

**Parish Offerings – Sunday of All Saints — June 12, 2022**

“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 .....	\$210.00
All Saints (\$1,264) YP (\$4) .....	1,268.00
Holy Days .....	540.00
Votive Candles .....	84.00
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	\$2,102.00

**Holy Ghost Church, Northside**

Regular Offering .....	\$160.00
All Saints (\$658) Holy Days (\$5).....	663.00
B.C.W. ....	14.00
Candles .....	29.50
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	\$866.50

**Church Attendance Last Week**

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

Sun., (MR) 9:00 a.m. (62); (NS) 11:00 a.m. (24)



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PITTSBURGH, PA 15212

**THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

1st Sunday of the Petrine Fast — Annual Father's Day  
June 19, 2022



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

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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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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.  
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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).

June 19, 2022

Seasonal Greeting

Volume XII, Number 25



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



## Liturgical Services for the Week

Date Time Intention Requested By

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Petrine Fast — Annual Father's Day

SUN., Jun 19	9:00 a.m. (MR) + Deceased Fathers of Both Parishes		
	11:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes		
<b>Federal Holiday — Juneteenth — Banks Closed &amp; No Postal Service</b>			
Mon, June 20	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mark A. Cifrulak		Cathy & Jack Securda
<b>The First Day of Summer begins at 5:13 a.m.</b>			
Tue, June 21	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Myrona + William Duggan		Theresa Kundrat
Wed, June 22	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Mary Sahayda (birthday 6/19)		Family
Thrs, June 23	8:00 a.m. (MR) + Andrew J. Drukalsky (3 <sup>rd</sup> ann. of passing 6/10)		Sister: Eleanor Masters

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

#### Commemoration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Lover of Mankind

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

Fri, Jun 24	9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes		
	6:00 p.m. (NS) + Evelyn (Sosnak) Vento		Anonymous

#### Final Day of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

#### Commemoration of the Most Pure Heart of the Theotokos & Ever-Virgin Mary

Sat, June 25	9:00 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes		
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Sunday anticipated Divine Liturgy of the Third Sunday after Pentecost			
	4:00 p.m. (MR) + Debra Anne Charochak		Nancy & Michael Ferrell

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> & Final Sunday of the Petrine Fast

SUN., Jun 26	9:00 a.m. (MR) + Christina Michalism		Husband: Wallace & Family
	11:00 a.m. (NS) + William (Bill) Gogal (wed ann)		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

Birthdays: Jun 19 – Eric Ruud; Jun 24 – Kristin Ruud, BRADLEY SPONTAK.

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

**HOME:** Margaret Beliunas, Florence Charochak, DEACON MICHAEL MEADERS, Ilona Goyda, TAMARA HARDING, Beverly Harsh, Dolores Kosko, Steve Kosko, ARLENE LATTA, KIRK LATTA, BETTY LORINC, Irene Muha, Kurt Perschy, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Dan Pikras, Lisa Plutto, Betty Spisak, Anita Wolsko, Nancy (Shanta) Wauthier.

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**ASHTON COMMONS** (551 Cooper St., Wexford, PA 15090): Irene Bordas.

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

**Q.** Is fighting a sin? **A. Answer by Catholic Answers:** It depends. If fighting is done out of aggression, especially for the purpose of seriously injuring another person, then it is a grave sine against the fifth commandment, "You shall not kill" (Ex 20:13; CCC 2258). This commandment refers not merely to killing but to any attempt to unjustly harm another person. (Note: Some modern translations of the Bible use the word "murder" instead of "kill" in this commandment. 'Murder' is actually a more literal translation of the original Hebrew.) Jesus taught that we should not try to "get even" for attacks on ourselves, even physical attacks, when they involve only ourselves and cause no serious harm. This is really what He meant by "turn the other cheek" (Mt 5:39; Lk 6:29). Jesus' command to "turn the other cheek" means that we should not start fights, and we should forgive people's offenses against us. It does not mean, though, that we have to be beaten up by a cruel aggressor. If attacks on others are also involved or there is a chance of injury to oneself, then the commandment "You shall not kill" does not apply (CCC 2265-65). We can defend ourselves and are obliged to protect others as best we can. We are to use only as much force as necessary to stop an aggressor.

