

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

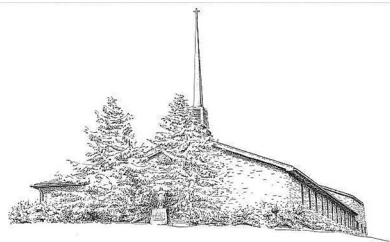
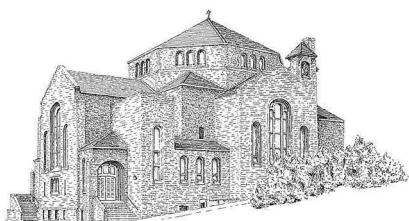
1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

*August 9, 2015*

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

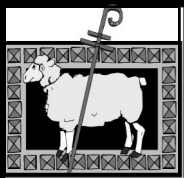
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor  
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty  
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (*micky52@comcast.net*)  
Mr. Herbert A. Dillahunt, Director of Music (*nasard@aol.com*)  
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager  
Miss Joan Hojnacki, Religious Education  
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director 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 9, 2015**  
**From the Pastor's Desk**  
**Nineteenth Sunday**  
**In Ordinary Time**

**JOY, JOY, JOY:**

When Herb was singing **Joy, Joy, Joy** as the opening hymn on Sunday, I didn't realize that I would be spreading joy, joy, joy. I heard a joyful noise from many of you as I said during my homily that we would keep **BOTH CHURCHES OPEN** until God decides differently because disaster would strike one. I announced this because of the over 60 messages you sent me about closing one of our churches.

I shared with you that some said if I had been more clear about our financial picture, maybe you would have responded better. Well on this point, I hope I was very clear that our collections should be at least \$6,000.00 a week and even better on most. I did not intend to address this topic this weekend but the readings on the Eucharist and Bishop David's desire to keep our parishes alive just came together for me. The one point I think the Pastoral Council may have to consider and do a parish survey for is: **Should the 4:00 PM Mass be celebrated at Good Shepherd Church or Sacred Heart Church?**

I am happy and content with this decision and your many joyful responses tell me that you are happy also.

**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 that you may discard.**

**MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN:**

Father Walter Ostrowski, S.V.D. will be here next weekend representing the Divine Word Missionaries to fulfill the Diocesan Mission Coop Plan. Each parish invites an assigned Mission Group once a year to help all of us keep tuned into mission field activities. Here is a part of the information they sent to me.

The Society of the Divine Word was founded by Saint Arnold Janssen, a German priest working in the Diocese of Muenster. While the government was expelling religious orders and repressing the growth of the Church in Germany, Janssen created a missionary training center

across the border in Steyl, Holland. The Society of the Divine Word opened its first mission house in Steyl in 1875.

Divine Word Missionaries were sent to China less than four years later. Saint Joseph Freinademetz, the Society's first missionary to China, was canonized along with Saint Arnold Janssen on October 5, 2003.

In 1895, after establishing five additional mission houses in Europe, Saint Arnold Janssen dispatched Brother Wendelin Meyer to the United States. Brother Wendelin arrived in Hoboken, New Jersey, where he sought financial support for the Society's burgeoning missions by selling Divine Word publications.

Within a year, Brother Homobonus Stiller was sent to the United States to help Brother Wendelin. Working together, the two missionaries continued to win friends for the Society in New Jersey and New York.

My cousin, Fr. Ray Hober, SVD has been with them for over 50 years. Unfortunately, his health keeps him from being here next weekend. So, let us keep Fr. Ray and all the Divine Word Missionaries in our prayers.

**An aside:** Fr. Ray's parents were my Godparents.

**CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:**

The 10th Annual Catholic Men's Fellowship is scheduled for Saturday, September 19th this year. Their invitation says, "It will be held at the David Lawrence Convention Center, a venue that will not only launch us into the future, but provide significant enhanced comfort and quality, i.e. seating, lighting, sound, as compared to past years." Our theme is "**I Have Called You Friends.**"

George Baker (412-793-1039) will again be our contact person this year, assisted by Deacon Joe (412-351-3710). They have tickets and can answer your questions.

You will see a poster and some wallet cards in the vestibule. Take some cards and give them to some friends and invite them to join you on September 19th. They also tell you how to get more information.

**On Mission for The Church Alive! Festival of Praise**

**Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 - 7:00 PM**

Our summer prayer events will conclude with a festival of praise with sacred music at St. Paul Cathedral on August 12, 2015, the Feast of St. Jane Frances de Chantal. She was a lay woman who brought thousands of Parisians back to the faith during the 17<sup>th</sup> century French revival. To both encourage and guide us, Bishop Zubik will offer an extended address to the faithful of the diocese to go forth and grow the *Church Alive!* The evening will begin and end with music sung by the Cathedral/Diocesan choirs. **Location:** St. Paul Cathedral, 5th Ave at N Craig St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213.



*Love and Peace,*  
*Fr. Semler*

### SENIOR CITIZENS

Our Seniors will hold their regular monthly meeting this Wednesday, August 12th at Sacred Heart Hall. Doors open at 11:00 AM—meeting begins at 12:00 Noon. Tickets will be on sale for the Root Beer Float social at the September meeting. The donation is \$4.00. New members are always welcome.

