

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

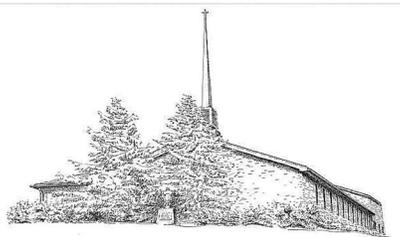
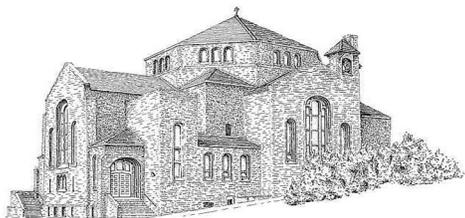
1024 Maple Way  
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*January 3, 2016*

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

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## 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

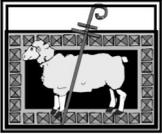
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor  
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty  
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary ([micky52@comcast.net](mailto:micky52@comcast.net))  
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager  
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance  
Sr. Judith Stojhovic

## 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

- **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)
- **New Parishioners are always welcome.** Call the Parish Office to register or to notify of a change of address.

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



January 3, 2016

*From the Pastor's Desk*  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR...AGAIN!**

Well, if you are reading this, it means you entered another New Year. I pray that the Lord will watch over and bless us. May He give us the help and guidance we need to keep Good Shepherd someplace special as we continue cooperating with our "On Mission for the Church Alive!" I hope you are reading our bulletin and Pittsburgh Catholic messages to keep abreast. If you want to be part of a Good Shepherd team that will gather "grass roots" information please call me or write me and I'll share with you the information you need to make a commitment.

As we think of last year a major moment was when Pope Francis visited our country and our state for the "Year of the Family" Conference. As we live and move through 2016 let us do all we can to strengthen our blood family, work family, friend family and church family. You may have others to add. Please know to strengthen and build up usually takes commitment and work. May we be ready and willing to meet the challenge. Now add the beautiful element of prayer. And as we hear often in scripture "and the Lord will provide."

**THE EPIPHANY:**

Today we celebrate the fact that three wise people embarked on a mysterious journey. They had sporadic knowledge but a "Fire in their belly" that inspired them to "seek and you shall find." This reminds me of a young man/woman who says "will you marry me?" and receives a "yes" response. They have a sporadic knowledge, a "Fire in the belly" and a huge dose of "HOPE." As life goes on they find out more about each other. As we know some don't make it.

BUT I now prefer to share my belief that those who work and pray together "make it." I am pleased to hear those stories of LOVE enduring and growing to 25, 30, 40, 50 and 60+ years. **Harry and Kay Lucas** have over 70 years of married life. Seeing this love and hearing their stories is my joy. Sharing their sorrow when one is called Home by God is a blessing I don't mind being a part of. So, I return to the above and pray that each of us can enjoy and improve the family we are all blessed to be a part of. Each of us should always remember "***I am not perfect and I should not expect anyone else to be perfect.***"

**THANK YOU!**

I want to thank you again for your kindness to me for Christmas. I appreciate your generosity.

**THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR**

The Little Sister have written to thank us for our Thanksgiving food drive to support their ministry. We are appreciated. They sent this little story which I am glad to share with you.

**A Perfect Little Sister Christmas**

My best Christmas gift arrived on Christmas eve when our Savior came to us in the person of a poor elderly man who had been found on the floor in his impoverished dwelling, terminally ill and with no one to care for him. This dear, holy man who loves Jesus so much is now comfy, clean, and happy as he prepares for his journey home to God. I feel so privileged to be his "Little Sister" and to be an instrument of the Lord's own love for him. I truly had a happy heart as I went to bed on Christmas eve.

—*Testimony of a Little Sister, Christmas 2014*

**PHONE**

We now have an answering system on our office phone. Unfortunately, it now rings 7 times before it answers. Due to our phone equipment, we don't know that it can be fixed to 4 rings. If you should have an emergency sick call, please call 412-829-8223 when the office is closed.

