

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

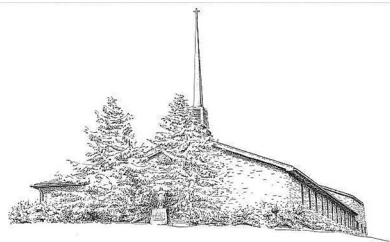
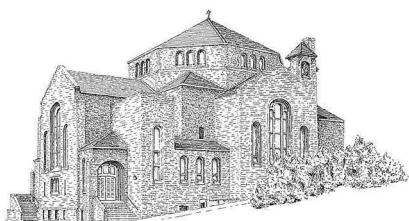
1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

*August 2, 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

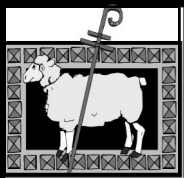
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor  
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty  
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (*micky52@comcast.net*)  
Mr. Herbert A. Dillahunt, Director of Music (*nasard@aol.com*)  
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager  
Miss Joan Hojnacki, Religious Education  
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director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

## Parish Telephone Numbers

Parish Office: .....412-271-1515  
Phone: ..... 412-351-3710  
Fax.....412-271-1222  
Music Ministry..... 412-271-1326  
e-mail.....[gshepoffice@comcast.net](mailto:gshepoffice@comcast.net)  
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!



**August 2, 2015**  
**From the Pastor's Desk**  
**Eighteenth Sunday**  
**In Ordinary Time**

**MUSIC:**

Does Herb's leaving mean NO MORE Music? Of course NOT. Karen Humphrey will play for the remaining 2 weeks in August. And I'll be planning for the future. Do you have a piano/organ talent we can tap into? Music or rather singing is an integral part of the Mass. We will usually have music but at times we may sing acapella. As we work "er" sing together let us make a joyful noise to the Lord. As we move forward with a new way of life and a new ministry, let us work and pray together to MAKE IT HAPPEN. The challenge is up to us.

**GOING AWAY PARTIES:**

I just dread going away parties when I am the one going away. It is so tough leaving a parish and the many friends and good people as they wish you well. I didn't like last Sunday's party for Herb and Joan either although I know it was necessary and I enjoyed seeing the outpouring of love for their ministry to us. My joy is knowing that they are both well prepared and will be OK. I thank each of you who helped and attended their party last Sunday. *The cookie turnout was great. Thank You!*

My brother's days were numbered. I remember him calling his friends to invite them to his going away party. They asked "Where are you going? And he replied "I'm going to die." They were shocked and I was inspired that he could be so at peace knowing his days were numbered.

How does this fit in? you might be wondering. Well, as I see it, we all have many stops and starts in our life. Our attitude towards each is what makes them opportunities or obstacles. I choose to be optimistic about going away parties and gladly enter the new doors of opportunity. Let us pray for Joan and Herb as they face new opportunities.

**ASSUMPTION OF MARY INTO HEAVEN:**

Saturday, August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption. This year because it falls on a Saturday, it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. However, since many of us have a good spiritual connection with Mary I will have the Vigil Mass on **Friday, August 14th at Sacred Heart at 7:00 PM.**

Saturday Morning Masses are scheduled at:

**St. Colman: Saturday, 8:30 AM**

**St. John Fisher: Saturday 9:00 AM**

**St. Maurice: Saturday 9:00 AM**

**Word of God: Saturday 9:30 AM**

**PLEASE NOTE: There is an envelope in your packet for the Feast of the Assumption. Since the feast is not a Holy Day, you may discard the envelope.**

**RETREATS:**

Retreats are a good way to focus and evaluate our lives. We are blessed in the Diocese of Pittsburgh to have St. Paul's Retreat House servicing us. I am always pleased when our men and women plan and attend their retreat. I try to attend the luncheon on Saturday to visit them. St. Paul's Retreat Director is Fr. Gerald Laba, C.P. I share part of his recent column from their news letter.

