

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

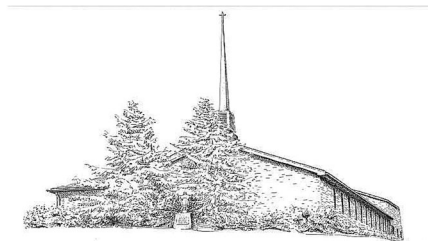
1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

*January 1, 2017*

Parish Office: 412-271-1515  
Fax: 412-271-1222

Website: [www.goodshepherdbraddock.org](http://www.goodshepherdbraddock.org)

Serving the Communities of Braddock, Braddock Hills, East Pittsburgh,  
North Braddock and Rankin.



## Good Shepherd Church

Braddock Avenue at Frazier Street  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust*

## Sacred Heart Church

1600 Brinton Road  
Braddock Hills PA 15221-4902

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM  
Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM

Weekday Mass: Monday—Thursday—9:00 AM  
Sunday: 11:00 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday at 3:00 PM at Good Shepherd Church or by appointment

### Parish Staff

Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor  
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty  
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (*micky52@comcast.net*)  
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager  
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance  
Sr. Judith Stojhovic

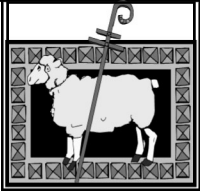
### Parish Telephone Numbers

Parish Office: .....412-271-1515  
Phone: ..... 412-351-3710  
Fax.....412-271-1222  
e-mail.....[gshepoffice@comcast.net](mailto:gshepoffice@comcast.net)  
East Catholic..... 412-351-5403  
School Fax:.....412-273-9114

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

- **Sacrament of Baptism:** Please call the Parish Office at 412-271-1515. Previous arrangements are necessary.
- **Instruction in the Faith:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) program is offered for those interested in the Catholic Faith. Contact the Parish Office at 412-271-1515.
- **Sacrament of Marriage:** The prospective bride & groom are to make arrangements with the priest at least six months prior to the Wedding. All couples are required to attend a marriage preparation class.
- **Parish Prayer Line:** Intentions may be placed on the Prayer Line by contacting Joanne at 412-271-8690 or email [tjsjrfhi3@verizon.net](mailto:tjsjrfhi3@verizon.net)

**We are an “On Mission for the Church Alive” Faith Community.**



January 1, 2017  
*From the Pastor's Desk*  
**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
 THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR:**

And what a year it is going to be this year. We are invited to work together to obtain all the information Bishop Zubik will need to help him decide the new parish formations that he will announce by March, 2018. I'm excited about the process. Bishop Zubik realizes that something needs to be done and has asked us to be proactive. You can always submit things yourself using the web site **OnMissionChurchAlive.org**. You can stay after mass on January 28 & 29 and join in a discussion. And you can talk to Alison Flora, John Jakiela or John and Mary Besseck at anytime to share thoughts. The five of us will meet occasionally and pass them on.

And let me encourage you to read the "On Mission" articles in the Pittsburgh Catholic. You can call the office to have it mailed to you or you can pick one up at church. "It's gonna happen" so the better you prepare and help prepare the better it's going to be. And by all means keep "On Mission" in your prayers.

**YOUNG ADULTS AGES 21-25:**

Bishop Zubik is inviting young adults ages 21-35 to join him on Thursday, January 5 from 5:00 to 8:30 PM at St. Paul Seminary. You can go to registration site and learn more at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/young-adults-on-mission-for-the-church-alive-tickets-29854896800?aff=erelexpmlt>.

**TALKING IN CHURCH:**

Many are asking me to say something about people talking in church before mass. Besides Church being a prayer space it is also a place where we gather socially. I think before mass it should be quiet as we prepare for our spiritual renewal and enhancement. After mass is a time to socialize and reconnect with friends and family. I prayerfully ask that you respect the fact that some come early to pray and prepare and deserve NOT to be distracted. Thank you.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you for the many prayers, cards and gifts you sent my way for my Birthday and Christmas. Since you were so good to me I can now go spend some time in Florida. Hopefully, I will sell our mobile home while there this time and I won't have to leave you here again while I'm there closing. Pray for me as I'll be praying for you.



