

Parish Offerings – 19th Sunday after Pentecost – October 3, 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 (\$2,963) YP (\$9)	\$2,972.00
Holy Days (\$123) YP (\$2) Christmas (\$20) Thanksgiving (\$15)	160.00
Collection for the Poor (\$40) Christmas Décor (\$15)	55.00
Votive Candles	103.00
	\$3,290.00

Holy Ghost Church, North Side

Regular Offering	\$334.10
Holy Days	10.00
Utilities (\$5) Improvement (\$40)	45.00
Votive Candles	36.50

(MR) Sat., 4:00 p.m. (21) \$425.60

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (54); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (25)

Rosary (Oct 8) —(MR) 6:30 p.m.(n/a); followed by Blessing of animals — 7:00 p.m. (n/a)



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HOLY GHOST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Respect Life Month — October 10, 2021



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

The Very Reverend Father Frank A. Firko
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The Reverend Deacon Michael E. 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.
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Holy Day Divine Liturgies w/Great Vespers (Oblig) (MR): 7:00 pm Holy Day (MR) 9:00 am; (NS) 6:00 pm
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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 Mystery 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).

Oct. 10, 2021

Seasonal Greeting:

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



Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

20th Sunday after Pentecost

SUN, Oct 10 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Robert G. Galida (birthday 10/11) Dgtr: Kathy Mullen



Annual Columbus Day Federal Holiday — No Banking or Postal Services

Mon, Oct 11 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Margaret Zula Zula Family
Tue, Oct 12 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Pearl Revtai Revtai, Fikisz & PettiJohn Families
Wed, Oct 13 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Basil P. Gramata M/M Robert Strong
Thrs, OCT 14 8:00 a.m. (MR) + Tatich + Maciboba Families David Tatich

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

Fri, Oct 15 8:00 a.m. (MR) . + Doris + Wasil Koblowski Eleanor Gramata & Son: George
*** 6:30 p.m. (MR) Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

Sat, Oct 16 9:00 a.m. (NS) + Agnes Knoll Son: William
(4th ann of passing 10/15)

Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 p.m. (MR) + Susan + Michael Hubal, Sr. Hubal Family
+ Helen + Lisa + Edward Bradley, Sr.

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

SUN, Oct 17 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes
11:00 a.m. (NS) + Mary Sahayda Mary Ann Smoley

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: Oct 11 – Frank Revtai; Oct 12 – Jamie Skreptach; Oct 15 – LAURA KALLOP; Oct 16 – Nancy Debranski-Ferrell.

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

HOME: Margaret Beliuinas, Irene Bordas, Florence Charochak, Ilona Goyda, TAMARA HARDING, Beverly Harsh, Kathe Kress, BETTY LORINC, OLGA MANFREDO, Irene Muha, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Dan Pikras, Lisa Plutto, Betty Spisak, ERIC STEHELE, Anita Wolsko, Nancy (Shanta) Wauthier, Evelyn Yakubik

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, Margaret Cifrulak, Mildred Terrek.
VINCENTIAN HOME (111 Perrymont Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237) Kathe Kress.

Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. What is the difference between being “redeemed,” and being “saved?” A. Catholic Answers Apologist: Basically, redemption is collective, while salvation is individual. Christ redeemed humanity collectively from slavery to sin and from the debt of punishment that mankind, as a whole, owed due to sin. Every person, Christian or non-Christian, is redeemed because he is a member of the human race. Salvation is the application of redemption to individuals. A person can choose to reject the graces won for him by Christ even though he has been redeemed.



This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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



October 10 — October 16, 2021

(MR): In memory of Hubal & Bradley Families

offered by Hubal Family

(NS): In memory of Agnes & Anthony Knoll

(MR) Now available for 2022 offered by Dgtr: Leslie O'Donnell (NS) Now available for 2022

McKees Rocks Announcements

PIROHI REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING TODAY — There will be an important gathering to see if we have enough workers for the Pirohi Project. It will be a short meeting following this morning's Divine Liturgy on **October 10, 2021**. All are welcome. We need committed workers to make this project a go!

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING NEXT WEEK — The members of the PAC/FAC are reminded of the meeting slated for **Monday, October 18, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.** Please place this date on your agenda.



RENOVATIONS ON-GOING FOR CHURCH BASEMENT & GYM RESTROOMS —The project is just about complete. The lighting fixture will be installed shortly. Once again, if you need to use the facilities, please continue to use the handicap rest room.

North Side Announcements

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING FORTHCOMING — The members of the PAC/FAC are reminded of the meeting slated for **Sunday, October 17, 2021 following the Divine Liturgy.** Please place this date on your agenda.



