

Parish Offerings – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost — June 13, 2021

“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 (\$1,251) YP (\$2)	\$1,253.00
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Votive Candles	55.00
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Holy Ghost Church, North Side

Regular Offering	\$753.00
Improvements	25.00
Votive Candles	33.50
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Church Attendance Last Week

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (27)

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (67); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (33)



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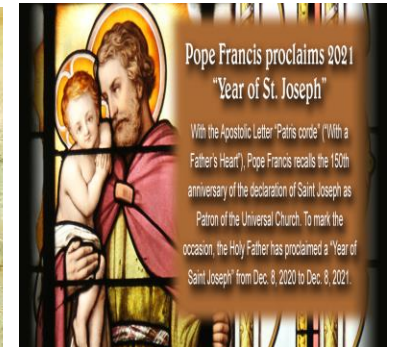
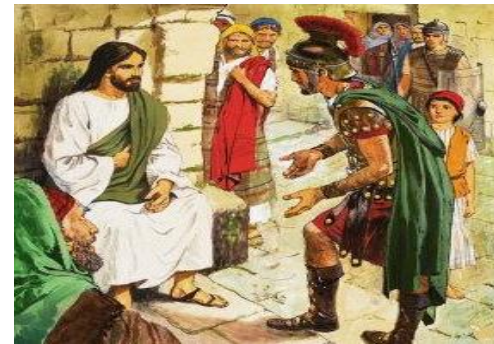
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THE 4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**3rd Sunday of the Petrine Fast
Annual Father's Day — June 20, 2021**



Pope Francis proclaims 2021 "Year of St. Joseph"
With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from Dec. 8, 2020 to Dec. 8, 2021.

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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: Internet Sunday afternoon: Rusyn.fm at 3:30 pm. Archive: c-rsmedia.org.

New & Returning Parishioners: Welcome! Please register by phoning the Church Office.

Remember the Church in Your Will: Please be so kind 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).

Jun 20, 2021

Seasonal Greeting:

Volume XI Number 25



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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date **Time** **Intention** **Requested By**

4th Sunday after Pentecost

3rd Sunday of the Petrine Fast — Annual Father's Day

First Day of Summer at 11:32 p.m.

SUN., Jun 20	9:00 a.m. (MR)	For the Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish	
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	+ Theodore Demianczyk	Wife: Anna
Mon, Jun 21	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Myrona + William Duggan	Theresa Kundrat
Tue, Jun 22	8:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Peter M. Zappas (2 nd ann of passing 5/28)	Family


Recommended SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice): for vocations

Wed, Jun 23  8:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

Feast of the Nativity of the Holy Prophet, Precursor, & Baptist of the Lord, John — Solemn Holy Day

Thrs, Jun 24	9:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Elsie Eberle (birthday)	Son: James
	6:00 p.m. (NS)	+ Evelyn (Sosnak) Vento (birthday)	Anonymous

REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat) or Equivalent Penance (your choice): for vocations

Fri, Jun 25	 8:00 a.m. (MR)	For the Parishioners of Both Parishes	
	2:00 p.m. (MR)	Nuptial Divine Liturgy & Wedding Ceremony of Anna Elizabeth Keller (Holy Ghost Church) & Daniel William Colbert (St. Kilian RC Church, Mars, PA)	
Sat, Jun 26	9:00 a.m. (NS)	+ Mary Sahayda (40 th day of passing 5/10)	Family

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Mark A. Cifrulak Richard Cifrulak



5th Sunday after Pentecost

4th & Final Sunday of the Petrine Fast

SUN., Jun 27	9:00 a.m. (MR)	+ Irene Bednar	Ripple Family
	11:00 a.m. (NS)	+ William C. Poloka (40 th day of passing 6/24)	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 name and date not be published.

Note: Capitalized Names designate North Side parishioners

Jun 24 – Kristen Ruud, BRADLEY SPONTAK; **Jun 26** – Patricia Porter.