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**ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!**

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us as we begin a New Year. Protect and guide us as we journey **ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!** Help us respond to the call to be the body of Christ and share our gifts in service to the Church. May we continue to learn more about plans to rejuvenate our parishes, schools and ministries, and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us. Visit [OnMissionChurchAlive.org](http://OnMissionChurchAlive.org) for prayer resources and sign up for e-mail updates.

**MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**JANUARY 7-8:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Kaczmarkski, J. Hojnacki, M. Colao, P. Humberson, D. Hrabley, T. McAdams, K. Carroll  
**Lector:** Mary Ann McClain  
**Servers:** Stephen & Daniel Yezovich

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Garritano, D & T Whyel, J. Strednak, M. Giulianelli, R. Russo, J. McLaughlin  
**Lector:** Gina Piccolino  
**Server:** Selah Corbett

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** N. Moucheron, C. Bakin, H. Sullivan, J. Barbusio, P. Fazio, Christine Suppes  
**Lector:** Rick Stamerra  
**Server:** Brianna Skladany

**JANUARY 14-15:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** A. Kostyak, M. Leicht, F. Szekely, J. Carleton, T. Schleifer, J. Kaczmarkski, J. Hojnacki  
**Lector:** Mary Ann McClain  
**Server:** Andrew Connelly

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** T & D Whyel, L & M Petri, B. McDonell, C. DiNinno, P. Koncerak  
**Lector:** Nick Russo  
**Server:** Christopher & Drew Yezovich

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas, K. Carroll, E. Foster, J & M Besseck  
**Lector:** Dorothy Danko  
**Server:** Olivia Joscak

**Please call a sub if you cannot be there or call Father Al at 412-812-5275 for last minute changes.**



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*Peace and Love,  
 Father Semler*

**PARISH OFFICE**

The Office is closed Monday, January 2nd and will reopen Tuesday, January 3rd.

**ENVELOPES FOR 2017:**

Your contribution envelopes are now at the Parish Office. You may pick them up Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM or call Micky for mailing arrangements.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Today is the feast of Mary, Mother of God. Like Mary may we always treasure the events in our life and reflect on them in our heart.

**Please remember to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in 2017 so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. May the peace and joy of the New Year be yours**

*St. Vincent de Paul Society Phone: 412-437-8370.*

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS**

The Grand Opening of our new **Thrift Store** in Swissvale recently took place. Come out for some great bargains, hidden treasures, and unique items while supporting our local families and individuals in need!

The Store address is **7402 Church Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218** (CVS Plaza on the corner of Church Street & Monongahela Avenue).

**PASSIONS**

We should employ our passions in the service of life, not spend life in the service of our passions.

—Richard Steele

**PRAYER FOR ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!**

**Father of Mercy,**

**As we journey On Mission for The Church Alive!,**

**Endow us with your gifts of**

**collaboration, courage and compassion.**

**Help us to fulfill the mission of Jesus and His Church through vibrant parishes and effective ministries.**

**Raise up selfless, energetic leaders to serve the Church in fidelity and with care.**

**May we, the Church of Pittsburgh**

**in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Greene,**

**Lawrence and Washington Counties,**

**be sustained and strengthened by your grace.**

**Help us to learn Jesus, to love Jesus and to live Jesus.**

**Hear this prayer and grant it through Jesus Christ our Lord, with the help of our dear Blessed Mother, under the mantle of her love, Amen**

***Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure***

**We have an early bulletin deadline so the collection for Christmas will be published in the January 8th Bulletin.**

**MONTHLY COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION**

The MCC for January will take place Wednesday, January 25th at 9:00 AM at Sacred Heart. Please send in your intentions by Monday, January 23rd.

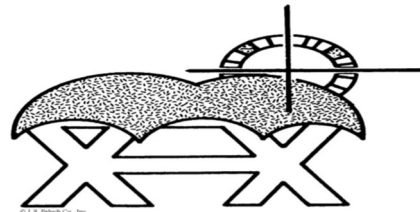
**2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

Statements of your contributions in 2016 will be mailed to **all** parishioners about the third week in January. Thank you for your generosity in your offerings this past year.

