

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

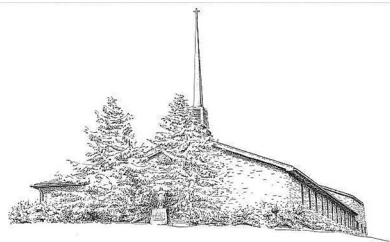
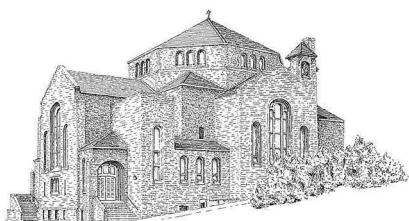
1024 Maple Way  
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*July 19, 2015*

Parish Office: 412-271-1515  
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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

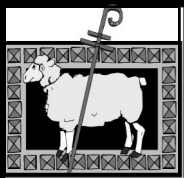
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor  
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty  
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (*micky52@comcast.net*)  
Mr. Herbert A. Dillahunt, Director of Music (*nasard@aol.com*)  
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager  
Miss Joan Hojnacki, Religious Education  
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance  
Sr. Judith Stojhovic, RSM, Principal of East Catholic

## Parish Telephone Numbers

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Religious Education..... 412-271-2630  
East Catholic..... 412-351-5403  
School Fax:.....412-273-9114

- **Sacrament of Baptism:** Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism Class. Please call Joan at 412-271-2630 to register. 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)
- **New Parishioners are always welcome.** Call the Parish Office to register or to notify of a change of address.

With God All Things Are Possible!



**July 19, 2015**  
*From the Pastor's Desk*

**Sixteenth Sunday In  
Ordinary Time**

**CELEBRATION TIME:**

We need to **CELEBRATE** with Herb and Joan for the years of dedicated and loyal service to Good Shepherd Parish. Herb has been our only Music Minister since our start 30 years ago and Joan has served our Parish and School in various ways for 20 years. So, after the 11:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart on **Sunday, July 26** we will move to the hall downstairs to say **THANK YOU**.

Herb has shared his abilities with multiple choirs, singers and bells. His welcoming ways have inspired many. His programs to draw out the talents of many parishioners have been enjoyed by many. What he has done with and for our young people to bring out the singing and ringing talents is commendable. His knowledge and welcoming abilities for parishioners and visitors alike speak volumes of his God-given, but used Christian gifts and that has made him a valuable **EVANGELIZER** for Good Shepherd. Join me on July 26th after the 11:00 AM Mass to thank him and wish him well.

Joan returned to Braddock and her St. Thomas High School roots to care for her mom about 22 years ago and then became a valuable asset to our school and CCD Program. Her **NO-NONSENSE** approach was valuable in keeping the children "in line" but also very helpful to parents by helping them in many ways to care for and guide the children. She is very thorough and efficient in whatever endeavors she undertakes. She was my right arm for the Diocesan Church Alive Program, which is still in the collecting process and helps to fund some of our needs.

*Herb and Joan both have been very helpful to me since my arrival. Their daily presence will be missed but they will never be far from my grateful heart. As Herb looks for a new horizon and Joan enjoys a well deserved retirement, let us keep them in **PRAYER and LOVE**.*

**COOKIES NEEDED:**

We'll need cookies for the reception for Herb and Joan. You can bring them to the 4:00 PM and 9:00 AM Masses at Good Shepherd next weekend or take them straight to Sacred Heart Hall between 9:30 and 11:00 AM next Sunday. If you didn't sign up to do so this weekend, then call the Office to let us know by Thursday. Thanks.

**FESTIVAL:**

Carol has had a chance to pay the bills and come up with a final figure for our 2015 Summer Festival. Our festival and raffle profit of **\$21,146.94** is good for our parish. **Details will be published next week.** It was only possible because of many donations and many, many

dedicated volunteer hours of work. We often hear stories about the young people who did this or that **WRONG**. Well did you notice how many of our young people were present and working to make this year's festival possible. Their early set up and late tear down abilities were absolutely necessary. Their volunteer, unseen hours on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday made for smooth sailing. This because our Bell ringing young people led by Kelly and Rob appreciate what Good Shepherd Parish has provided for them through Herb. And our young scouts pitched in also. So what most of you do not see, but what I do makes me very proud of our **YOUNG PEOPLE**. So, once again, I thank them and all of you who made our 2015 Summer Fest a success.

