

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

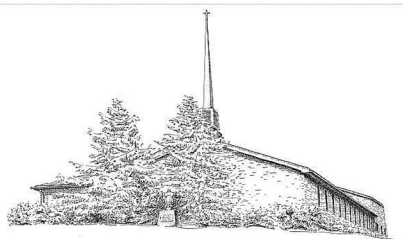
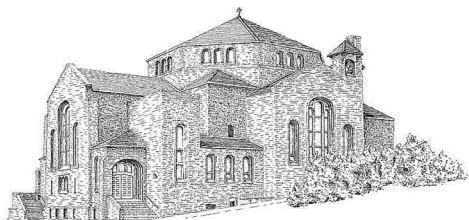
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

January 10, 2016

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

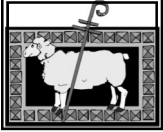
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (*micky52@comcast.net*)
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance
Sr. Judith Stojhovic

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

- **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
- **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 10, 2016

From the Pastor's Desk
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord when Jesus was revealed to the whole world as He was baptized by John the Baptist. God the Father says **"Listen to Him."** This **"listening"** is not only done by **"ears"** but also by **actions and heart**. It invites us to a **"total listening."** Let us be up to the task.

MONTHLY COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

Our custom here at Good Shepherd is to remember our faithful departed who have died during the previous month up to the closing date which is announced in the bulletin. We also pray for other living and deceased who have asked to be included. Beginning on Wednesday, January 27th, this will now be the intention for this Mass, **"For the Living and Deceased"** on our MCC Mass list for January. You may call the Office to see how your loved one can be included. Arrangements must be made by Wednesday, January 20th for this month's MCC Mass.

THANK YOU!

Now that all the **"advance deadlines"** for the bulletin are finished we are back to **"normally"** scheduled bulletins. So now I can say **THANK YOU** for all the kind words, cards, prayers and gifts I've received surrounding Christmas and my 75th birthday. I wish I could send Thank You notes but this will have to do again. I also thank God that he has given me the health I need to continue to serve you. I love it and enjoy it.

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.

SAINT ANTHONY SCHOOL & DePAUL SCHOOL

The Pittsburgh Diocese is home to two nationally recognized educational programs for children with special needs: St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech (formerly DePaul Institute). ***A special collection to benefit these two organizations will be taken next weekend, January 16-17.***

St. Anthony School Programs provides Catholic special education to children with development delays and autism in five elementary/intermediate classrooms, two secondary classrooms and one college-age program located on the campuses of Duquesne University with training sites at the University of Pittsburgh and Carlow University for qualified post-secondary students.

DePaul School for Hearing and Speech provides Listening and Spoken Language education to children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Without the use of sign language, DePaul students learn to listen and speak and successfully transition to their neighborhood schools alongside their peers with typical hearing.

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.**

MINISTER SCHEDULE

JANUARY 16-17:

4:00 PM

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

Lector: Kathy Mireni

Server: Steve Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: T & D Whyel, M & L Petri, J. McLaughlin, R. McDonell, M. Giulianelli

Lector: Gina Piccolino

Servers: Julia Piccolino, Selah Corbett

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: J & M Besseck, C. Bakin, J. Kondas, R. Stamerra, K. Carroll

Lector: Dorothy Danko

Server: Brianna Skladany

JANUARY 23-24:

4:00 PM

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

Lector: Angie Hornick

Server: Andrew Connelly

9:00 AM

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

Lector: Jeff McLaughlin

Servers: Josh DiNinno

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Mireni, H. Sullivan, M. Garritano, J. Barbusio, S. Szatkowski, N. Moucheron

Lector: Paulette Fazio

Server: Michael Nash



*Peace and Love,
Fr. Semler*

JANUARY MEETINGS

There are **NO** meetings scheduled for the **Women's Guild, Senior Citizens, Ladies of Charity and Men's Club** for the month of January, 2016.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The rosary is recited before Mass and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed on Wednesdays after Mass.

GOOD SHEPHERD SINGERS

Our choir practices every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the choir is very welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Thanks to all who gave donations for flowers.

Additional donations:

Robert & Susan Csukas

Florence Slonceski

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.

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, December 20th: \$6,487.00

Parishioners receiving env: 652 env used: 297

Loose Offertory: \$294.00

Votive: \$182.00

Christmas, December 25th: \$10,564.00

Parishioners receiving env.: 652 Env used: 360

Loose Offertory: \$955.00

Christmas Charities: \$2,681.00 Env used: 169

Loose Christmas Charities: \$420.00

Sunday, December 27th: \$5,427.00

Parishioners receiving env: 652 Env used: 287

Loose Offertory: \$293.00

Votive: \$332.00

Holyday, January 1, 2016: \$ 2,133.00

Parishioners receiving env: 652 Env used: 360

Loose Offertory: \$233.00

Sunday, January 3, 2016: \$6,896.00

Parishioners receiving env: 652 Env used: 292

Loose Offertory: \$230.00

Monthly Offering: \$830.00 Env used: 66

Votive: \$255.00

May God bless your generosity!

MAKE UP PICTURE DAY

We'll have a make-up day for the Picture Directory on Wednesday, January 13th from 2:00 to 9:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. Please call Theodore Schleifer at 724-977-3833 to schedule an appointment for that day.