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

HOME: Margaret Belionas, Irene Bordas, Debra Charochak, Florence Charochak, Ilona Goyda, TAMARA HARDING, Beverly Harsh., BETTY LORINC, Peggi Lucas, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Muha, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Lisa Plutto, Betty Spisak, Anita Wolsko, Nancy (Shanta) Wauthier.

MAPLEWOOD PC HOME (461 Maplewood Ave. Ambridge, PA 15003): Doris Naughton.
HIGHLAND PARK CARE CENTER (745 North Highland Ave., Pgh, PA 15206): Linda Reiger.
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.
VETERANS HOSPITAL (1010 Delafield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15215): JOHN VEREB.
THE RESIDENCE AT WILLOW LANE (30 Heckel Rd., MR, PA 15136): Helen Best, Marge Cifrulak.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. Is it okay to date divorced men? I'm widowed and haven't begun dating yet. I'm in my mid-40s, and so most "single" men my age are divorced. I know, understand, and believe the Church's teaching on the indissolubility of marriage, and that leads me to question whether it would be moral to date a man who is divorced (unless his marriage was declared null by the Church). **A. Catholic apologist, Michelle Arnold:** If a divorced person does not have an annulment for his previous marriage, the Church presumes him to be married. Because you must presume him to be married unless and until he obtains an annulment, you should not pursue any kind of romantic relationship with those who are divorced and without annulments from the Church.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

Jun 20 — Jun 26, 2021

(MR): **In memory of Glee Hart**

offered by In-Laws: Audrey & Tom Hart

(NS): **In memory of Agnes & Anthony Knoll**

(MR) None available 2021

offered by Dgtr: Leslie O'Donnell

(NS) None available 2021

General Announcements

McKees Rocks

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES LAST WEEK — Renewing Baptismal Promises, making a First Confession and received the Holy Eucharist at the Saturday afternoon Vigil Divine Liturgy on **June 5, 2021** was **Alaina Grace Usowski**. She reaffirmed her baptismal promises and in love promised to serve her Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ! Due to the Covid-19 restrictions regarding personal attendance for this past year's ECF Classes, Alaina's Grandmother, Peggi Lucas, was given special permission to serve as her instructor. Our parish offers its most sincere congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Alaina on this most important milestone event in her life. May God grant to Alaina many happy and blessed years!



WORK HAS OFFICIALY COMMENCED IN RENOVATION PROJECT — This past Tuesday, June 15, renovations started for both the School Gym and Church Basement Washrooms. Century Interiors, Inc of the North Hills was the only bidder that exhibited interest. Please be reminded that only the handicap washroom will be available as work is in progress. Once again, we are grateful to the Pirohi Project who worked diligently to see this renovation work was made possible. Pictured is the women's washroom located the Church Basement.



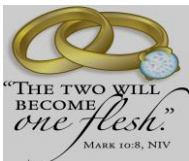
FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THIS WEEK'S UPCOMING WEDDING — The upcoming marriage of *Anna Elizabeth Keller (Holy Ghost Church)* and *Daniel William Colbert (St. Kilian Roman Rite Church, Wexford, PA)* at our Holy Ghost Church on **Friday, June 25, 2021**. If anyone knows why these individuals cannot contract marriage, please call the rectory office and speak directly to the pastor.

North Side

SUBJECT MATTER DISCUSSED AT PAC/FAC MEETING — At last Sunday's PAC/FAC Meeting, **June 13, 2021**, discussion on the following topics were presented (1) The Honey Bee infestation has to be worked on again. Bee Control of Pittsburgh was able to eliminate the problem months ago, but another group took of Bees took their place. We are in contact and awaiting further direction from the Company; (2) Additional patch work needs to be looked at on the main roof of the Church. However, the bee situation must be taken care of since the roofer doesn't feel safe searching the problems that need attention. and (3) Discounted tickets to Kennywood and other theme parks are available at substantial savings only on line: gcuusa.com. The ticket is good for one admission until Sept. 19, 2021. Byzantine Catholic Day has once again been suspended due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.