**THANK YOU CAROL:**

Carol started working at St. Michael in Braddock right after the Last Supper. I was just checking to see if you read this stuff. After taking time off to raise her children, she started back to work for Saint Michael and St. Thomas Churches in 1978. When our merger came about she became the Secretary for Good Shepherd and has faithfully and wonderfully done a great job. Beginning January 4th she will become part-time for which I am grateful. That means we have Micky and Frank as our only 2 full time employees. Carol and Steve will continue on as part-timers. Phyllis continues as part-time sacristan.

**MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**JANUARY 9-10:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Joe, C. Mirenzi, F. Szekely, M. Leicht, M. Colao, D. Hrabley, P. Humberson

**Lector:** Mary Ann McClain

**Server:** Andrew Connelly

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** T & D Whyel, Deacon Joe, J. McLaughlin, M. Garritano, J. Strednak, P. Koncerak, C. DiNinno

**Lector:** Jennifer Miller

**Servers:** Josh DiNinno

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Joe, P. Fazio, E. Foster, S. Szatkowski, K. Bitkowski, J. Barbusio

**Lector:** Carolyn Bakin

**Server:** M. Nash

*Peace and Love,  
Fr. Semler*

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**

Members of Council will meet on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. Please call the Parish Office if you cannot attend.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

Beginning in January, 2016 the rosary will be recited before Mass and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed on Wednesdays after Mass.

**CORRECTION**

So sorry for the error in Herb's address. Everything was correct except for the state and hopefully everyone knows he's in OHIO.

**Mr. Herbert Dillahunt**  
5730 Great Northern Boulevard, I-1  
North Olmsted, OH 44070

**ARE YOU REGISTERED?** All Catholics need a place of worship to call "home." If you regularly worship with us but are not registered now is the time to make it official. Please complete a confidential census form which is in the Gathering Space and return it to the office. Please call the office at 412-271-1515 if you have any questions.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Thanks to all who gave donations for flowers.

Additional donations:

**In Memory of Ryan Sullivan**  
**In Memory of Mary Halko Sorokacs, Halko Family,**  
**and Sorokacs Family**  
**M/M Amedeo Viselli**  
**Edward Buby**

**All MCCs in 2016 will be held on the last Wednesday of the month unless otherwise stated in the bulletin.** Intentions for January should be turned in by Wednesday, January 20th for the Mass on January 27th.

**EAST CATHOLIC GALA**

We are again planning to have our **East Catholic Gala** this school year. Please save the date of Saturday, February 27, 2016 for an evening of fun, great prizes, and good food and dancing. It will be held at Stratigos Banquet Facility. This is an over 21 event. Ticket price is \$85.00 per person and they are now on sale. Included in the price are: hors d'oeuvres and sit down dinner, complimentary beer and wine table, music and dancing, featuring "The Soul Searchers" with Father John.

There will also be live and silent auctions, games of chance and \$1,000 raffle and ten \$100 prizes. Any questions, please contact: Amie & Kenny Cooley at 412-260-2989, or you may email them to **amie4dance@msn.com**, or Laurie & Lou Del Rosso, 412-841-8767 or email **ldelrosso3@gmail.com**

**Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure**  
**Collections for December 20, 27 and January 3**  
**will be published in the January 10th Bulletin.**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

**In the spirit of the Magi, give a gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.**

**St. Vincent de Paul phone: 412-437-8370**

**EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL WALKING TOURS**  
**for the 2016-2017 School Year**

Choosing the right school for your child is a very intuitive decision. Many parents say that they just know in their gut, while touring a school, which school environment is the best fit for them and their child.

The school tours are conducted during school hours. This will allow parents to observe the children in the classroom, learn about the programs, meet our teachers and find out more about the East Catholic School philosophy. Tours include classroom observation as well as a guided tour of the facility. Parents will receive an application with additional information for them to consider.

To sign up for a tour: Contact the School Office between 8:30 am and 2:00 pm at 412-351-5403.

