

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

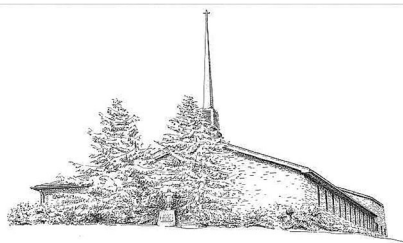
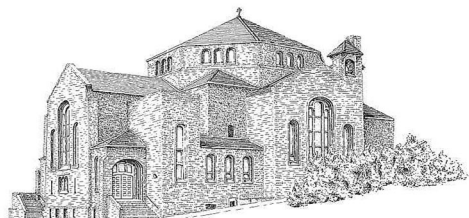
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

January 17, 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

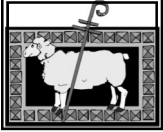
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (micky52@comcast.net)
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance
Sr. Judith Stojhovic

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 17, 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ORDINARY TIME:

We return to Ordinary Time. Actually, it started on Monday, January 11. Ordinary is a time when we **HOPE** to live and experience all of the great things we just celebrated during the Christmas season. After Easter we return to Ordinary Time a second time during our Liturgical Year as we again **HOPE** to live and experience our Easter Gifts.

The Gospel today relates to Jesus turning water into wine. That certainly was a marvelous event. But it pales when compared to what Jesus did during mass today when He changed bread and wine into His Body and Blood. He then invited us to receive it to give us the strength we need to live lives patterned after the Gospel He came to share. May each of us respond to His invite to the best of our ability.

DECEMBER COLLECTION REPORT:

December was a really good month for us. We averaged over \$6,500.00 a week and then we had a Holy Day and Christmas. I am really encouraged and I thank you. Especially thanks to those who increased their weekly offering.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

I received the following from Fr. Larry DiNardo, our Diocesan General Secretary:

Entering the last week of Advent, we received the powerful reminder of how important it is for us to bring the love and care of Jesus to all who suffer. Severe weather, in the form of violent storms, tornadoes and floods has impacted our sisters and brothers in the South and Midwest regions of our country. Additional flooding is expected over the next several weeks as rivers and tributaries continue to rise. Numerous bishops in dioceses that have been affected by these natural disasters are seeking assistance since many of the people affected are in poor regions of our nation.

In order to assist our sisters and brothers in need, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested that a special collection be taken up in each diocese for these humanitarian and church needs as a result of these storms.

Bishop Zubik asks that each parish take up this special collection the weekend of January 23-24. Please respond as you see fit and are able.

YOUR BEST

Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.

—Anonymous

NEW STUDY "BEHOLD THE MAN"

Ted Novak, a good friend from St. Colman Church, Turtle Creek sent us this invitation. Because of a mix-up in the mail, I just received it last week. But know that you are still welcome.

NEW STUDY "BEHOLD THE MAN"

Spirituality for Men

Deacon Harold Burke shares with us what it means to be a "Catholic Man" in today's society. This book and DVD is done with humor, frankness and years of defending our faith in rough-and-tumble arenas. The course began Saturday, January 16 and runs for eight consecutive Saturdays from 9:00 to 10:30 AM in St. Colman Cafeteria. If you have any questions, call Ted Novak at 412-596-2544 or you may email your questions to him at teddyn@comcast.net.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

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.Guilianelli, T. Schleifer

Lector: Jeff McLaughlin

Servers: Josh DiNinno

11:00 AM

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

Lector: Paulette Fazio

Server: Michael Nash

JANUARY 30-31:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: A.Kostyak, J. Kaczmariski, J. Hojnacki, F.Szekely, M.Colao, T. McAdams, C.Mirenzi,

Lector: Theodore Schleifer

Server: Steve Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Carlton, L&M Petri, J. Strednak, P. Koncerak, B. McDonell, C. DiNinno

Lector: Jennifer Milko

Servers: Julia Piccolino, Selah Corbett

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: E.Foster, K.Bitkowski, P. Fazio, J. Kondas, S.Szatkowski, H. Sullivan

Lector: Rick Stamerra

Server: Brianna Skladany

*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.

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.

2016 MONTHLY COMMEMORATIVE MASSES

All MCCs 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent DePaul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and trust.