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**Dear Friends,**

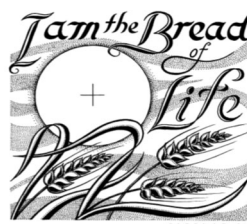
During this new retreat season, we will invite you to think about a theme that Pope Francis has focused upon in many of his talks and writings, one that he addresses specifically in his Apostolic Exhortation, **The Joy of the Gospel**. This is *our call to grow as disciples of Jesus*, formed by his teaching and example, so that we might advance his mission to transform the world and to further the reign of God. "On the basis of (our) baptism and confirmation," Pope Francis says, "all are missionary disciples." (cf. **The Joy of the Gospel**, nos. 119-121)

In the coming months, we will invite you to think and to pray about three specific aspects of this theme: **Called to Grow in Discipleship**. First, growth in discipleship must be enriched by and rooted in prayer, as we listen to the voice of the Lord and accept the direction that God offers to us. Prayer is at the heart of our journey toward a deeper relationship with Jesus and our desire to follow him.

A second aspect of discipleship is related to Pope Francis' invitation to the entire church to participate in a Holy Year of Mercy. Asking us to reflect on our experience of the mercy of God and the challenge to extend mercy to one another, the pope reminds us that "mercy is not just a pastoral attitude; it is the very substance of the Gospel message." (Letter Commemorating the Centenary of the Catholic University of Argentina, March 2015).

Finally, an important dimension of discipleship is our willingness to forgive those who have hurt or maligned us in any way. The Gospel challenges us to extend forgiveness often, even when it seems to be undeserved.

Called to be disciples of the Lord, we become a community that reflects the very life and mission of Jesus, centered in prayer, renewed by the mercy of God, and called to be merciful and forgiving in our relationships with one another. As we consider these important dimensions of discipleship, let us pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we enter into this new phase of our spiritual journey.



*Love & Peace,*  
**Fr. Semler**

### A LOOK AT COMING EVENTS

**Senior Citizens...Wednesday, August 12, 12:00 Noon, Sacred Heart Hall. New members always welcome.**

**Ladies of Charity Meeting...Sunday, August 23, 12:15 PM, Sacred Heart Hall.**

**Stroke Screening...Saturday, August 29, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Sacred Heart Hall. Free to public.**

**Women's Guild Meetings resume Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall.**

**Brown Bag Bingo...(Please Note)...Date changed to Sunday, September 13th at Sacred Heart Hall. Tickets will be on sale later this month.**

**Pre Cana...Sunday, October 4, 1:00 to 5:00 PM, Sacred Heart Hall. Call 412-351-3710 to register.**

### 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.**

### PRE SCHOOL AT EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our school is happy to announce that they will be opening a preschool for 3 and 4 year old children in September. The 3 year olds will meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 – 11:30 and the 4 year olds will meet daily from 12:30 -3:00 PM. Call the school at 412/351-5403 for more information or to register.

### BRADDOCK COMMUNITY DAY

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

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 [jphilips@tcvmhmr.org](mailto:jphilips@tcvmhmr.org)

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

<b>Sunday, July 26th:</b>	<b>\$5,323.00</b>
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 302
<b>Loose Offertory:</b>	<b>\$331.00</b>
<b>Votive:</b>	<b>\$180.00</b>

**May God bless your generosity!**

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Gospel tells us "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." By "listening" we are able to live the gospel. Gospel living is something so simple as taking the time to listen to those who need to spill out their hearts when seeking help.

**Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you enable the members of the Society to become a "listening heart" to the hungry, the homeless and the struggling poor.**

St. 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.**

### SHOWERS ON THE LAWN

All children from the community are welcome to St. John Fisher Church, 33 Lewin Lane, Churchill for "Showers on the Lawn" **Wednesday, August 12th** from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. The day will consist of a Bible story, hot dogs, candy hunt, and of course, showers on the lawn. There is no cost. However, please register at 412-241-4722 no later than Monday, August 3rd.

### CONCERT ON THE LAWN

St. John Fisher, 33 Lewin Lane, Churchill will host the concert on **Friday, August 21st from 7:00—8:30 PM.** The River City Brass Band will be featured. 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 are available for a donation. A free-will offering will be taken up to help defray expenses.

### **10th ANNUAL GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN**

Saturday, September 19th,  
David L Lawrence Convention Center.

New Location. Enhanced Event. Don't miss the dynamic line-up that includes: Bishop David Zubik, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Paul George, Dave VanVickle, and Dr. Scott Hahn. You may look for more info and register today at [cmfpitt.org](http://cmfpitt.org).

