

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

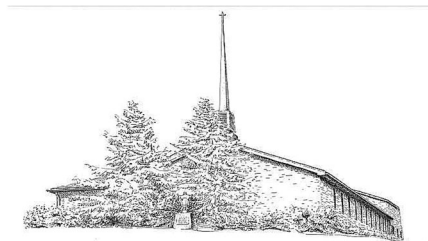
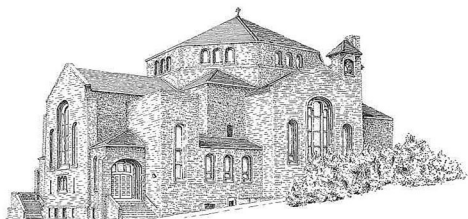
1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

**February 19, 2017**

Parish Office: 412-271-1515  
Fax: 412-271-1222

Website: [www.goodshepherdbraddock.org](http://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

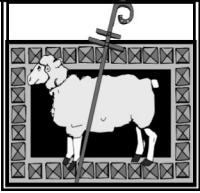
### Parish Telephone Numbers

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e-mail.....[gshepoffice@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:tjsjrfhi3@verizon.net)

**We are an “On Mission for the Church Alive” Faith Community.**



February 19, 2017  
*From the Pastor's Desk*  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**TEN DAYS:**

It's only 10 more days to Ash Wednesday. Our schedule will be:

**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.

**Here is a reminder of Lenten Regulations**

**1.** **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of fast and abstinence. The **Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence in the United States.

**2.** The obligation of **abstinence** (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of **fasting** (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18-59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.

**3.** Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.

**4.** Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.

**5.** All members of the Christian Faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by the law.

**6.** As a general rule, a request for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions, or funeral wakes are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation. Additionally, the optional memorial of Saint Patrick falls on a Friday this year and its celebration would not be considered sufficient reason as it is not a Solemnity of the liturgical calendar.

**RICE BOWLS:**

The Rice Bowls available today have an interesting Lenten Calendar. It includes daily reflection and recipes to give a flavor of our around the world neighbors. While these Rice Bowls are used to support our Patzun, Guatemala Orphanage/School, it is okay by them to use them for Patzun and I do send them a donation for use of the rice bowls. I appreciate that you use them for Lenten "learning and alms giving."

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:**

Save Sunday, April 30th for an exciting event. We'll leave here at 3:15 PM and return between 9:00 and 9:15 PM. Look for more details next week. **HINT: It will include a good meal.**

**MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**FEBRUARY 25-26:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Joe, A. Kostyak, J. Carleton, J. Hojnacki, M. Colao, K. Carroll, F. Szekeley

**Lector:** Theodore Schleifer

**Server:** Andrew Connelly

**9:00 AM**

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

**Lector:** Mark Petri

**Server:** Christopher & Drew Yezovich

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** H. Sullivan, M. Garritano, C. Mirenzi, J & M Besseck, E. Foster

**Lector:** Rick Stamerra

**Server:** Olivia Joscak

**MARCH 4-5:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Joe, Anna M. Dougherty, P. Humberson, D. Hrabley, T. Schleifer, J. Kaczmarek, M. Leicht

**Lector:** Eric Helminiak

**Servers:** Steven & Daniel Yezovich

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Joe, L & M Petri, M. Giulianelli, C. DiNinno, P. Koncerak, J. McLaughlin

**Lector:** Gina Piccolino

**Server:** Josh DiNinno

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Joe, C. Suppes, P. Fazio, S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas, K. Carroll

**Lector:** Ken Bitkowski

**Server:** Brian Kelly

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



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*Peace and Love,  
Father Semler*

### JOIN US AT BINGO TODAY!

Good Shepherd Social Club will sponsor a Bingo today, February 19th starting at 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. Admission is \$20.00 paid at the door (no ticket pre sale). There will be 16 regular games and 4 specials.

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

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

### 2017 PARISH SHARE PROGRAM

The new campaign will begin next weekend, February 25-26. Your pledge cards have been mailed out this past week. As always, your participation in the program will be greatly appreciated.

### MONTHLY COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

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

### LADIES OF CHARITY

Our ladies will meet next Sunday, February 26th at 12:00 Noon at Sacred Heart Hall.

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us by saying: "You must be perfected as your heavenly Father is perfect."

**When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts and into our lives.**

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

### ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE THROUGH OUR BAPTISM WE SHARE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

Jesus calls us to discipleship and to share our unique gifts with the Church. Our beloved priests cannot "do it all." All of us are called to step up and lead others in faith. This is what it means to be *On Mission for The Church Alive!*

Prepare your heart for the work of discipleship at "Back to the Font", a Morning of Reflection. The presentation, prayer and discussion will held on Sat. March 4 from 9 a.m. to noon. Choose the location nearest you: **Our Lady of Joy**, Holiday Park; **St. Paul Seminary**, Crafton; **St. Rita**, Munhall. Visit [OnMissionChurchAlive.org](http://OnMissionChurchAlive.org) or call 412-456-3180 for more information or to register.

### ***Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure***

<b>Sunday, February 12th:</b>	<b>\$ 5,780.00</b>
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 267
<b>Loose Offertory:</b>	<b>\$218.00</b>
<b>School Offering: \$533.00</b>	env used: 50
<b>Loose School:</b>	<b>\$ 78.00</b>
<b>Votive:</b>	<b>\$133.00</b>

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### BELL CHOIR FUND RAISER

The Bell Choir is holding a **Penny Drive** after masses this weekend and next weekend, so find those loose pennies or other coins and drop them off with members of the bell choir in the back of the church.

### CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate **Evan Cuccaro** for achieving High Honors at Serra Catholic High School this grading period. Keep up the good work Evan!

**OUR LADIES OF CHARITY** along with the Ladies of Charity from Word of God, Swissvale are now collecting gently used **prom dresses** and accessories 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.

### ST. JOHN FISHER NEWS

**BIBLE STUDY WITH A DIFFERENT TWIST** will be sponsored by St. John Fisher Church, Churchill on Thursday evening, March 9th at 7:00 PM. You are invited to attend at the Rectory Meeting Room (near the garages) to watch a movie "Bella." It is a beautiful story in which the beauty of the Bible surfaces in human beings in the joys and struggles of their lives. Wine and cheese will be served. No cost; just come. Call the Rectory Office at 412-241-4722 to register.

**LENTEN TAIZE PRAYER** will be held Monday evening, April 3rd at 7:00 PM. The prayer service includes the reading of the Passion and singing. This event is organized by the National Pastoral Musicians local chapter in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. If you never experienced a Taize Prayer Service you may find this experience one that will speak directly to your heart. All are welcome. Please call the church office at the above number for more information.

**UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH MEN'S GLEE CLUB** under the direction of Richard E. Teaster, will come to St. John Fisher Church on Good Friday evening, April 14th at 7:30 PM with a repertoire of inspiring music. This is a beautiful way to mark Good Friday.

### **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**

### **ITALIAN BUFFET DINNER**

North American Martyrs' Parish Fellowship Ministry is sponsoring an Italian Buffet Dinner on Saturday, **February 25** in DeLuca Hall after the 4:00 PM Mass. Tickets are \$8/Adult; \$4/Child 4-10 years of age, and Children 3 and under are free. For tickets call Mary Ellen Samek at 412-889-2278. No tickets will be sold at the door. The menu includes Pasta, Vegetable Lasagna, Stuffed Shells, Meatballs, Hot Sausage, Salad and Dessert. Come for good food and fellowship! Everyone is welcome. 2526 Haymaker Rd, Monroeville PA

### **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](http://www.BeginningExperience.org) or make a confidential call to **Mary at 412-523-2405** or **Steve at 412-720-8694**.

### **SUBSTANCE ABUSE MINISTRY**

One way to counter the epidemic of heroin and cocaine addiction is to increase our prayers for those suffering from addiction of controlled substances as well as praying for their families. To that end, **Deacon Tim Noca** of St. John the Baptist Parish, Plum, has initiated **Substance Abuse Ministry (SAM)** with parish representatives of different parishes of Vicariate Two, District One on the team. Part of this ministry is for a church to host a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for those suffering from addictions. North American Martyrs Church, Monroeville, regularly sponsors a holy hour at North American Martyrs Church, 2526 Haymaker Road, Monroeville, 15146 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm on the Second Monday of the month. **Please join us in coming to the holy hour on Monday, February 13 and Monday, March 13 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.** There will be no holy hour at North American Martyrs Church on Monday of Holy Week, April 10, due to the Communal Penance service at North American Martyrs Church at 7:00 pm. The holy hour vigil will continue again on the Second Monday of May which is May 8.

*Please pray for vocations  
To the Priesthood  
And the Religious Life.*

**Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:**

**1-888-808-1235**

**Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan**

# **MASSSES for the WEEK**

## *Good Shepherd Parish* February 19-26, 2017

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mt 5:38-48)

GS: 4:00 PM Thomas Scuffle

by Jim & Mary Ann Malley

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Paul W. Bulik by Wife, Genevieve

### Monday-Weekday (Mk 9:14-29)

SH: 9:00 AM Fred Voelker by Dolly Fusca

### Tuesday-Weekday (Mk 9:30-37)

SH: 9:00 AM Michael Pluhta by John Kogut

### Wednesday-Chair of St. Peter, Apostle (Mt 16:13-19)

SH: 9:00 AM Monthly Commemorative Mass

### Thursday-St. Polycarp (Mk 9:41-50)

SH: 9:00 AM Louis Pacella by Family

### Friday-Weekday (Mk 10:1-12)

No Morning Mass

### Saturday-Weekday (Mk 10:13-16)

No Morning Mass

### Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mt 6:24-34)

GS: 4:00 PM John Hudak by Wife & Family

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Vittorio Colucci by Family

### ***REST IN PEACE***

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

### **MEMORIAL OFFERING THIS WEEK:**

*Sanctuary Lamp:*

***In Memory of Louis Pacella***  
by Family.

### **EAST CATHOLIC GALA 2017**

**Saturday, March 4, 2017**

**Doors Open 5:30 PM**

The event will be held at Stratigos Banquet Center, 131 Colonial Manor Road, North Huntingdon. Sit-down Dinner, Complimentary Beer and Table Wine, Treasure Chest Raffle, Ten \$100 Door Prize Raffles, Chance to win \$1,000. The Live, Silent and Chinese Auctions feature: Autographed Sports Memorabilia items, Cabo, Mexico vacation, Designer Handbags and purses, and Sports Events Tickets.

Tickets are \$85...for an order form you may call Good Shepherd Parish Office at 412-271-1515.

Any questions, please contact: Laurie Del Rosso at 412-841-8767, Amie Cooley at 412-260-2989 or Janet Estocin at 412-260-1430.

**The Gala benefits our school, East Catholic.**

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**WEEK!!!**