

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

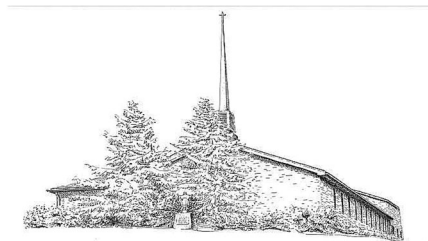
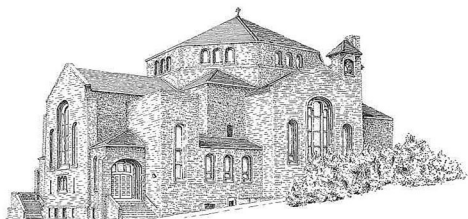
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

February 5, 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

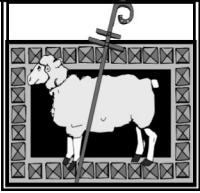
Parish Telephone Numbers

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.



February 5, 2017
From the Pastor's Desk
**FIFTH SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY TIME**

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE:

Thanks to all who took the time to stop after the masses last weekend to ask questions. And thanks also to all who came to our sharing session last Wednesday. Since I had to write this before the Wednesday session I'll just hit the "high lights" of the weekend sessions. You may remember I had a survey 2 or 3 years ago as to which of our two churches we should close. The divide was great. Those of you who are connected with each church building really wanted "yours" to stay open. And I understood so I stopped the process.

This time I'm not in charge but last weekend reminded me of how much each one loves their church building. To help you adjust I'll remind you of the phrase that is often used. ***The people are the church not the building.*** Please know that almost EVERYONE wants their church to remain open BUT that is not possible. So we must continue to "plan" to see what is the best and most viable plan. I cannot deny that this is a difficult and painful process. But to keep the Church Alive we must plan and cooperate with the final plan. I'll say it again, I'm excited about our future even as I am well aware of the pain it will bring.

THROAT BLESSING & ANOINTING:

This weekend after each mass I will first bless throats using the option to bless the entire congregation at once and then do individual anointing for all who want to receive it.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Today is World Day for Consecrated Life. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

ASH WEDNESDAY:

Ash Wednesday this year will be on March 1st. We will have mass at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church. We will do the same on each Wednesday of Lent. Stations of the Cross will be on Friday evening at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart. I give you this information now so that you may begin to make your preparation for a good spiritual renewal in your life this Lent. On Wednesday, March 15th we will also have Confessions from 6:00 to 6:30 PM and after Mass until 9:00 PM. Our regular Confessions are on Saturday afternoons at Good Shepherd Church from 3:00 to 3:30 PM. And you can always call me for an appointment if these times are not convenient for you.

SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME

If you should have a child who will be attending school for the first time later this year. **NOW** is the time to start looking at the options. Or maybe you want something better for your child. **East Catholic** has "come and see" available at all times. Test results speak of it's success. Start now to explore. Your child is worth it.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 11-12:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kostyak, J. Carleton, J. Hojnacki, M. Colao, J & M Besseck, K. Carroll
Lector: Mary Ann McClain
Server: Andrew Connelly

9:00 AM

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

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Stamerra, C. Suppes, P. Fazio, S. Szatkowski, E. Foster, J. Kondas
Lector: Carolyn Bakin
Server: Brian Kelly

FEBRUARY 18-19:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: T. McAdams, P. Humberson, D. Hrabley, T. Schleifer, M. Leicht, J. Carleton, J. Kaczmarki
Lector: Angelina Hornick
Servers: Steven & Daniel Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: D & T Whyel, L & M Petri, B. McDonell, M. Giulianelli, R. Russo
Lector: Jeff McLaughlin
Server: Selah Corbett

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Barbusio, K. Carroll, H. Sullivan, C. Bakin, K. Bitkowski, R. Stamerra
Lector: Dorothy Danko
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*

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Seniors will NOT hold a Board meeting or General meeting in the month of February.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world," he is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds.

Be a "light" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by giving a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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

MONTHLY COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

The MCC for February will take place Wednesday, February 22nd at 9:00 AM at Sacred Heart. Please send in your intentions by Monday, February 20th.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE

DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM? From its earliest days, the Church has seen Lent as a time to remember our baptism. On that day each of us became a member of the **Body of Christ**. St. Paul reminds us that in baptism we share a common bond with all other Christians. In 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 25 he writes, "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit ...there should be no division in the body but . . . its parts should have equal concern for each other." The 40 days of Lent are a time to **remember our baptism** and consider the meaning of our lives and how together we can better follow Jesus as members of His Body.

This Lent, as we continue to journey *On Mission for The Church Alive!* all Catholics are invited to "**Back to the Font.**" a Morning of Reflection that includes presentation, prayer and discussion. Sessions will be held on **Sat. March 4** from 9 a.m. to noon. The closest locations are at **Our Lady of Joy**, Holiday Park; **St. Paul Seminary**, Crafton; and **St. Rita**, Munhall. Visit OnMissionChurchAlive.org or call 412-456-3180 for more information or to register.



Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure	
Sunday, January 29th:	\$ 4,569.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 234
Loose Offertory:	\$409.00
St. Vincent de Paul: \$1,172.00	env used: 137
Loose St. Vincent de Paul:	\$244.00
Votive:	\$150.00
Thank you for your generosity!	