****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. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.**" As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words "you are my beloved in whom I am well pleased."

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

MAGNIFICAT PRAYER BREAKFAST

Ladies, you are invited to the Magnificat Pittsburgh Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 6 from 9:00 AM to Noon at the Marriott in Cranberry Twp. Hear speaker Lisa Mladinich share her journey from a new York City actress who became bitter at God and left the church, to unexpected encounters and a dramatic conversion, which led her back to her faith, and to healing and reconciliation with God. Come and hear her fantastic story of a broken life made whole through the sacraments and the Holy Rosary. Cost of the breakfast is \$20. To register, please call Kay at 724-772-6749 or Pam at 412-461-8906, or you may go online to www.magnificatpittsburgh.org. Registration deadline is January 29th.

FREE STORY TIME SESSION at East Catholic

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 is the next "Perfect for Preschoolers Story-time" at East Catholic School, 2001 Ardmore Blvd., Forest Hills, PA 15221. This is a free story, rhyme, song and craft program designed to entertain and engage young children. The program is designed to provide a positive introduction to books and the habit of reading for children 2 ½ to 5 years old. Each program features appealing books, favorite stories, and lively activities. The theme of this Story-time is "Snowmen." There will be one session from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. We invite all children, along with their parent or guardian, to come and visit Story time at East Catholic Library. Registration is required by calling the East Catholic School Office (412-351-5403) during school hours (8:30 am until 2:00 pm). **Final date for registration is Monday, January 11, 2015.**

Join us for some "Snowmen" fun! East Catholic follows Woodland Hills School District Weather cancellation.

***DOES YOUR MARRIAGE NEED A
RE-BIRTH?***

Begin the New Year by making a new effort to renew your marriage. Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 15, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information:

at <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/>

STORY TELLING EVENT by Father Richard Infante on his book: **LAST PRIEST STANDING**; at 7:00 PM on Thursday, Jan. 21 in Church Hall of Sacred Heart Church in Emsworth, 154 Orchard Ave, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15202. Free and open to the public.

***Registration opens Friday for
DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH WOMEN ALIVE!
In God's Mercy Conference***

Starting this Friday, January 15, Catholic women can register for the 2016 conference at womenalive-pgh.eventbrite.com. This day of renewal on Saturday, April 16, at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School in Cranberry Township will include dynamic speakers such as Helen Alvaré, a George Mason University law professor and founder of **WomenSpeak-forThemselves.com**, Sr. Rosemary Nyirumbe, a CNN hero award winner and director of Saint Monica School in Gulu, Uganda, and Rebecca Dussault, a 2006 Winter Olympian, 2010 World Champion, wife, and mother. The day also features Mass with Bishop Zubik and the Sacrament of reconciliation. Cost is \$45 and free transportation will be available from 12 locations throughout the Diocese. For more information, visit womenalive-pgh.org or follow Women Alive Pittsburgh! on social media.

PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC NEWS

COLLAGE FAIR: High School Juniors and Seniors and their parents will want to look for the January 15th issue. It will contain a supplement focusing on the National Collage Fair, which includes informative articles on colleges, universities and trade schools.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: Be sure to read the January 22nd issue to check out the special supplement in observance of Catholic Schools Week. Find out what's happening in Catholic Schools here and across the country.

TEMPER AND PRIDE

Temper is what gets most of us into trouble. Pride is what keeps us there. —Anonymous

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:
1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
January 10-17, 2016

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

Monday-Weekday (Mk 1:14-20)
SH: 9:00 AM Thomas Ocel
by Carol & Naomi, Class of '56

Tuesday-Weekday (Mk 1:21-28)
SH: 9:00 AM Joan Zezza by Kevin Adams

Wednesday-Weekday (Mk 1:29-39)
SH: 9:00 AM William Adams
by Malley & Troper Family

Thursday-Weekday (Mk 1:40-45)
SH: 9:00 AM John Fusca
by Carmen & Amy Hartford

Friday-Weekday (Mk 2:1-12)
No Morning Mass

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jn 2:1-11)
GS: 4:00 PM Joseph Simko by Ron & Chris Simko
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
SH: 11:00 AM Rita Taylor by Alice Russell

Rest In Peace

*In your charity, we remember all those
who have died, especially:*

**Frank Simko, Helen Calcutta and
Mary Alice Laird.**

May the angels lead you into paradise

BIRTHDAY OFFERING:

Sanctuary Lamp:

In Honor of the 93rd Birthday of Harry Lucas

By Dennis, Doreen, Ryan and Brandon

Birthday

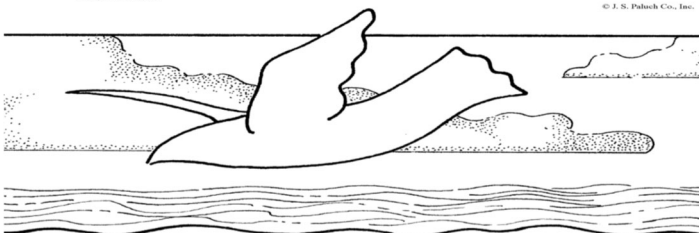


Wishes

***Happy Birthday to Harry Lucas!
Harry turned 93 years young
on Saturday, January 9, 2016.
God bless you!***

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IN CYAN EVERY
WEEK!!!