

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

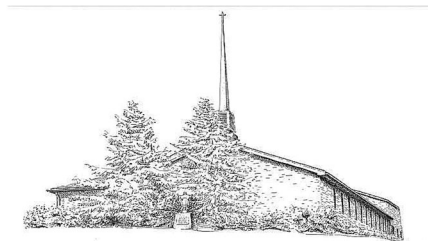
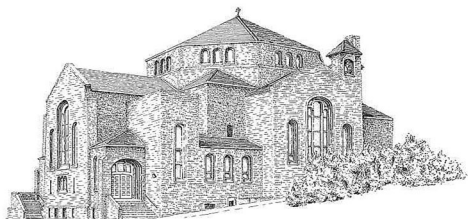
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

January 15, 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

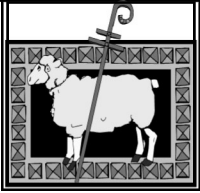
Parish Telephone Numbers

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 15, 2017
From the Pastor's Desk
SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

ORDINARY TIME:

We return to Ordinary Time with the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. After we celebrate our final "Christmas Season Sunday" we then start Ordinary Time that week. So in reality we don't have a First Sunday in Ordinary Time, just a first week.

But it sounds like Advent all over again as we hear John the Baptist say "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." And we repeat that phrase every time we attend Mass as we are happy to be called to His Supper. What a constant, renewable gift He keeps making available to us. May we always be prepared to receive Him.

COMING HOME:

I should be back with you next weekend. Florida is nice but I always look forward to coming home. I'll try to hide the tan. NOT.

SECOND COLLECTION:

Thanks to all who supported the second collection today for the special needs of the St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech.

CATHOLIC MAN OF THE MONTH:

This comes from the September, 2016 edition of the Knights of Columbus magazine "Columbia."

Blessed Frederic Ozanam (1813-1853)

The fifth of fourteen children, Antoine-Frederic Ozanam was born April 23, 1813, in Milan, Italy. When he was 2, his Catholic family moved to Lyon, France, where his father practiced medicine and often treated patients without charge, while his mother aided poor families.

Eleven of Ozanam's siblings did not survive to adulthood, and at age 16 he overcame a crisis of faith with the support of his philosophy teacher, Father Noirot. "From then on, I believed with an assured faith," Ozanam later wrote, "and I promised God to devote my life to the service of the truth."

In 1831, following his father's wishes, he enrolled to study law at the Sorbonne in Paris. As rampant poverty beset the city, which faced a cholera epidemic in 1832, religious skepticism thrived. Ozanam spoke and wrote in defense of the Church, and, challenged by critics of the faith to show its relevance, he co-founded a "Conference of Charity" in 1833. Later named the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and dedicated to serving the concrete needs of the poor, the society soon expanded internationally.

A man of thought as well as action, Ozanam earned a doctorate in law (1836) and later in literature (1839), with a groundbreaking thesis on the Italian poet Dante.

After a law professorship in Lyon, he taught literature at the Sorbonne. In 1841, he married Amelie Soulacroix; four years later they had a daughter, Marie.

Ozanam was acutely aware that charity and justice go hand in hand, and his Christian social doctrine was echoed in Pope Leo XIII's 1891 encyclical *Rerum Novarum*. He died September 8, 1853, at the age of 40, and was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1997 at World Youth Day in Paris.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

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

JANUARY 28-29:

4:00 PM

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

Lector: Theodore Schleifer

Server: Andrew Connolly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: N. Moucheron, L. Petri, R. Russo, J. McLaughlin, J. Strednak, B. McDonell, M. Giulianelli

Lector: Mark Petri

Server: Selah Corbett

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Suppes, J & M Besseck, E. Foster, K. Carroll, S. Szatkowski

Lector: P. Fazio

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*

LADIES OF CHARITY

The Ladies of Charity will **NOT** meet in the month of January.

F.Y.I. SAVE THE DATES

Bingo: The next bingo will be held on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall, weather permitting.

Calendar Party: Sunday, May 21 at Good Shepherd Hall.

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.

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 Walterscheid will be the Confirming Bishop. If you have a child to be confirmed this year please call and leave a message for Father Al at the Parish Office.

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.

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.

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, January 8th:	\$ 5,647.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 236
Loose Offertory:	\$234.00
School Offering: \$400.00	env used: 50
Loose School:	\$86.00
Votive:	\$129.00

Thank you for your generosity!

FREE STORY TIME SESSIONS

East Catholic School Library

Wednesday, January 18, 2017 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 "A Wintry Day".

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 16, 2017.

Join us for some "Wintry Day" fun!

East Catholic follows Woodland Hills School District Weather cancellation.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, we read "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us...filled with enduring love.

As you give a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's enduring love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

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

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). The "live" session will begin at 11:00 a.m..

Contact: Marlene Kopper – 412-373-1797 or you may email her at mvkopper@stbmadet.org

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.

MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH

Magnificat Pittsburgh will hold a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 9:00 AM to Noon at the Double Tree by Hilton, Cranberry Twp. Hear speaker Susan Brinkmann tell her conversion story from hard core feminist to committed Catholic. Susan is Staff Journalist for and a frequent guest on EWTN’s **Women of Grace**. She is a book author and winner of many national journalism awards and is a third-order Carmelite. Cost of the Breakfast is \$23.00. To register, call Kay at 724-772-6749 or Pam at 412-461-8906. Registration deadline is February 3rd.

HOME-DELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM

Home-delivered meals are provided across Allegheny County through funding from the Department of Human Services Area Agency on Aging (DHS/AAA). Through this program, 350,000 meals per year are served to eligible, homebound older adults ages 60 or older on a short- or long-term basis. A modest donation is requested by each agency. Eligible participants receive on complete meal, which meets one-third of an older adult’s nutritional needs. The program can provide a limited number of modified meals (such as diabetic) with a doctor’s prescription. To learn more about Home Delivered Meals, call the SeniorLine at 412-350-5460.

GOD KNOWS BEST

God’s creative wisdom was at its best when making humans. There are four holes in the head for information to go in, and only one for it to go out.

—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 15-22, 2017

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

Monday-Weekday (Mk 2:18-22)

SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

Tuesday-St. Anthony, Abbot (Mk 2:23-28)

SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday-Weekday (Mk 3:1-6)

SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday-Weekday (Mk 3:7-12)

SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

Friday-Weekday (Mk 3:13-19)

No Morning Mass

Saturday-St. Agnes (Mk 3:20-21)

No Morning Mass

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mt 4:12-23)

GS: 4:00 PM Korotko & Mitnik Family

by Joe & Pauline Korotko

GS: 9:00 AM Peter Paul by Wife & Family

SH: 11:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

REST IN PEACE

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

MEMORIAL OFFERING THIS WEEK

Sanctuary Lamp:

In Memory of George J. Bandik
by Family

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.



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