bring him to Jesus. The carrying of the paralytic to Christ by his friends is an image of the Church. As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to carry our needy brethren to the Lord, through intercession and charity. St Paul says that we are to bear one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ (Gal. 6:2). At the

same time, we have to accept the fact that we often need others to carry *us*, since we too are afflicted and weak and needy, in constant need of forgiveness and healing. This is how the Lord wants his love to flow within the Church: when we happen to be strong, we are to carry others; when we are weak, others are to carry us. Jesus recognized both their faith in Him and their love for their paralyzed friend, yet what He first granted was not what they had originally come to Him for. They wanted physical healing, but Jesus first granted forgiveness of sins. When we encounter Jesus, we have to be prepared to let go of our presuppositions and expectations. He may manifest Himself in a way that runs counter to the image of Him we may have built up in our own thoughts and prayers. He may do things in our lives, in our souls, that we do not expect, and perhaps that we do not even *like*. He may upset our comfortable piety with a divine wake-up call that will leave us reeling and realizing that we didn't know it all after all, but were blind and ignorant until the light of Christ showed us both our sins and his glory. The paralytic wanted to walk, but Jesus took away his sins. Yet even if the paralytic was initially disappointed, he must have taken courage as Jesus told him to, and put his trust in the Lord. For Jesus did in fact give the man what he wanted, but only after giving him what *He* wanted to give, which was the most important thing. The lesson: Trust that God will do what is best!

**Tip of the day: Jesus does not wait to see the faith of the ignorant ... Yet he does not refuse to help the faith of another, so that by grace alone he confers whatever is proper of the divine will (Chrysologus). In other words, bring others to prayer and place them at the feet of Christ!**

# Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 20 ..... Simple Holy Day: Feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah — Blessing of Vehicles. (MR) 9:00 a.m. & (NS) 6:00 p.m.  
August 1 - 14 ..... Commencement of the Savorial Fast (Spasovka).  
August 6 ... Feast of the Holy Transfiguration – (MR) 9:00 a.m. (NS) 6:00 p.m. Blessing of grapes and fruits.  
**August 14** .... Vigil of the Feast of the Dormition – Blessing of Herbs & Flowers – (NS) 6:00 pm **Obligation.**  
**August 15** ..... Feast of the Dormition – Blessing of Herbs & Flowers – (MR) 9:00 am; **Obligation.**  
August 28 ..... Vigil of Beheading Feast of St. John Baptist (Simple HD) – (NS) 6:00 p.m.  
August 29 ..... Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist — (MR) 9:00 a.m.

## Saint of the Week

### The Holy Apostle Aquila, one of the Seventy July 14

Saint Aquila, Apostle of the 70: It is possible that he was a disciple of the Apostle Paul, a native of Pontus and a Jew, living in the city of Rome with his wife Priscilla. During the reign of the emperor Claudius (41-54) all the Jews were banished from Rome, so Aquila and his wife were compelled to leave. They settled in Corinth. A short while later, the holy Apostle Paul arrived there from Athens preaching the Gospel. Having made the acquaintance of Aquila, he began to live at his house and labored together with him, making tents. Having received Baptism from the Apostle Paul, Aquila and Priscilla became his devoted and zealous disciples. They accompanied the apostle to Ephesus. The Apostle Paul instructed them to continue the preaching of the Gospel at Ephesus, and he himself went to Jerusalem, in order to be present for the feast of Pentecost. At Ephesus, Aquila and Priscilla heard the bold preaching of a newcomer from Alexandria, the Jew Apollos. He had been instructed in the fundamentals of the Faith, but knew only the baptism of John the Forerunner. They called him over and explained more precisely about the way of the Lord. After the death of the emperor Claudius, Jews were permitted to return to Italy, and Aquila and Priscilla then returned to Rome. The Apostle Paul in his Epistle to the Romans recalls his faithful disciples, "Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my coworkers in Christ Jesus, who put forth their heads for my soul, whom I do not alone thank, but also all the Church of the Gentiles and the church of their household" (Rom. 16: 3-4). St Aquila did not dwell long in Rome: the Apostle Paul made him a bishop in Asia. St Aquila zealously labored at preaching the Gospel in Asia, Achaia and Heraklia. He converted pagans to Christ, he confirmed newly-converted Christians in the faith, he established presbyters and destroyed idols. St Priscilla constantly assisted him in the apostolic work. St Aquila ended his life a martyr: pagans murdered him. According to the Tradition of the Church, St Priscilla was killed together with him.



# General Announcements

**FEAST OF BLESSED BISHOP-MARTYR PAUL P. GOJDICH, OSBM** — Tuesday, **July 17** marks his Martyrdom Feast. He excelled in knowing, loving and serving God. While in prison he excelled in holiness, and was reportedly gifted with bilocation,



levitation and the stigmata of the Lord. He prayed for only two favors: (1) to pass peacefully to the Lord on his birthday, and (2) to have a priest near his side to anoint him with the Sacrament. Both requests were answered on July 17, 1960 just after 12:00 midnight. He was buried quickly in an uncommon grave with only a number to signify the placement of his mortal remains. He was beatified by the late Pope John Paul II on November 4, 2001. His relics were transferred to the Presov Cathedral where they remain for veneration to this day. He was posthumously awarded with the prestigious decree "Righteous Among the Nations" by

the Hebraic Community due to his role in saving thousands of Jewish people from extermination during World War II. Let us whole-heartedly resolve to pray daily for his immediate Canonization. The meaning of the O.S.B.M. is "The Order of St. Basil Monastery"

**GCU NORTHWEST PITTSBURGH LODGE LENDS A HELPING HAND TO FISHER HOUSE — TAKE A FLYER** — Our local GCU Lodge is once again this year collecting 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 now placed at the side vestibule and narthex areas of both parishes for the **collection that will extend to August 23**. Needed items are listed on the flyer (please take one) near the Churches entrances. Let's help our afflicted veterans and their families by supporting the Lodge in this fraternal collection!



**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 13, 2020 @ 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 Sunday, July 26.*

