

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

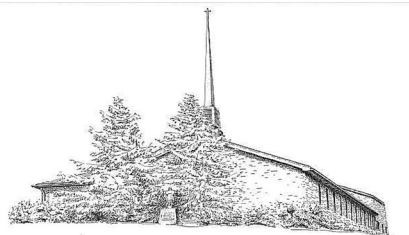
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

January 7, 2018

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

Website: 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

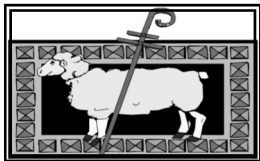
Parish Telephone Numbers

Parish Office:412-271-1515
Phone: 412-351-3710
Fax.....412-271-1222
e-mail.....gshepoffice@comcast.net
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

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



January 7, 2018
From the Pastor's Desk
THE EPIPHANY OF
THE LORD

EPIPHANY 2018:

How about that...it is a new year. Epiphany is the first big feast of 2018 and it's a good one as it celebrates the manifestation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to the whole world. All nations are invited to celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ. Try to be an Epiphany person this week and share your faith story with someone else.

SECOND COLLECTION:

In two weeks we will have a second collection for the children of St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech.

St. Anthony School Programs offer an inclusive education to children with intellectual disabilities and Autism. DePaul School for Hearing and Speech teaches children who are deaf or hard of hearing to listen, speak, and learn. Both programs empower students to become active members of their respective communities. This collection provides vital funds to continue our missions and ministry.

With our support, I am confident that God will continue to work through these programs to help our students succeed and allow us to continue to reach out to families within the Diocese who are in need of these services. Thank you for giving as you are able.

THE GALA:

The Gala is the major fund raising event for our school, East Catholic. Here are the details:

- It will be held at the Doubletree by the Hilton in Monroeville.
- Complementary cheese & crackers hors d' oeuvres
- Sit down dinner at a reserved table
- Music and Dancing
- Live and silent auctions
- Cash giveaways
- Price per ticket is \$75.00

You can help by taking an ad, providing a "basket" valued at \$50.00 or more, buying a ticket—get a group together or get a table of 10. Carol or I can help.

CHURCH ENVELOPES:

If you did not pick up your church envelopes for 2018, you can do so at the office.

**UPDATE FROM THE PITTSBURGH REGIONAL
 CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
 ADVISORY BOARD**

The Pittsburgh-East Regional Catholic Elementary Schools Advisory Board continues to review the financial and demographic situations of the schools in the region. Members of the advisory board, together with the regional vicars, will be meeting with pastors and principals of the schools through February. Over the coming months the advisory board will prepare their recommendations for how regionalization should proceed. We will continue to provide updates as their work progresses.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

JANUARY 13-14:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kostyak, P. Humberson, D. Hrabley, J. Hojnacki, J & M Besseck, J. Carleton
Lector: Theodore Schleifer
Server: Stephen & Daniel Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Garritano, P. Koncerak, T & D Whyel, M. Giulianelli, J. McLaughlin, B. McDonell
Lector: Nick Russo
Server: Josh DiNinno

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas, E. Foster, P. Fazio, C. Bakin, R. Stamerra
Lector: Dr. Chester Chorazy
Server: Brianna Skladany

JANUARY 20-21:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, M. Leicht, T. Schleifer, D. Trasoline, M. Colao, T. McAdams, P. Koncerak
Lector: Angelina Hornick
Server: Andy Connelly

9:00 AM

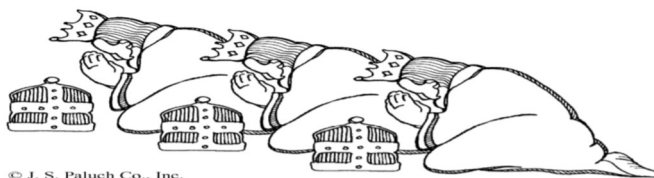
Eucharistic Ministers: Christine Suppes, J. Corbett, T & D Whyel, L. Petri, J. Strednak, B. McDonell
Lector: Mark Petri
Server: Selah Corbett

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: N. Moucheron, K. Carroll, J. Barbusio, S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas, E. Foster
Lector: Carolyn Bakin
Server: Olivia Joscak

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

*Peace and Love,
 Fr. Semler*



WALKING TOURS AT EAST CATHOLIC

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! **Current scheduled tour:** Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 9:30 AM.

Catholic Schools Week Open House
Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 1—3 PM
No registration required for open house.

SAINT 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, please give a gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Ladies of Charity will not meet in January or February.

Save the date: Our next **bingo** will be held on Sunday, February 11th at Sacred Heart Hall. Let all of your friends know and plan to be there to enjoy the afternoon.

Pre Cana will be held Sunday, March 11.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you gave a donation for flowers and your name was not included in our flier last week, please call the office and let us know. We will publish it in a future bulletin along with any donations that came in after the flier was published.



Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

*We're sending bulletins in early
so we will catch up on all of the
collections as soon as possible.*

Thank you for your generosity

CATHOLIC MAN OF THE MONTH July, 2017

Blessed Andrew of Phu Yen
(1625-1644)

Andrew was born in the kingdom of Annam (part of present-day Vietnam) in 1625. His father died when he was an infant, and he was raised as the youngest child of a Christian woman named Joanne. A French Jesuit, Father Alexandre de Rhodes, baptized the entire family, including 15 year old Andrew, in 1641.