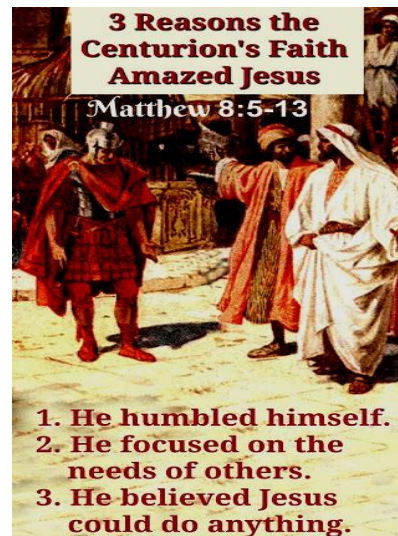
REGISTER FOR A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE — The Archeparchy wishes to honor those who are celebrating their 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 etc. anniversary of marriage this year. This celebration has been extended on a new format. It will take place on **Sunday, September 12, 2021 @ 3:00 p.m. at St. Elias Church, Munhall**. If you are observing one of the above milestones, *please contact the Church office A.S.A.P*



4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Centurion Teaches Us to Believe! — (Matthew 8:5-13)

This centurion was a heathen, a Roman soldier. Though he was a soldier, yet he was a godly man. No man's calling or place will be an excuse for unbelief and sin. See how he states his servant's case. *We should concern ourselves for the souls of our children and servants, who are spiritually sick, who feel not spiritual evils, who know not that which is spiritually good; and we should bring them to Christ by faith and prayers.* Observe his self-abasement. Humble souls are made humbler by Christ's gracious dealings with them. Observe his great faith. The more diffident we are of ourselves, the stronger will be our confidence in Christ. Herein the centurion owns him to have Divine power, and a full command of all the creatures and powers of nature, as a master over his servants. Such servants we all should be to God; we must go and come, according to the directions of his word and the disposals of



his providence. But when the Son of man comes he finds little faith, therefore he finds little fruit. An outward profession may cause us to be called children of the kingdom; but if we rest in that, and have nothing else to show, we shall be cast out. The servant got a cure of his disease, and the master got the approval of his faith. What was said to him, is said to all, Believe, and you will receive; only believe. See the power of Christ, and the power of faith. The healing of our souls is at once the effect and evidence of our interest in the blood of Christ.

Who Were Roman Centurions?

In ancient Rome the "centurion" meant "captain of 100", and the Roman centurion was captain over 100-foot soldiers in a legion. The Army of Rome consisted of three types of soldiers: The Praetorian Guard (Caesar's bodyguard), The Legionaries (infantry soldiers and officers made up of citizens), and The Auxiliaries (non-citizen troops). The centurion was loyal and courageous, beginning as a soldier in the army and working their way up the ranks. They were noticed by the general for their skill and courage in battle, and were made officers. The number of centurions in a legion was 60, that being at all epochs the number of centuries, although the number varied in the cohort or speira. *The ordinary duties of the centurion were to drill his men, inspect their arms, food and clothing, and to command them in the camp and in the field.* Centurions were sometimes employed on detached service the conditions of which in the provinces are somewhat obscure. Men like Cornelius and Julius (Acts 10:1; 27:1) may have been separated from the legion to which they properly belonged for the discharge of special duties. They and other centurions mentioned in the Gospels and the Acts (Mt 8:5; Mk 15:39, 44, 45; Lk 23:47) are represented by the sacred writers.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

June 20	Annual Father's Day
June 24 ...	Solemn Holy Day: Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 pm.
June 28	Vigil Feast of SS. Peter & Paul (MR) 7:00 p.m.
June 29	Feast SS. Peter & Paul (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.
July 4	U.S.A. Independence Day.