**East Catholic School Walking Tour Dates are as follows: January 6 and 20 at 9:30 am, January 31 2016 Open House, February 9 and 23 at 9:30 am and March 2 at 9:30 am. A special tour will be on Sunday March 13, 2016 ( at Story Time) scheduled for 2:00 pm.**

**MEMORIAL OFFERING**

Anyone who would like to have any or all of the gifts at our church celebrated in memory of a love one, is 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 basis.

**Memorial Offering Request**

I would like to offer:

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

Altar Flowers (\$50.00) please call the Parish Office.

**In Memory of**

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**From** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\***  
**2016 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**

**If you haven't picked up your contribution envelopes for the new year, they will be at the Parish Office. You may pick them up at the office or you can let us know to take them to Good Shepherd Church or Sacred Heart Church.**

**ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH TRAIN DISPLAY**

The Christian Mothers of St. Aloysius is sponsoring a Train Display on Saturday, January 9 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and on Sunday, January 10 from 12:00 Noon till 4:00 PM. St. Aloysius is located at 3616 Mt. Troy Road, Second Floor, Reserve Township, Pittsburgh, PA. 15212. Free Admission...donations appreciated.

**YEAR OF MERCY**

***Merciful Like the Father***

On April 11, 2015, Pope Francis announced "an extraordinary jubilee, a Holy Year of Mercy that is to have God's mercy at its center" (Miserecordiae Vultus). He wants us to live this Holy Year in the light of Jesus' words: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). Thus *Merciful like the Father* is the motto of this Holy Year. Our task is to contemplate, imitate and adopt God's mercy as our lifestyle.

The Holy Year began December 8, 2015 on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which recalls God's merciful actions from the very beginning of mankind's history to draw us all back into the right relationship with God and others that was lost because of sin. When faced with the gravity of sin, God responds with the fullness of mercy, which will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive.

***Jesus Reveals God's Mercy***

Jesus is the face of the Father's mercy and reveals God as a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy. Jesus affirms that mercy is not only God's action, but as God's children we are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us. Pardoning offences becomes the clearest expression of merciful love, and for us Christians it is an imperative from which we cannot excuse ourselves. In mercy, we find proof of how God loves us. God gives his entire self, always, freely, asking nothing in return.

***A Year of Grace***

Pope Francis desires that this Jubilee Year "will be steeped in mercy, an extraordinary time of grace, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God! May the balm of mercy reach everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the kingdom of God is already present in our midst!"

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**1-888-808-1235**

**Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan**



Good Shepherd Parish  
January 3-10, 2016

The Epiphany of the Lord (Mt 2:1-12)  
GS: 4:00 PM Helen Martincevic  
by Joe & Ruth Punturi  
GS: 9:00 AM Wendy Petrocelli & Phyllis Rosen  
by Paul & Abi Petrocelli  
SH: 11:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

Monday-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Mt 4:12-17,23-25)  
SH: 9:00 AM Deceased Members of Molina Family  
by Camille Molina

Tuesday-St. John Neumann (Mk 6:34-44)  
SH: 9:00 AM Mary Halko Sorokacs  
by Michael Sorokacs

Wednesday-Christmas Weekday (Mk 6:45-52)  
SH: 9:00 AM Frannie Butela by Mom and Dad

Thursday-Christmas Weekday (Lk 4:14-22a)  
SH: 9:00 AM Sandee Melocchi by Family

Friday-Christmas Weekday (Lk 5:12-16)  
No Morning Mass

Saturday-Christmas Weekday (Jn 3:22-30)  
No Morning Mass

The Baptism of the Lord (Lk 3:15-16, 21-22)  
GS: 4:00 PM John Joscak by Joseph Family  
GS: 9:00 AM Tom Leicht, Sr. by Margie Leicht  
SH: 11:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

***Rest In Peace***

*In your charity, we remember all those  
who have died, especially: **Joseph Leopold.**  
May the angels lead you into paradise*

**ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!**

***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***

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