

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

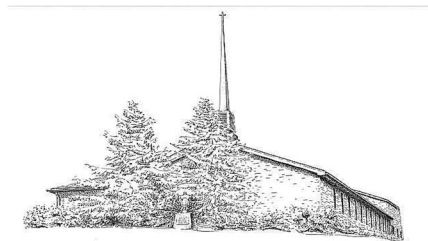
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

January 8, 2017

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

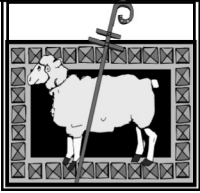
Parish Telephone Numbers

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 8, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

THE THREE KINGS:

What do I and the three kings have in common? I'll give you a minute to contemplate your answer. If you came up with the right answer you're allowed a second dessert tonight at dinner. Ding, Ding, Ding! The answer is: *We all traveled afar.* They did better than me though because they visited Jesus. I only got to go to Florida. By the way, it's nice down here and vacationing is always nice. Let's keep praying for each other.

THE MESSAGE:

One gets many messages and greetings during their Birthday and Christmas Season. One birthday card had this quote from Deuteronomy: "Rejoice! Celebrate all the good things that God, your God has given you (Duet 26:11). The Message. This reminds me of Emmanuel, God is with us. Which helps me recall that saying I quote now and then on a plaque on the wall at St. Paul retreat house on the South Side of Pittsburgh which reads "One with God is a sure majority." When times get tough it would be good and comforting to remember these thoughts. When times are good remember to say "THANKS."

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The Pittsburgh Diocese is home to two nationally recognized education programs for children with special needs: St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech (formerly known as The DePaul Institute). A special collection to benefit these two organizations will be taken the weekend of January 14-15, 2017 at all masses at each parish.

Your donation will help St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech to further their goals of providing quality educational programs and services to their students. Your support is critical. Your generosity will help these organizations forever improve the lives of their students and families.

THANKS AGAIN:

I need to once again this year say "Thanks Again" for your kindness to me surrounding my birthday and Christmas. The goodies, gifts and prayers will keep me going for sure. May God continue to bless each one of you as He surely has blessed me.



ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

God seeks to reveal his Love, Hope and Peace, if we only watch, listen and respond. *ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!* is an opportunity to heed the call to grow the Church and provide more vibrant worship, effective ministries and community outreach. As the consultation process continues, get engaged through the web site OnMissionChurchAlive.org and sign up for e-mail updates.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

JANUARY 14-15:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kostyak, M. Leicht, F. Szekely, J. Carleton, T. Schleifer, J. Kaczmarek, 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

JANUARY 21-22:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Colao, P. Humberson, D. Hrabley, F. Szekely, J & M Besseck, J. Carleton

Lector: Angelina Hornick

Servers: Stephen & Daniel Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Leicht, C. DiNinno, P. Koncerak, J. Strednak, M. Giulianelli, B. McDonell, R. Russo

Lector: Jeff McLaughlin

Server: Josh DiNinno

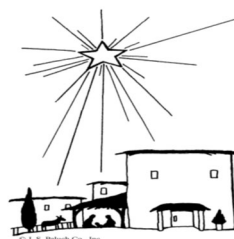
11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: H. Sullivan, M. Garritano, C. Mirenzi, J. Barbusio, P. Fazio, N. Moucheron

Lector: Ken Bitkowski

Server: Brianna Skladany

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



*Peace and Love,
Father Semler*

ATTENTION SENIOR CITIZENS

Our seniors will **NOT** hold a board meeting or general meeting in the month of January.

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who took an ornament from the Giving Tree. Your generosity helped to make it a blessed and joyous Christmas for the children of Good Shepherd Parish. The kindness and generosity shown by our parishioners help us to continue to make the Giving Tree a success.

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).

TRUE HAPPINESS

Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God, and in this way you will become truly happy. —Blessed Henry Suso

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.

ADDITIONAL FLOWER DONATIONS

**Edward (Jim) Buby
Vincent Dougherty
Louise M. Gambino**

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.

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

St Bernadette Parish, 245 Azalea Drive, Monroville, PA 15146, will sponsor **Protecting God’s Children** Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017 – held in Biedenbach Hall (lower level of church building). Contact: Marlene Kopper – 412-373-1797 or you may email her at mvkopper@stbrnadet.org

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 _____

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

<u>Sunday, December 25th:</u>	\$ 7,186.00
Parishioners receiving env.: 652	env used: 286
Loose Offertory:	\$947.00
Christmas Offering: \$6,913.00	env used: 261
Christmas Charities: \$1,789.00	env used: 117
Loose Christmas Charities:	\$472.00
Votive:	\$206.00
<u>Sunday, January 1st:</u>	\$3,666.00
Loose Offertory:	\$337.00
Holyday Offering:	\$2,150.00
Monthly Offering:	\$633.00
Loose Monthly Collection:	\$112.00
Votive:	\$199.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CONFIRMATION:

Our Confirmation this year will include all 6 parishes that support East Catholic School. The number of candidates of each parish made this decision a good one for all of us. Our date for Confirmation will be Monday, April 24, 2017 at St. Maurice Church at 7:00 PM. Bishop William Waltersheid will be the Confirming Bishop. If you have a child to be confirmed this year please call Father Al at the Parish Office.

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.**

PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC NEWS

Catholic Schools:

“Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service,” is the theme of the 2017 National Catholic Schools Week, to be celebrated January 29-February 4, 2017. The *Pittsburgh Catholic Newspaper* will mark this occasion with a supplement to the January 20th issue, which will focus on Catholic school students and programs in the Diocese.

National College Fair:

High School age students and their parents and guardians will want to take home a copy of the January 27th issue of the *Pittsburgh Catholic Newspaper*, which will contain a supplement on colleges and universities. Supplement is produced in conjunction with the National College Fair, to be held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Downtown Pittsburgh February 9-10, 2017.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK



Good Shepherd Parish January 8-15, 2017

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

Monday-The Baptism of the Lord (Mt 3:13-17)

SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

Tuesday-Weekday (Mk 1:21-28)

SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday-Weekday (Mk 1:29-39)

SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday-Weekday (Mk 1:40-45)

SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

Friday-Weekday (Mk 2:1-12)

No Morning Mass

Saturday-Weekday (Mk 2:13-17)

No Morning Mass

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jn 1:29-34)

GS: 4:00 PM Mary Alice Laird
by Stephanie Vucic Venturella

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Ricky Foster by Marie Branzel

Rest In Peace

*In your charity, we remember all those
who have died, especially: Elizabeth McCambridge,
James Holub, and James Ward.
May the angels lead you into paradise.*

EPIPHANY

Solemn things of mystic meaning:

Incense doth the God disclose;

Gold a royal Child proclaimeth;

Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.

—Roman Breviary, Epiphany; Prudentius, fourth century



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AND OUTSIDE TABS
IN CYAN EVERY
WEEK!!!