**LADIES OF CHARITY**

Our Ladies of Charity have joined together with Word of God Ladies of Charity. They have an ongoing project to help Woodland Hills School children. They are in need of specific items in case there is a problem while in school. They are especially in need of socks and underwear for small children up through Kindergarten.

You may leave them in the Gathering Spaces marked **Ladies of Charity**. The Ladies of Good Shepherd and Word of God thank you in advance for your donations. If you have questions, call Hope at 412-664-6260. You will be remembered in our prayers.



**Memorial Offering** Anyone who would like to have any or all of the gifts at our church celebrated in memory of a loved one, is now welcome to do so. Please fill out the form below and return to the parish office. You may request a particular week to have this offering. Dates requested will be scheduled on a first come/first served.

**Memorial Offering Request**

- Altar Breads (\$20.00)**
- Altar Candles (\$10.00)**
- Altar Wine (\$10.00)**
- Sanctuary Lamp (\$10.00)**
- Complete Offering (\$45.00)**
- Altar Flowers (\$50.00)**

In Memory of

From \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### **EAST CATHOLIC WALKING TOURS**

**Is your child ready to start Preschool or Kindergarten? Please join us at East Catholic School for a tour and see firsthand what we have to offer from pre-K through 8th grade. Registration is required for the walking tours. Call the school office at 412/351-5403 to register for a tour today!**

All tours are at 9:30am (\*unless otherwise indicated).

January: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 and Wednesday, January 25, 2017

February: Thursday, February 2, 2017 and Thursday, February 16, 2017

March: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 and \*Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 2 PM.

**\*Also join us for Preschool Storytime on Sunday, March 19, 2017.**

**\*This is a free special story, rhyme, song and craft program designed to entertain and engage young children. The program is designed to give children 2 ½ to 5 years old a positive introduction to books and the habit of reading. Registration is required. Call the school office at 412.351.5403 to register.**

**GOLF BASH** to be held at **St. Ferdinand Parish** on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Hey Golfers! Need new golf clubs to help lower your golf score? Then make plans to attend the Golf Bash at St. Ferdinand. The Golf Bash will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2017 from 11:30 am to 5:00 pm in Oldenski Hall. The donation is \$35 per person, which includes raffles for 20 great golf prizes (including 5 full sets of irons—see the link at [www.stferd.org](http://www.stferd.org) for a listing of all the prizes) and plenty of free food and draft beer during the day. There will also be additional golf raffles and cash raffles offered during the afternoon. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win, so even if you can't attend that day, you can still buy a ticket and be eligible to win some great new golf clubs. Tickets can be purchased at the Church Administrative Office located at 2535 Rochester Road, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066. For more information, contact Mark at 724-816-7299.

### **ST. ALOYSIUS TRAIN DISPLAY**

The Christian Mothers of St. Aloysius, 3616 Mt. Troy Road, Second Floor, Reserve Township, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 will present their annual Train Display Saturdays and Sundays now through January 15, 2017. The exception is December 31 & January 1. They are open on



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**Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:**

**1-888-808-1235**

**Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan**

# MASSSES for the WEEK



## Good Shepherd Parish January 1-8, 2017

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Lk 2:16-21)

GS: 4:00 PM John Hudak by Ed Stamerra

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Rita Taylor by Beverly Leszynski

### Monday-Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

(Jn 1:19-28)

SH: 9:00 AM Molina & Winger Families

by Camille Molina

### Tuesday-Christmas Weekday (Jn 1:29-34)

SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

### Wednesday-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Jn 1:35-42)

SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

### Thursday-St. John Neumann (Jn 1:43-51)

SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

### Friday-Christmas Weekday (Mk 1:7-11)

No Morning Mass

### Saturday-Christmas Weekday (Jn 2:1-11)

No Morning Mass

### Epiphany of the Lord (Mt 2:1-12)

GS: 4:00 PM Frannie Butela by Mom & Dad

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Sandee Melocchi & Leo Obecunis

by Family



### To Start a New Year

“A new year is unfolding—like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within.

Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good—with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others.

As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible—with your help and guidance.”

—Anonymous

# Happy New Year!

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**AND OUTSIDE TABS**  
**IN CYAN EVERY**  
**WEEK!!!**