Holy Day of the Week — June 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist

The Gospel (Luke 1: 5) relates that the righteous parents of Saint John the Baptist, the Priest Zachariah and Elizabeth (September 5), lived in the ancient city of Hebron. They reached old age



without having children, since Elizabeth was barren. Once, when Zachariah was serving in the Temple at Jerusalem and saw the Archangel Gabriel, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. He predicted that Zachariah would father a son, who would announce the Savior, the Messiah, awaited by the Old Testament Church. Zachariah was troubled, and fear fell upon him. He had doubts that in old age it was possible to have a son, and he asked for a sign. It was given to him, and it was also a chastisement for his unbelief. Zachariah was struck speechless until the time of the fulfillment of the archangel's words. Elizabeth came to be with child, and fearing derision at being pregnant so late in life, she kept it secret for five months. Then her relative, the Virgin Mary, came to share with her own joy. Elizabeth, "filled with the Holy Spirit," was the first to greet the Virgin Mary as the Mother of God. Saint John leaped in his

mother's womb at the visit of the Most Holy Virgin Mary and the Son of God incarnate within her. Soon Elizabeth gave birth to a son, and all the relatives and acquaintances rejoiced together with her. On the eighth day, in accordance with the Law of Moses, he was circumcised and was called John. Everyone was amazed, since no one in the family had this name. When they asked Saint Zachariah about this, he motioned for a tablet and wrote on it: "His name is John." Immediately his tongue was loosed, and Saint Zachariah glorified God. He also prophesied about the Coming into the world of the Messiah, and of his own son John, the Forerunner of the Lord (Luke. 1: 68-79). After the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ and the worship of the shepherds and the Magi, wicked king Herod gave orders to kill all male infants. Hearing about this, Saint Elizabeth fled into the wilderness and hid in a cave. Saint Zachariah was at Jerusalem and was doing his priestly service in the Temple. Herod sent soldiers to him to find out the abode of the infant John and his mother. Zachariah answered that their whereabouts were unknown to him, and he was killed right there in the Temple. Righteous Elizabeth continued to live in the wilderness with her son and she died there. The child John, protected by an angel, dwelt in the wilderness until the time when he came preaching repentance, and was accounted worthy to baptize the Lord.

General Announcements

A BRIEF HISTORY OF FATHER'S DAY — Father's Day was the invention of **Sonora Smart Dodd (1892-1978)** of Spokane, Washington, who reportedly came up with the idea while



listening to a Mother's Day sermon at the Central Methodist Episcopal Church in 1909. Raised by her widowed father, Sonora felt that her father should be honored in the same way mothers were since Anna Jarvis created Mother's Day four years earlier. The first official "Father's Day" was held in Spokane in 1910. Despite its detractors—and there were many—the idea of a national "Father's Day" picked up steam when it was endorsed in

1924 by President Calvin Coolidge. In 1926 the National Father's Day Committee was formed by a group of New York City merchants who saw the value in yet another day when people would feel obligated to buy things. Once again, the media mocked the concept as just one more example of commercialism at its crudest. It took another 30 years for "Father's Day" to be recognized by a Joint Resolution of Congress, and yet another decade for the holiday to be declared "real" in an official proclamation by President Lyndon Johnson in 1966. It was finally established as a federally recognized holiday by *President Richard Nixon in 1972, who declared it would be celebrated on the third Sunday of June.*

LOCAL GCU LODGE CELEBRATES FLAG DAY — This past Monday, June 14, our Local GCU Northwest Pittsburgh lodge gathered at the Flag Pole of the McKees Rocks Church for the 11th Annual National Flag Day Ceremony saluting 'Ol Glory. The short program had 17 in attendance to pause for the 42nd Annual Pledge of Allegiance @ 7:00 p.m. At this time fraternal organizations throughout our nation offer the Pledge at the same time. G.C.U. Lodge President Tina Burns (near the church steps) thanked all who made the sacrifice to honor our American Flag on this special day. Complimentary Lapel Flag pins and pens were then distributed to all those in attendance.



GCU NORTHWEST PITTSBURGH LODGE CONTINUES TO LEND A HELPING HAND TO VETERANS FISHER HOUSE — Our local GCU Lodge is continuing 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 will be placed at the side vestibule and narthex areas of both parishes for the **collection that will extend to August 8**. Further information of needed items will be forthcoming. For additional information, phone Tina (412) 859-9597. Let's help our afflicted veterans and their families by supporting our GCU Lodge in this collection!