## This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

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

### June 19 — June 25, 2022

(MR): In memory of Olga & Joseph Goyda

offered by Dgtr: Mary Ann

(NS): In memory of Agnes & Anthony Knoll

All reserved for 2022

offered by Dgtr: Leslie O'Donnell

(NS) All reserved for 2022





# General Announcements

## McKees Rocks

### HIGH-LIGHTED SUBJECT MATTERS DISCUSSED AT LAST WEEK'S PAC/FAC MEETING —



At the June 13, 2022 **Parish & Financial Advisory Councils Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.**, the following agenda was discussed:; (1) E.C.F. Religious Education announces the start of the 2022-2023 Program on the third Sunday of September 18, 2022; (2) Correcting and repairing masonry work which has cracked placing pressure on the outside basement entrance door facing the Church office buckled the metal door disabling it to open. Alex Restoration and Masonry Repair, New Castle, corrected the problem by installing 3 steel lenth beams relieving pressure enabling the door to open, and cementing the area. The total cost was \$5,582.20; (3) Handyman Alan S. Valeriano, Pittsburgh, remove and updated water and drain connections in the Rectory laundry room, installed a wall mount laundry tub, fastened the laundry dryer vent more securely, replaced leaking facet fixtures in the office vanity room, and kitchen. Total cost for parts and labor was \$2,823.15; (4) Church Bells to be repaired due to last year lightening surge by the White's Clock and Carillon Northeast Inc. Our insurance Company accepted the claim; (6) Upcoming inspection and repair of the Church Roof for possible water and mold problems by the McChesney Lucek Roofing LLC, McKees Rocks; and (5) Announcing a gathering of the *Church Volunteer Committee* to assist in cleaning the Church Library Area, removing all old kitchen refrigerators, and installing storage shelves.

**PARISH SEMINARIANS RECEIVE SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS** — Seminarian-Reader Luke Iyengar received a two months assignment from Archbishop Skurla. He will assist Fr. James Spontak of Saints Peter & Paul Church, Portage, PA with administrative duties from June 6 until August 8; Seminarian Nathaniel (Nate) Tapsak, recently joined our parish along with his fiancé, Natalia Wohar. Nate has been assigned by Archbishop Skurla to UPMC Shadyside to fulfill his Clinical Pastoral Assignment weekdays during the summer. He will be present at the Sunday Divine Liturgies. May God bless both Luke and Nate as they continue to discern their vocations to the priesthood.

**GATHERING FOR THE CHURCH VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE NEXT SUNDAY** — Two projects need attention and assistance at the Church. We ask that you meet in the Church Basement following the 9:00 a.m. Divine for a short meeting. It will entail setting a time for: (1) Cleaning of the Library area which has needed a long-awaited overhaul; and (2) discuss the possibility of a Church Picnic. If you like to join us, please be present.

## North Side

### HIGH-LIGHTED SUBJECT MATTERS DISCUSSED AT LAST WEEK'S PAC/FAC MEETING —



At the June 12, 2022 **Parish & Financial Advisory Councils Meeting, following last week's Divine Liturgy**, the following agenda was discussed:; (1) The bee habitation in the left front of the Church is no longer a problem. Following many attempts to have the bees humanely relocated, they always seemed to return thus keeping roofing companies to decline and inspect the internal leaking problem. We were left with no other alternative then to have them exterminated; (2) At the suggestion of the Triangle Roofing Company, the McChesney Lucek Roofing LLC, McKees Rocks; will inspect our roof

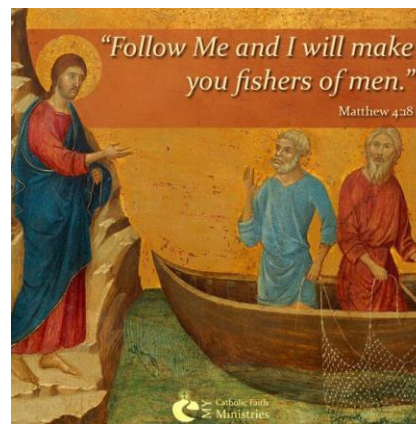
and initiate immediate repairs especially with flashing repair issues.