DEACON MEADERS CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY — A belated Congratulations and Best

Wishes are extended to our Deacon Michael Meaders on the occasion of his 10th anniversary to the Diaconate! It's hard to believe that ten 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 and his wife, Cindy, health and happiness for many blessed years! Mnohaja l Blahaja L'ita!!!!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: A COME & SEE WEEKEND — Young men 18-25 are invited to a FREE retreat, Friday through Saturday, **November 5-7, 2021** at Saints Cyril & Methodius Seminary. *The purpose: to see if you might be interested in the possibility of becoming a priest.* No pressure, no hype, no boring lectures. Just recreation, relaxation, talking to God (a.k.a. prayer), and the opportunity to really listen to God's voice and to plan for your life. This worthwhile retreat of discovery in no way implies any future commitment other than your commitment to truly be yourself! There is no expense involved in participating in this retreat. The seminary mandates that all participants are fully vaccinated. Contact the Seminary: (412) 321-8383. **Deadline for registration is this Wednesday, October 13.**



ASSEMBLY OF THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC (RUTHENIAN) METROPOLITAN CHURCH

— Everyone is invited to this 2-day In-Person event on **November 5 & 6**. The theme is "One Body in Christ: Re-emerging from the Pandemic." *Topics include: "Looking back: Looking Ahead with a hopeful heart;" "Our Worship Post Pandemic;" "The Eucharist: Holy Gifts to Holy People;" and "Growing Parishes Post Pandemic."* This presentation will take place at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall. Registration which includes a closing dinner is \$100.00. Deadline is this Friday, October 15, 2021. Flyers are located in the Narthex and Side Vestibule.



20th Sunday after Pentecost Meditation on God's Word

Jesus' love for the defenseless — TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 7: 11-16

The Widow of Naim

In ancient times it was common for a city to be surrounded by a high wall (Josh. 2:15). The wall was designed to provide protection against wild animals, criminals, and foreign armies (Jer. 39:2). The city gate was also a place of business in Jewish cities. Jewish cemeteries were outside the city wall in order to avoid pollution by dead corpses (Josh. 8:29; Matt. 27:52-53). Therefore, it is not surprising that the dead man was being carried through the gate of the city. The Funeral — According to the ancient Jewish custom in Galilee, the parents of the dead person would walk in front of the funeral procession. The dead person would follow next, followed by friends and guests. Jewish custom required that the



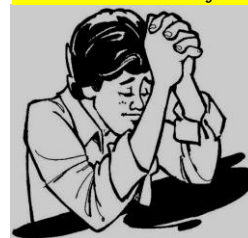
dead person be washed, have his or her nails clipped, his or her hair cut, be anointed, the body wrapped in linen cloth, and his or her eyes closed. In Galilee the mother would walk in front of the funeral procession with the other family members behind her. Then the dead body followed in a cedar coffin, if possible, which was carried on a bier. After the dead person, relatives, friends, and mourners followed. The Mishnah prohibited the bier from being put down on the ground (Mishnah. (Moed Qatan 3.8). It was customary for the mourners to accompany the body to the grave. **Jews did not cremate their dead, believing that cremation was a heathen practice.** We are told that a large crowd followed behind the dead man. He must have been loved by many. Two large crowds came together, one following Jesus and the one that was part of the funeral procession. When Jesus saw the woman in front of the funeral procession with no one behind her and before the coffin, Jesus instantly realized that the woman was a widow and responded with compassion.

October Respect-Life Month

2nd WEEK INTENTION OF REPECT LIFE MONTH:

Prayer for the Mentally Challenged

Heavenly Father, we have been created in the image of You. Help



us to see Your image more clearly and strongly in all creatures of Your love, and particularly in those which we describe as mentally challenged, though they are whole in Your sight, and have a place and purpose in Your divine plan for all mankind. Help us to enable them to fully participate in the abundant life which is Your will for all mankind In this may Your Name be blessed and glorified,

Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 15,22 & 29 (MR) The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary @ 6:30 p.m.
October 17 (NS) PAC/FAC Meeting following DL in Church
October 18 (MR) PAC/FAC Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
October 24 .. Deanery Freewill Pasta Dinner, St. Elias Church, Munhall, PA from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
October 31 Sunday of Christ the King.
November 2 General Election Day — Defend the most vulnerable – Cast a Pro-Life Vote.
Nov. 7 Eastern Standard Time (clocks FALL BACK) & Annual Moleben to our 4 saintly bishops.
November 8 Synaxis of St. Michael & All Angels (MR) 9:00 a.m.; (NS) 6:00 p.m.

