

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

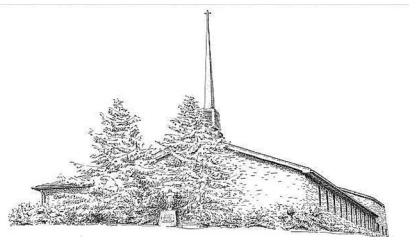
1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

*August 6, 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

Parish Office: .....412-271-1515  
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Fax.....412-271-1222  
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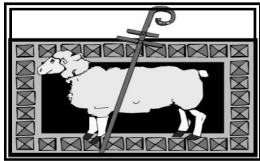
**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

- **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.**

August 6, 2017

*From the Pastor's Desk*  
**THE TRANSFIGURATION  
OF THE LORD**



**PULLOUT:**

Our On Mission for the Church Alive! is moving forward. From the information on our pullout I gleaned the following. The Study Commission has 5 more months to complete its findings and make recommendation to Bishop Zubik. Bishop Zubik is inviting you to come and pray with him at these 4 places from 7:00—8:30 PM:

\***Thursday, August 24**—St. Mary of the Assumption, Glenshaw

\***Monday, August 28**— St. Thomas More, Bethel Park

\***Tuesday, August 29**—St. Margaret Mary, Moon Twp

\***Wednesday, August 30**—St. Kilian, Adams/Cranberry Twps

*All are welcome!*

As 2018 begins Bishop Zubik will make his final decisions in 3 months or so. He will announce what parishes will be grouped together and who the pastors, priests and deacons are, who will make plans to lay the groundwork for each grouping. Please note that this pullout states that no parishes will close at this time. It will be the duty of each new priest/deacon team to assess how each grouping will eventually become a new parish. Each parish will then be asked to become a part of a new parish because of spiritual and temporal concerns. However, as this process moves forward a new mass schedule will be in place.

So realistically, this means that Good Shepherd Parish will be here until a merger agreement is reached. Hopefully all of our “grouped” parishes will work well together to bring it about in a good time frame.

Also we all need to know when the change becomes effective, each grouping will have to adjust to a new Mass schedule. So our Mass schedule at Good Shepherd will change. One reason for On Mission for the Church Alive! is that our churches are less than half full for each mass. You’re probably saying by now “I don’t like this.” Well, know that I feel the same way. But I see and know that it is necessary. So I’m looking forward to it with a joyful and positive heart.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY:**

Well with the On Mission for the Church Alive! coming about, it means we have one more Christmas for sure to celebrate. So, let’s do it in grand style on Saturday evening, December 3rd. The Pastoral Council in union with some of you are looking to make some “grand plans.” So put December 3, 2017 after the 4:00 PM Mass on your schedule now. If you are willing to lend a helping hand please call me...I’ll act as overall Chairperson, but I am in need of Co-Chairs. If all goes well we may decide to do it again after Easter which will be April 1. Maybe we can do it in late April or early May and invite our new Pastor-elect and the other priests and deacons assigned to our grouping.

**MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**AUGUST 12-13:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** A. Kostyak, D. Hrabley, P. Humberson, M. Colao, J. Carleton, M. Leicht, K. Carroll  
**Lector:** Theodore Schleifer  
**Server:** Andy Connelly

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Garritano, T & D Whyel, L. Petri, M. Giulianelli, C. DiNinno, P. Koncerak  
**Lector:** Mark Petri  
**Server:** Josh DiNinno

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Barbusio, S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas, E. Foster, P. Fazio, C. Suppes  
**Lector:** Brendan Howell  
**Server:** Brianna Skladany

**AUGUST 19-20:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Joe, J. Hojnacki, T. Schleifer, C. Mireni, K. Carroll, M. Leicht, J. Carleton  
**Lector:** Angelina Hornick  
**Servers:** Steve & Daniel Yezovich

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** C. Suppes, T & D Whyel, B. McDonell, J. Strednak, J. Corbett, J. McLaughlin  
**Lector:** Nick Russo  
**Server:** Christopher & Drew Yezovich

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J & M Besseck, C. Bakin, N. Moucheron, R. Stamera, J. Barbusio  
**Lector:** Dr. Chester Chorazy  
**Server:** Olivia Joscak

**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*

## BINGO TODAY

Good Shepherd Social Club will sponsor their next Bingo today, Sunday, **August 6**, 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. Refreshments will be available for purchase. For more information, call Peggy at 412-824-2588.