**VACATION TIME:**

No not mine, but yours. It dawned on me that many of you go on vacation towards the end of July and the beginning of August so I'm repeating this article but extending the date to August 9th. This way I can read all of them while I'm on vacation later in August. So when you see this vacation time heading, you'll know that you don't have to read it again. **BUT** it may remind you to send me your thoughts.

**JULY 1:**

I posted the date of July 1st because this is the date I wrote this article for the July 12th bulletin. Today we begin a new fiscal year and must plan in earnest for our future. I opened, this morning, a letter from Bishop Zubik stating that he is pleased that I am willing to remain as Pastor of Good Shepherd and that he gratefully accepts my willingness to do so. I pledge to you that I will do my best.

Our huge concern now will be to identify which church building would better serve Good Shepherd Parish as we move into the future. Obviously the structures of each building is a major issue. I have contacted Father Cain, our Vicar, asking for advice and consultation as we begin this process so I'll know how to proceed. My main concern will be that we work well together to obtain our best possible future.

I invite each of you to send me in writing what you think are the good reasons for using Good Shepherd Church or Sacred Heart Church as our one worship site. You can drop these suggestions in the collection by the July 25-26 weekend.

We need to make cuts everywhere, so don't be afraid to include these when you write. Since we don't have many riding the bus for the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, effective the weekend of **August 1 & 2, the bus will only run for the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass and the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass.** This will continue to provide this needed service.

*Thank you for your input and patience as we plan for financial stability and our future.*

**Peace & Love,  
Fr. Semler**

DEACON JOE will give the homily at the masses next weekend.

**LADIES OF CHARITY**

The ladies will **NOT** meet in July. Meetings will resume in August.

**SAVE THE DATES**

- August 29th:** *Free Stroke Screening*  
*9:00 AM—2:00 PM Sacred Heart Hall*
- September 6th:** *Brown Bag Bingo 1:00—4:00 PM*  
*Sacred Heart Hall*
- October 4th:** *Pre Cana 1:00—5:00 PM*  
*Sacred Heart Hall*

**ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE:**

The next prayer service for **On Mission for the Church Alive** will be held this Wednesday, July 22nd at 7:00 PM. The closest prayer service is at St. Therese of Lisieux, Munhall. The theme will be **GO AND TELL THE DISCIPLES**. I'll take our van so I can take 13 people with me. The first callers get a ride.

**EAST CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL**

**ARE YOU LOOKING** for a faith-filled, value-centered, quality education for your child in a safe and caring environment? Come join us and be a part of **"East Catholic School"** at 2001 Ardmore Blvd., Forest Hills, PA 15221. **Registration for the 2015-2016 School Year is open.** 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. Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2015 to be eligible for Kindergarten.

**NEWS FLASH:** Our **Pre-school** is moving from St. John Fisher to East Catholic. Plans call for us to offer a 3 year old program on Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. The 4 year old program will be daily from 12:30 to 3:00 PM and will also take into our current After School Program at East Catholic. Call the School Office at 412-351-5403 for more information.

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

<b>Sunday, July 12th:</b>	<b>\$6,444.00</b>
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 324
<b>Loose Offertory:</b>	<b>\$351.00</b>
<b>School Offering: \$490.00</b>	env used: 58
<b>Loose School:</b>	<b>\$108.00</b>
<b>Votive:</b>	<b>\$242.00</b>

***May God bless your generosity!***

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Vincent de Paul, a great man of action was also a contemplative. His contemplation of God's love overflowed into practical love for the poor.

**Please say a special prayer for the poor and forgotten, as you give a gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

Vincent de Paul phone: 412-437-8370

**GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION**

The **Diocese of Pittsburgh** is once again planning its annual **Golden Wedding Celebration** for couples who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2015. This year's event will begin with Mass at **St. Paul Cathedral on Sunday, October 11, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.** Bishop Zubik will be the main celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower hall at the Cathedral. Cathedral and hall are both accessible.