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

A GALA FOR OUR SCHOOL

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

Sunday, January 10th:	\$5,595.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used:297
Loose Offertory:	\$278.00
School Offering: \$454.00	env. used:55
Loose School Offering:	\$ 95.00
Votive:	\$211.00

May God bless your generosity!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK at EAST CATHOLIC

Each year the Catholic Schools in the United States celebrate their schools and students. Typically, Catholic Schools Week includes Masses, open houses and activities for students, families, parishioners and the community at large. This year, Catholic Schools Week will be held from January 31st until February 5th, 2016.

The theme is **Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.** The theme encompasses several concepts that are at the heart of a Catholic education. First, schools are communities---small families in their own right, but also members of the larger community of home, church, city, and nation. Faith, knowledge, and service are three measures by which any Catholic school can and should be judged.

The logo features a swirl of colors interacting around a cross, which is at the center of all Catholic education. The vibrancy of the colors and the movement and shadows in the logo portray the inner-connectivity and community life that are present in our Catholic School.

East Catholic School has many activities planned for the week and they are inspired by Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter, **On Care For Our Common Home, Laudato Si'**.

Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass will be celebrated on January 31, 2016 at 12:00 PM at St. Maurice Church followed by an Open House in the school. There will be a representative from East Catholic speaking at each of the consortium parishes about East Catholic School and inviting parishioners to the schools "Open House." East Catholic School is comprised of the six local parishes which include Good Shepherd, Madonna del Castello, St. Colman, St. John Fisher, Word of God and St. Maurice. All are welcome.

East Catholic Open House

East Catholic School welcomes prospective new families who are interested in learning about our programs from 3 year old Preschool through the 8th grade to our **"Open House" Sunday, January 31, 2016.** Tour our beautiful campus and discover the wonderful educational opportunities available to your child. Meet parents, students, teachers and administration and see firsthand how "East Catholic School" offers a rich curriculum that fosters a faith-filled, value-centered, quality education for your child in a safe and caring environment that sets us apart. Come join us and be a part of "East Catholic School" at 2001 Ardmore Blvd., Forest Hills, PA 15221 Registrations for new students for the 2016-2017 School Year will be taken. If unable to attend please call the school office at 412-351-5403 from 8:30-2:00 pm to schedule a tour of the school, to request information or to discuss registration requirements.

Reservations for the "Open House" should be made January 28, 2016 by calling the School Office at 412-351-5403 from 8:30-2:00 pm

Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2016 to be eligible for Kindergarten.

VALENTINE RETREAT / MARRIED COUPLES

St. Joseph Spirituality Center, Baden, is offering a *Valentine Retreat for Married Couples* on **Sunday, February 14** from 12:30 – 6:00 PM. This program includes presentations on the spirituality of marriage, time for sharing as couples, and an opportunity to renew marriage vows at liturgy. Presenters include Sister Marguerite Kropinak, clinical social worker, and Mark and Renee Marvenko. A fee of \$60/couple includes a candlelight dinner. To register, call 724-869-6587 by February 5.

SETON-LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL

Prospective Family Financial Aid / Scholarship Information Night at Seton La Salle Catholic High School will be held Wednesday, January 13, 2016, SLS Auditorium, 7:00 PM. Come learn how your student can qualify for scholarships and financial assistance.

2016 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

We still have contribution envelopes that weren't picked up for the new year. All of the envelopes are 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.

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 also go online for more information to **www.magnificatpittsburgh.org**. Registration deadline is January 29th.

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 info, check **www.capittsburgh.org**. Young adults and singles of all ages can check out **Catholic-thrive.com**.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
January 17-24, 2016

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

Monday-Weekday (Mk 2:18-22)
SH: 9:00 AM George Cassidy by Karen Mercer

Tuesday-Weekday (Mk 2:23-28)
SH: 9:00 AM Guiseppe & Antonia DeCaria
by Son, Antonio and Family

Wednesday-Weekday (Mk 3:1-6)
SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday-St. Agnes (Mk 3:7-12)
SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

Friday-Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children (Mk 3:13-19)
No Morning Mass

Saturday-Weekday (Mk 3:20-21)
No Morning Mass

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21)
GS: 4:00 PM Margaret Macara by Family
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:*

**Helen Harchelroad, Walter Skowronski,
Michael Connelly, Edward Jendesky, and
Mary Oberdick.**

May the angels lead you into paradise

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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