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

PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet this Monday evening, August 7, at Sacred Heart Hall at 7:00 PM. If you cannot attend, please call the Parish Office 412-271-1515.

## ADVENTURES IN CUB SCOUTING



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### OPEN HOUSE:

**Saturday, August 12, 2017,  
Noon to 3:00 PM**

**Boys ages 6 to 11 years old and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.**

**Come in and check us out at Good Shepherd School Hall, 1025 Braddock Avenue.**

## MONTHLY COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

The MCC for August will be celebrated Wednesday, August 30th at 9:00 AM at Sacred Heart. Donations are to be turned in by Monday, August 28th.

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel, Jesus says: "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves," and taking the five loaves and two fish, he blessed them and gave them to the disciples to feed the crowd.

**Know that your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help those living in poverty touches many lives just like the loaves and fishes.**

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

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

<b>Sunday, July 30:</b>	<b>\$4,748.00</b>
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 235
<b>Loose Offertory:</b>	<b>\$293.00</b>
<b>Fifth Sunday Collection: \$1,143</b>	env used: 130
<b>Loose Fifth Sunday Collection:</b>	<b>\$233.00</b>
<b>Votive:</b>	<b>\$155.00</b>

***Thank you for your generosity!***

## EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGISTRATION

**2017-2018 School Year**

East Catholic School welcomes prospective new families who are interested in learning about our programs from 3 year old Preschool through the 8<sup>th</sup> grad. Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is now open. Please call the office at 412-351-5403 from 8:30 am –2:00 pm to schedule a tour of the school, to request information or to discuss registration requirements. We provide Pre-K, and full day kindergarten through grade 8 programs.

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. Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2017 to be eligible for Kindergarten. **First day of School of 2017-18 school year is Monday, August 28, 2017** (full day for grades 1-8).

## WORD OF GOD OKTOBERFEST 2017

**Saturday, September 16th, 7:00-10:30 p.m.**, at Word of God Parish on the church grounds, 7446 McClure Ave., Swissvale, PA 15218. Come join us for good food (catered by Veltre's), music by DJ Deacon Len, plus several small games of chance. Ticket cost of \$25 includes food, entertainment, and soft drinks; \$35 includes the previous plus beer and wine (**\$5 discount if purchased before August 14th**). All proceeds benefit Word of God Parish. Over 21 years old ONLY; no tickets sold at the door. For more information and tickets contact the parish office, 412-241-1372. Come out and enjoy getting together with old friends and making new ones!

## ST MAURICE SERVICE & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Along with the *On Mission for the Church Alive!* initiative, St. Maurice's Service & Outreach Committee is hosting a Wine & Cheese Volunteer Social on **Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the St. Maurice Parish Center. Service volunteers in our cluster parishes are invited to socialize and share information on their parish programs in a casual setting. We want to learn what your parish is doing and let you know about our programs. If interested in attending, please RSVP to [mwithrow@stmauriceparish.org](mailto:mwithrow@stmauriceparish.org) or call Maggie Withrow at **412-824-4867**.

## GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Mass for couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary will take place on **Sunday, October 22nd**. Bishop Zubik will celebrate Mass at 2:30 PM at St. Paul Cathedral. A light reception will follow in the cathedral hall on the lower level. Those celebrating their 50th anniversary any time this year are asked to call the Parish Office to submit your name, address, and telephone number by Monday, August 30th so that you can receive an invitation to the celebration.