Saint of the Week

Pope St. John XXIII — October 11

Pope John XXIII was born **Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli** on November 25, 1881 – June 3, 1963) and reigned as Pope from October 28, 1958 to his death in 1963 and was canonized on April 27, 2014. He was the fourth of fourteen children born to a family of sharecroppers who lived in a village in Lombardy. He was ordained to the priesthood on August 10, 1904 and served in a number of posts, including papal nuncio in France and a delegate to Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey. In a consistory on January 12, 1953 Pope Pius XII made Roncalli a cardinal as the Cardinal-Priest of Santa Prisca in addition to naming him as the Patriarch of Venice. Roncalli was elected pope on October 28, 1958 at age 76 after 11 ballots. His selection was unexpected, and Roncalli himself had come to Rome with a return train ticket to Venice. He was the first pope to take the pontifical name of "John" upon election in more than 500 years, and his choice settled the complicated question of official numbering attached to this papal name that arose because of the existence in the Middle Ages of an antipope of using the name. Pope John XXIII surprised those who expected him to be a caretaker pope by calling the historic Second Vatican Council (1962–1965), the first session opening on 11 October 1962. His passionate views on equality were summed up in his famous statement, **"We were all made in God's image, and thus, we are all Godly alike."** John XXIII made many passionate speeches during his pontificate, one of which was on the day that he opened the Second Vatican Council in the middle of the night to the crowd gathered in St. Peter's Square: **"Dear children, returning home, you will find children: give your children a hug and say: This is a hug from the Pope!"** Pope John XXIII did not live to see the Vatican Council to completion. He died of stomach cancer on June 3, 1963, four and a half years after his election and two months after the completion of his final and famed encyclical, *Pacem in Terris*. He was buried in the Vatican grottoes beneath Saint Peter's Basilica on June 6, 1963 and his cause for canonization was opened on November 18, 1965 by his successor, Pope Paul VI, who declared him a Servant of God. In addition to being named Venerable on December 20, 1999, he was beatified on September 3, 2000 by Pope John Paul II alongside Pope Pius IX and three others. Following his beatification, his body was moved on June 3, 2001 from its original place to the altar of Saint Jerome where it could be seen by the faithful. On July 5, 2013, Pope Francis – bypassing the traditionally required second miracle – declared John XXIII a saint, after unanimous agreement by a consistory, or meeting, of the College of Cardinals, based on the fact that **he was considered to have lived a virtuous, model lifestyle, and because of the good for the Church which had come from his having opened the Second Vatican Council.** He was canonized alongside Pope Saint John Paul II on April 27, 2014. John XXIII today is affectionately known as the "Good Pope" and in Italian, "il Papa buono". The Catholic Church celebrates his feast day not on the date of his death, but on **October 11 – the day of the first session of the Second Vatican Council.**



General Announcements

GCU NORTHWEST PITTSBURGH LODGE MEETING TODAY — Attention all members. I would like all members to attend a special virtual meeting **October 10, 2021 @ 2:00** to discuss a Christmas fundraiser. 1 (605) 472-5351, Access Code: 451303#. Steve Pulka will be sending literature via e-mail to everyone on his list. If you do not have an e-mail please contact Steve @ (412) 897-4650 for printed literature. Thank you, Tina Burns, president.

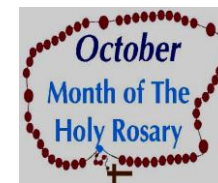
ARCHIEPARICHAL ST. NICHOLAS 50/50 RAFFLE — Since many will not be able to attend the 65th Annual St. Nicholas Celebration at the Cathedral and Cathedral Center on **Sunday,**



December 5, 2021, a minimal number of tickets (17) from GCU Headquarters have been sent to each parish in order to acquire additional capital for the Seminary. Very little profit is made from the dinner tickets themselves. To help subsidize this charity event, please support this worthy cause by purchasing a ticket. Each Parish is requested to sell at least 17 tickets. **They are**

\$10.00 and the first 3-digit number based on the Monday, **December 6, 2021** PA Daily Drawing at 7:00 p.m. Many prizes will be awarded. Tickets are now available.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY — At the request of several parishioners to honor Our Blessed Mother in this special month of October, the Rosary according to our Byzantine-Ruthenian (Rusyn) tradition will be prayed **each Friday throughout the month @ 6:30 p.m.** at our Parish in McKees Rocks. This sacred devotion has been a part of our Church since its founding over 100 years ago which our Founders and Benefactors brought with them from Carpathian Homeland. Come and join us as we pray for our Country & for the vanquishing of the coronavirus.



PITTSBURGH DEANERY CLERGY TO SERVE PASTA DINNER — The Priests and Deacons in



the Pittsburgh Deanery will be hosting a **FREE PASTA DINNER** at St. Elias Church, Munhall on **Sunday October 24, 2021** from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Clergy will be preparing and serving the dinner. A signup list is located in the Church. We must know how many to prepare for! The final day for registration is next Sunday, **October 17.** A freewill offering will be taken to pay for the supplies. Any remaining funds will be sent to the

Archieparchial Priests' Pension Plan.

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 7, 2021 @ 3:00 p.m.** For the past 35 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. The Archieparchial Choir will sing the responses. Please invite your friends! **Since we will host this event, you are asked to bake or purchase some cookies for the fellowship that follows.**