Andrew, who possessed keen intelligence yet fragile health, soon became a student of Father de Rhodes. The young man's spiritual and intellectual life blossomed as he collaborated in the missionary activity of the Jesuits, who often remained in hiding or sought refuge in Christian homes. Within two years, Andrew joined Maison Dieu (House of God), a community of catechists whose members vowed to serve the Church for life.

In 1644, angered by the growing number of converts and the Catholic teaching against polygamy, the king of Annam ordered all priests to be banished and all Christians severely punished. Soldiers apprehended Andrew and had him beaten, bound and brought to the governor's palace.

On July 25, the king's envoy attempted to make Andrew give up "that foolish opinion of his" and renounce his faith. In reply, Andrew said that he was willing to suffer anything for his love of Christ, adding, "I wish I had a thousand lives to offer God in thanksgiving for what he has done for me."

The next day, Andrew was sentenced to death. Many followed the procession to the place of execution, non-believers and Christians alike, including Father de Rhodes. Serene and joyful, Andrew told them not to be distressed by his death but to pray that he remain faithful to the end. Beheaded by a scimitar, his last word was "Jesus!" Pope John Paul II beatified Andrew of Phu Yen in 2000.

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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

SUMMER PROGRAM FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH

-- Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, will host the 8th annual Faith and Reason summer program from Sunday, June 10 to Friday, June 15, 2018. Students age 15 and older are invited to apply for admission to the program which introduces young minds to the rich intellectual tradition of the Roman Catholic faith and is designed to prepare students for college-level education. Housing in a college residence hall and three daily meals in the college dining hall are included in the cost (\$495). Limited scholarship funding is available. Further information is available by contacting Dr. Michael Krom at 724-805-2844 or michael.krom@stvincent.edu. Students may register online at www.stvincent.edu/faithandreason.

“A JIMMY BUFFETT CONCERT”-- You are invited to escape to Margaretville as Tom Watt, Buffettman, presents a Jimmy Buffet Concert January 20 at 6:00 pm in Oldenski Hall. A sit down dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. You will enjoy delicious beef and chicken kabobs, potato, vegetable, roll, salad, dessert and beer and soft drinks. Tickets are \$35.00. Other drinks and snacks available for purchase. To order tickets, enclose a check payable to the Knights of Columbus, and bring to St. Ferdinand Parish Office or mail to: St. Ferdinand Parish, 2535 Rochester Road, Cranberry Twp. PA 16066. Include your phone number and number of tickets with your check. For additional information, call 724.816.0813.

WINTER DANCE- “Frost on the Shamrock”

Saturday, January 13, 7:00—11:00 PM

Andy Cooney and his Band will play at the Acme Club, 230 Herron Avenue Avenue, Cheswick, PA. Tickets are \$25/can be purchased in advance or at the door. Sponsored by the All Ireland Athletic Club. For info or to hold your tickets at the door, please contact Jim Guay at 412-367-0696 or email jguaybest@comcast.net

AUTHENTIC HAPPINESS: A High School Silent

Retreat Father Mike Ackerman will lead this retreat for high school men, February 3-4 at Martina Spiritual Renewal Center. It will include Mass, adoration, dynamic talks, and solid brotherhood. No cost. To register, visit PGHPriest.com by January 22.

****SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

COLLECTION BIN**

There is a blue St Vincent de Paul donation bin at Sacred Heart grounds. This bin is **ONLY for clothing and shoes**. Thank you for your support of our thrift stores!

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
January 7-14, 2018



The Epiphany of the Lord (Lk 2:22-40)
GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
GS: 9:00 AM Frannie Butela by Mom and Dad
SH: 11:00 AM Sandee Melocchi & Leo Obecunis
by Betty Obecunis

Monday-Baptism of the Lord (Mk 1:7-11)
SH: 7:00 AM Anna Melko by Matt & Theresa Gura
Tuesday-Weekday (Mk 1:21-28)
SH: 7:00 AM Richard Zula by Zula Family
Wednesday-Weekday (Mk 1:29-39)
SH: 7:00 AM Michael Sorokacs by Family
Thursday-Weekday (Mk 1:40-45)
SH: 7:00 AM Frances Mehalic
by Bob & Helen McDonell

Friday-Weekday (Mk 2:1-12)
SH: 7:00 AM Joseph Napolitano
by Anna Marie & Kevin Shields

Saturday-Weekday (Mk 2:13-17)
No Morning Mass

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jn 1:35-42)
GS: 4:00 PM Mike Lovas by Cel Lovis
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
SH: 11:00 AM William Sullivan
by M/M Andrew Skladany

CATHOLIC SINGLES, 21 & OVER

The Catholic Alumni Club offers a variety of social opportunities including league athletics, parties, picnics, dances, dinners, hiking, volleyball, scripture study, trips, etc. For information, check out www.capittsburgh.org.

YOUNG ADULTS & SINGLES OF ALL AGES:

Check out Catholicthrive.com.



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