### **ST. JOHN FISHER NEWS:**

**Showers on the Lawn:** Wednesday, August 16, 1:00 PM. This is a fun afternoon spent running through water and enjoying other children's company. Lunch will be served, along with a candy hunt, bible story, etc. **No charge, however, please call the church office at 412-241-4722 to register your child/children.** The afternoon ends at 4:00 PM.

**Final Concert on the Lawn:** The final Concert will take place on the parish grounds Friday evening, August 18th at 7:00 PM. All are invited to enjoy an evening of music by Cahal Dunne. Wine, beer, soda and water are available for a donation. Bring your chair. A free-will offering will be taken to help defray expenses. Please call the church office at 412-241-4722.

**St. John Fisher Parish is located at 33 Lewin Lane,  
Pittsburgh, PA 15235.**

### **FAITH AFLOAT**

**Who has God created and called you to be? How is He inviting you to serve Him?** Delve into your deepest identity as a son or daughter of God and learn how to witness your Catholic faith to the culture through Faith Afloat, a cruise for high school students on the Gateway Clipper Empress on **Sunday, October 15**, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The cruise will include dinner, a talk by Father Tom Sparacino, a witness by Theresa Sullivan, and praise and worship led by Dave Belkowski. Vocations Director Father Mike Ackerman will emcee the event. The cruise costs \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Register by October 2 by visiting **PGHPriest.com** or by talking to your youth minister.

### **POLISH FALCON HERITAGE FOUNDATION**

On Wednesday, August 23rd, the Polish Falcon Heritage Foundation will gather again to celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa** at Saint Paul Cathedral. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Zubik at 7:00 PM. This is a rare opportunity for the Polish community of Western PA to express their devotion to their patroness.

### **A DAY OF PRAYER, DISCERNMENT & PRAISE**

is being offered by the Pittsburgh Religious Vocation Council for Single Catholic Men and Women Ages 18 to 40. The Saturday, September 9 event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mount Assisi Convent (GPS Address: 1515 Quail Avenue, Pittsburgh (15202). Donation: \$10 (includes lunch and snacks). Participants are welcome to come early for 9 a.m. Mass. RSVP: Sister Lorita Kristufek at 412-761-6004 by Sept. 1.

### **SING YOUR SONG**

Alas for those who never sing, but die with their music within them.  
—Oliver Wendell Holmes

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

**1-888-808-1235**

**Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan**

# MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish  
August 6-13, 2017

**Transfiguration of the Lord** (Mt 17:1-9)  
GS: 4:00 PM Anthony DiVito, Jr.  
by Fran Mehalic  
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish  
SH: 11:00 AM Helen Bielek by Singing Buddies

**Monday-Weekday** (Mt 14:13-21)  
SH: 9:00 AM Josephine Caban by Family

**Tuesday-St. Dominic** (Mt 14:22-36)  
SH: 9:00 AM Anna Melko by Philip Kollar

**Wednesday-Weekday** (Mt 15:21-28)  
SH: 9:00 AM Kerry Miller Brady by Family

**Thursday -St. Lawrence** (Jn 12:24-26)  
SH: 9:00 AM In Honor of St. Francesco Da Paola  
by Antonio and Fortunata DeCaria

**Friday-St. Clare** (Mt 16:24-28)  
No Morning Mass

**Saturday-Weekday** (Mt 17:14-20)  
No Morning Mass

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Mt 14:22-33)  
GS: 4:00 PM Gross Family by Helen Gross  
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish  
SH: 11:00 AM John & Anna Trasky by Son, Larry

## REST IN PEACE

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

**Ryan Sance, Regis Welsh, Jr., William C. Sullivan,  
Kathleen Sullivan, and Genevieve Bulik.**  
*May the angels lead you into paradise*

## MEMORIAL OFFERING THIS WEEK:

*Altar Bread, and Altar Wine:*  
**In Memory of Edward 'Pavy' Pavlan**  
by Wife and Daughters

## TOTALITY

Totally love him, who gave himself totally for your  
love. —St. Clare



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**IN CYAN EVERY**  
**WEEK!!!**