BINGO

We will have a Bingo Sunday, **February 19th** starting at 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. Admission is \$20.00 paid at the door (no ticket pre sale).

B	I	N	G	O
2	17	31	48	63
6	20	38	51	68
7	22	FREE	54	69
12	23	39	57	72
15	27	44	60	75

There will be 16 regular games and 4 specials.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun and bring all of your friends!

BELL CHOIR FUND RAISERS

The Bell Choir will be holding a bake sale after masses on February 11 & 12. Stock up on your goodies before giving them up for Lent. We will also be holding a penny drive after masses the last two weekends of February, so find those loose pennies or other coins and drop them off with members of the bell choir in the back of the church.

WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

East Catholic's "Fine Arts Club" will perform Roald Dahl's timeless story of the world-famous candy man and his quest to find an heir. This a golden ticket adventure will be on February 12th at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria (Keane Hall). The delicious adventures experienced by Charlie Bucket on his visit to Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory light up the stage in this captivation adaptation of Roald Dahl's fantastical tale. Featuring enchanted songs, Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka KIDS is a scrumdiddlyumptious musical guaranteed to delight everyone's sweet tooth. For more information call the School Office Monday-Friday 8:30-2:00 pm: **412-351-5403**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Turtle Creek Center's **Meals on Wheels Program**. They are in need of volunteers to deliver meals to home-bound seniors who are not able to cook or shop for themselves. Please consider helping these seniors!

*Call Jan: 412-824-6880
Eastern Area Adult Services*

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*

ST. JUDE SUPER BINGO

You are invited to a Super Bingo next Sunday, February 12th in McGarey Hall, 401 Westinghouse Avenue, Wilmerding. Doors open at 12:30 PM with early birds at 1:15 PM and regular bingo at 1:30 PM. Donation of \$25 includes 18 cards with 3 specials in the pack. Handicap accessible. Great food available. Mark your calendar for this special event.

FRATERNITY OF PRIESTS HEALING MASS

The next Fraternity of Priests Healing Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 15, at 7:00 PM at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in East McKeesport. All are welcome.

For more information, please contact St. Robert Bellarmine parish office at 412-824-2644.

DIVORCED, WIDOWED OR SEPARATED?

The loss of a spouse through separation, divorce, or death is a traumatic experience. The *Beginning Experience* weekend is intended to help widowed, divorced, or separated people who would like to pass through the grief and begin to move forward with their lives. Come to a safe place.

The next weekend will be **March 17-19, 2017** at Gilmary Retreat Center in Moon Twp., PA. Payment arrangements and possible financial assistance are available. For more information, explore our website www.BeginningExperience.org or make a confidential call to **Mary at 412-523-2405** or **Steve at 412-720-8694**.

THE ANNUAL WHITE MASS – Join Bishop David Zubik in honoring all Health Care Professionals at the annual White Mass, 12:00 Noon on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at Saint Paul Cathedral. A reception will be held afterward featuring local Catholic author Mike Aquilina speaking about the healing imperative: the rise of Christianity and the invention of medicine. All are welcome to attend.

More information at www.cathmedpittsburgh.org.

WANT MORE FOR YOUR MARRIAGE?

Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend offers couples a chance to get away from distractions and reconnect with each other and their relationship. It's a chance to make a good marriage – GREAT! You will work on ways to communicate better with each other and grow in ways you never knew possible. The next weekend is March 24-26 in the Pittsburgh Area. Please visit www.yourmarriageisworthit.org to register or for more information.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

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February 5-12, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mt 5:13-16)

GS: 4:00 PM Jan, John & Lillian Reznik
by Rosemarie Reznik

GS: 9:00 AM Guiseppe & Antonia DeCaria
by Son, Antonio & Family

SH: 11:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

Monday-St. Paul Miki & Companions (Mk 6:53-56)

SH: 9:00 AM William Adams
by M/M James Conroy

Tuesday-Weekday (Mk 7:1-13)

SH: 9:00 AM Michael Connelly by Family

Wednesday-Weekday (Mk 7:14-23)

SH: 9:00 AM Francine M. Franzetta by Family

Thursday-Weekday (Mk 7:24-30)

SH: 9:00 AM Sophia Serbak by Family & Friends

Friday-St. Scholastica (Mk 7:31-37)

No Morning Mass

Saturday-Weekday (Mk 8:1-10)

No Morning Mass

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mt 5:17-37)

GS: 4:00 PM Arlene Beilner by Sister, Joanne

GS: 9:00 AM Frank Gamrat by Wife

SH: 11:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

REST IN PEACE

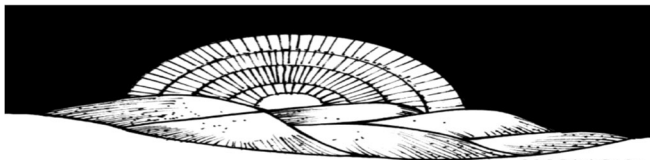
*In your charity, we remember all those
who have died, especially: Winnie Clougherty,
Richard Benn, Darbi Meklas, and George Tomasic.
May the angels lead you into paradise.*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

*go out to Charlene Urda,
who celebrated 80 years
on January 26th.
God bless you Charlene.*

OUR LADIES OF CHARITY along with the Ladies of Charity from Word of God, Swissvale are now collecting gently used **prom dresses** for the upcoming season. The Ladies will be available each week at Sacred Heart Church after the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass to accept your donations.



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WEEK!!!