**As we 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 intention of prayer & abstinence for an increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and for all priests and monastics.**

# 2<sup>ND</sup> 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

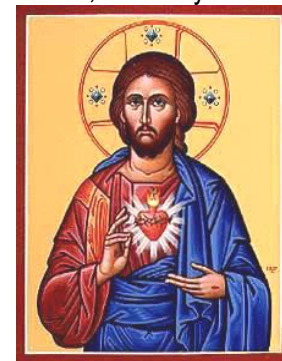


gospel read today at the Divine Liturgy tells of the calling of the first apostles. On the shore of Lake Galilee, Jesus sees Simon and Andrew fishing. He says to them: 'Follow me'. He wants to make them fishers of men. 'And they straightway left their nets, and followed him'. Further on Jesus meets James 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 Najsvjatijsho 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 24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist — (MR) 9:00 a.m. & (NS) 6:00 p.m.
June 28	Anticipated Holy Day of Obligation Vespereal Divine Liturgy (MR) 7:00 p.m.
June 29	<b>Holy Day of Obligation:</b> 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.
July 28	100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of GCU Byzantine Catholic Family Day, Kennywood Park.

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

Six months before his appearance in Nazareth to the All-holy Virgin Mary,



the great archangel of God, Gabriel appeared to Zachariah the high priest in the Temple at Jerusalem. Before he announced the miraculous conception to the unwed virgin [Mary], the archangel announced the miraculous conception to the childless old woman [Elizabeth]. Zachariah did not immediately believe the words of the herald of God and this is why his tongue was tied with dumbness and remained as such until eight days after the birth of John. On that day, the relatives of Zachariah and Elizabeth gathered for the young child's circumcision and for the sake of giving him a name. When they asked the father, what name he wishes to give to his son and being dumb, he wrote on a tablet: "John." At that moment his tongue became loosed and he began to

speak. The home of Zachariah was on the heights between Bethlehem and Hebron. The news of the appearance of the angel of God to Zachariah was spread throughout all of Israel, as well as of his dumbness and the loosening of his tongue at the moment when he wrote the name "John." The news concerning this even reached Herod. Therefore, when Herod sent soldiers to slay the children throughout Bethlehem, he directed men to the hilly dwelling place of the family of Zachariah to kill John also. However, Elizabeth promptly hid the child. Enraged, King Herod sent his executioners to Zachariah in the Temple to slay him (for it happened that it was Zachariah's turn again to serve in the Temple of Jerusalem). Zachariah was slain between the court and the temple and his blood coagulated and petrified on the stone pavers and remained a perpetual witness against Herod. Elizabeth hid with the child in a cave where she died soon after. The young child John remained in the wilderness alone under the care of God and God's angels.

## 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.*



**KENNYWOOD PARK: BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY** — The *100<sup>th</sup> Annual GCU & Byzantine Catholic Family Day* will be celebrated on **Thursday, July 28, 2022.** GCU is



offering prepaid discounted tickets to members, parishioners and guests. FunDay Tickets (ages 4-64): \$25.00; Senior FunDay Tickets (ages 65+): \$22.00; Catered Lunch (ages 11+): \$17.00; Junior Catered Lunch (ages 3-10): \$10.00. Lunch includes: Chicken Tenders (w/sauce), charbroiled hot dogs, mac-n-cheese, fresh fruit salad, assorted potato chips and cookies. *Deadline for these discounted tickets is JULY 11.* Details at [www.GCUusa.com](http://www.GCUusa.com). Order tickets online with a debit or credit card. You may also call 1 (800) 722-4428 ext. 3927 or email: [mkullen@GCUusa.com](mailto:mkullen@GCUusa.com). Local GCU Northwest Pittsburgh Lodge or Churches will not be handling tickets. Gates open at 11:00 a.m. until close. Come join in the fun and set the day aside.

**ACT & SUPPORT FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM COMMENCES THIS WEEK — DEFEND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY** — Catholic eparchies and dioceses across the Commonwealth are marking Religious Freedom Week which begins **June 22 and continues through June 29:** Let us stand up and learn, defend, proclaim the Truth of our Faith and by offering this prayer for Religious Freedom: **O God our Creator,**



**from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society. We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith. Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome — for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us — this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Amen."**