If you are one of the couples celebrating your 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary any time in 2015 and would like to receive an invitation to this event, please call the rectory or drop a note in the collection **basket no later than August 9, 2015.**

**SUMMER CONCERT ON THE LAWN**

St. John Fisher Parish will host the **River City Brass Band** on their lawn, 33 Lewin Ln, Churchill on Friday, August 21st at 7:00 PM. Bring a chair or blanket, snacks, and whatever food you enjoy for a wonderful evening of good music and friendship on their beautiful grounds. Wine, beer, soda and water will be available for a donation. A free will offering will be taken to help defray expenses.

**Help for Young People Experiencing the Loss of a Family Relationship**

The loss of a parent through death, or a changed parental relationship through divorce or separation can be a traumatic experience for young people. The **Young People's Beginning Experience** program provides a safe, secure environment where teens ages 13-18 can sort out with other teens their feelings of loss and pain while strengthening their self-esteem and self-acceptance.

An upcoming **Young People's Beginning Experience** weekend is scheduled for August 7-9 at Gilmory 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 Carol 412-295-7026 or Steve 412-720-8694.

## **POLISH DAY AT KENNYWOOD PARK**

**Tuesday, August 4, 2015**

Come and enjoy ethnic foods, music, bake sale, and Father Miro's famous potato pancakes. Mass will be celebrated at 3:00 PM followed by free dancing to "The Boys Polka Band."

All day ride tickets (ages 3 to 54) \$26.00. These tickets can also be used any other day of the park season. Seniors (55 to 64) \$16.00. Seniors over 65-\$12.00 with coupon. For tickets and coupons please call Betty Kolano at 412-371-1827.

**SAVE THE DATE-** The 5th **Saint Thomas High School All-Class Reunion** will be at The Restaurant at Grand View in North Braddock on Saturday, October 17, 2015, from 7:00 PM to 12:00 Midnight.

### **BRADDOCK COMMUNITY DAY**

Saturday, August 8th at 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

11:00 AM—Parade

11:00 AM—4:00 PM—Festivities

Fun-filled day with performances, great food, great company and more! Come and enjoy the day.

\*If you are interested in reserving a table or have a group that would like to perform, please send an email to [jphillips@tcvmhmr.org](mailto:jphillips@tcvmhmr.org)

### **ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!**

#### ***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**

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

**1-888-808-1235**

**Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan**

# **MASSSES for the WEEK**

*Good Shepherd Parish*  
July 19-26, 2015

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Mk 6:30-34)

GS: 4:00 PM John E. Reznik Family

by Rose Reznik

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

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

**Monday-Weekday** (Mt 12:38-42)

SH: 9:00 AM Pat Emrock by Wife

**Tuesday-Weekday** (Mt 12:46-50)

SH: 9:00 AM William Adams

by Joe & Ruth Punturi

**Wednesday-St. Mary Magdalene** (Jn 20:1-2,11-18)

SH: 9:00 AM Lawrence Kuzins by Wife & Family

**Thursday-Weekday** (Mt 13:10-17)

SH: 9:00 AM Don 'Obe' Oberdick by Family

**Friday-Weekday** (Mt 13:18-23)

No Morning Mass

**Saturday-St. James** (Mt 20:20-28)

No Morning Mass

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Jn 6:1-15)

GS: 4:00 PM Helen Skurcenski by Adult Choir

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Pete Pietrzyk by Wife, Helen

## ***Rest In Peace***

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

**Robert 'Tank' Petrovic and Cecilia Bower.**

*May the angels lead you into paradise!*

## **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

This is the original faith-based marriage enrichment program to renew great marriages. The next weekend in our area will be November 13-15 in Greensburg. For information, call 412-635-7775 or check out [YourMarriageIsWorthIt.org](http://YourMarriageIsWorthIt.org).

**In CHRIST  
we have redemption**



**by his blood**

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**WEEK!!!**