## **POLISH DAY AT KENNYWOOD PARK**

**Tuesday, August 4th**

Come and enjoy ethnic foods, music, bake sales and Fr. Miro's famous potato pancakes. Mass at 3:00 PM followed by free dancing to "The Boys Polka Band." All day ride \$26 for ages 3 to 54. The \$26 tickets may be used any other day of the season. Seniors (55-64) - \$16; over 65 is \$12 with coupon; after 5:00 PM (ages 3-54) \$20 with coupon. For tickets and coupons call Betty Kolano, 412-371-1827.

### **YOUNG PEOPLE'S BEGINNING EXPERIENCE**

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. The **Young People's Beginning Experience weekend** is scheduled for August 7-9 at Gilmary Retreat Center in Moon Township. Payment arrangements and possible financial assistance are available. For more information, explore their web site at [www.Beginning Experience.org](http://www.Beginning Experience.org) or make a confidential call to Carol at 412-295-7026 or Steve at 412-720-8694.

**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.

### **FLEA MARKET AT V.F.W., POST 5008**

The V.F.W., East Pittsburgh will hold an indoor flea market, Saturday & Sunday **October 17th & 18th**. Tables are \$20. You can purchase refreshments. Cash bar will also be available. For more information call 412-829-1377.

### **23rd ANNUAL BOB O'CONNOR COOKIE CRUISE**

The cruise takes place on Wednesday, August 19th from 5:30 to 9:30 PM with the boat sailing at 7:30 PM. Picnic style buffet, dancing, and fireworks. All proceeds benefit the Bob O'Connor Foundation which honors Bob's legacy of public service. Tickets are \$40.00. For more information or tickets visit [www.boboconnorfoundation.com](http://www.boboconnorfoundation.com) or call Bob's daughter, Heidi Garth, at 412-427-5235.

### **ST. RITA'S DESIGNER PURSE BINGO**

St. Rita Social Hall is located at 219 W. Schwab Avenue, Munhall 15120. Admission tickets for the bingo on **Sunday, August 9th** are \$20.00. Doors will open at Noon with Early Birds at 1:00 PM and regular games at 1:30 PM. Prizes include Vera Bradley, Coach and Michael Kors. For information or tickets, please call 412-461-4204.

# MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish  
August 2-9, 2015

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jn 6:24-35)

GS: 4:00 PM Roger Robare and Stephen McClain  
by Parents

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Anthony Nese by M/M Ed Ondovcik

Monday-Weekday (Mt 14:13-21)

SH: 9:00 AM John Hudak by Family

Tuesday-St. John Vianney (Mt 14:22-36)

SH: 9:00 AM Josephine Papula  
by Flo and Rudy Szekely

Wednesday-Weekday (Mt 15:21-28)

SH: 9:00 AM John M. Volcheck  
by Robin & Rodney Bourgeois

Thursday-The Transfiguration of the Lord (Mt 9:2-10)

SH: 9:00 AM Susan Navish by Kathy & Diana

Friday-St. Ignatius of Loyola (Mt 13:54-58)

No Morning Mass

Saturday-Weekday (Mt 16:24-28)

No Morning Mass

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jn 6:24-35)

GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

GS: 9:00 AM Bryan Keough by Mom, Dad & Brother

SH: 11:00 AM Joseph & Julie Ochal  
by Sophie & Gene Szatkowski

## *Rest In Peace*

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

**Jeremy Bernacki, Rita Taylor, and  
Agnes Farruggia.**

*May the angels lead you into paradise.*

### MASS OF DIVINE HEALING

St. Francis of Assisi, 3609 Washington Avenue,  
Finleyville, PA 15332 invites you to come and experi-  
ence the healing presence of the Lord at a Mass cele-  
brated by the "Fraternity of Priests" (a group of Pitts-  
burgh and Greensburg Priests) on **Wednesday, August  
12th at 7:00 PM**. Anointing for healing available  
after Mass. For info, call 724-348-7145.

**INVITATION TO PRAYER** - Bishop David Zubik in-  
vites all Catholics to the third Evening of Prayer as  
part of *On Mission for The Church Alive!* A **Festival  
of Praise with sacred music** will be held on  
**Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 7:00 PM** at St. Paul Ca-  
thedral in Pittsburgh's Oakland neighborhood.

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**WEEK!!!**