### ST. MAURICE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Each of us believes in Jesus because someone else shared the Good News with us, perhaps a parents, grandparent or friend. The role of family in the process of Religious Education must never be underestimated. Parents are *first and most* important educators of their children. We seek to partner with parents in the important task of sharing the Good News of Christ with the kids! **St. Maurice Religious Education is now accepting registrations for students from Good Shepherd Parish for the 2015-2016 school year.** Any child in Pre K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade not currently attending a Catholic School is invited to join our program. Our classes meet on Sunday mornings (starting on September 28) at 8:30 AM until 9:45 AM and fulfills the Diocese of Pittsburgh's guidelines for the Religious Education of children. Currently enrolled families will receive an email to register. **If you are new to our program or to the Parish, please contact Cheryl Kirkland at 412-351-6710 or you may email her for more information at [stmauriceparish-ccd@comcast.net](mailto:stmauriceparish-ccd@comcast.net)**

### 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.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

**During the hot summer months many of the elderly, especially those who are sick, are not able to find relief from the heat. Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring respite and hope to them.**

Vincent de Paul phone: 412-437-8370

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

<b>Sunday, August 2nd:</b>	<b>\$5,912.00</b>
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 302
<b>Loose Offertory:</b>	<b>\$474.00</b>
<b>Monthly Offering: \$1,360.00</b>	env used: 94
<b>Monthly Loose:</b>	<b>\$ 99.00</b>
<b>Votive:</b>	<b>\$211.00</b>

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

### 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 **TODAY** or **call the Parish Office on Monday.**

### STROKE SCREENING:

Jefferson Hospital's Community Stroke Program is offering a free Stroke Screening for Braddock and surrounding areas. The date is **Saturday, August 29, 2015** –from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. It will be held at Sacred Heart Hall. It will include:

- ◆ **Finger stick blood sample** for Cholesterol, HDL and blood sugar level
- ◆ **Blood Pressure Check, Body Fat Analysis, Stroke, Risk Assessment Survey**
- ◆ **Counseling on abnormal results & information on Stroke prevention**
- ◆ **Carbon Monoxide testing for smokers**
- ◆ **Light Refreshments and giveaways**
- ◆ **Follow up phone counseling for any abnormal results**

**The entire screening takes approximately 45 minutes to complete.**

This program is funded by grant money and private donors. It is encouraged for those with limited or no health insurance or those who do not seek routine preventive health care and is provided free of charge. Clinical support is provided by Duquesne University faculty and students.

We rely on the community to help advertise the event and provide some of the volunteers at the screening. You can volunteer by calling 412-469-5011.

### 84TH ANNUAL CROATIAN DAY AT KENNYWOOD PARK

Come celebrate the 84th Annual Croatian Day celebration at Kennywood Park on Saturday, September 5th. Delicious Mezick's BBQ lamb will be available as well some exciting additions to the ethnic food selections this year! Enjoy the cultural program starting at 4:00 in the pavilions featuring entertainment by Croatian music group KAS and vocalist Igor Delac. Ticket prices are \$29 for riders ages 2- 54; \$16 for riders 55 - 64, and \$12 (w/coupon) for riders 65 and over. Call Barb Mogus at 412-824-6680 for tickets or coupons!"

**29th ANNUAL BENEFIT LUNCHEON  
FOR SEMINARIANS**

Saturday, September 12, 2015 at St Paul's Seminary - O'Connor Hall, 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh 15205. Luncheon, Chinese Auction, Raffles and Bake Sale. Doors open at 10:00 am for early-bird players (cards or board games). Lunch will be served at 12:00 pm. Choice of entree: Chicken Marsala, Crab Cakes, Penne Pasta. Donation is \$30. Reservations due by August 28, 2015. Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Pittsburgh Diocesan Committee. For reservations or additional information, please contact: Johanna Leonard 412-231-0931 or Laraine McGinnis 724-263-2161.

**DIOCESAN CHOIR AUDITIONS**

Auditions for the 2015-2016 Diocesan Choir season will soon be held. The Choir, under the direction of Fr. Jim Chepponis, Music Director for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, sings for the major events at St. Paul's Cathedral throughout the year. Currently there are openings in the soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections. In addition to being good singers, potential members must be capable sight-readers due to a limited rehearsal schedule, and at least 18 years of age. Rehearsals are held at St. John Capistran Church in Upper St. Clair. Audition times may be scheduled by calling Doris Anne in the Diocesan Music Office (412-456-3042) before August 24th.

**BRADDOCK HIGH SCHOOL  
ALL CLASS REUNION**

**Date:** September 10, 2015; **Time:** 11:30 AM-4:30 PM **Place:** Stratigos Banquet Centre, 131 Colonial Manor Rd., North Huntingdon, PA 15642  
**Cost:** \$30.00 per person

**PLEASE CALL BY AUGUST 10, 2015.**

Checks should be made payable to: **Mary Harmon Giulianelli, 2124 Worton Blvd., West Mifflin, PA 15122.** Along with your check, please include your full name (including maiden name), address, phone #, year you graduated and email address. For more information, call Mary at 412-466-7117.

**ANNUAL CHARITY BENEFIT LUNCHEON  
AND FASHION SHOW**

You are invited to attend the Annual Charity Benefit Luncheon/Fashion Show with Father Scott Seethaler. All proceeds benefit the Anna Seethaler Hospital, Mexico. The event takes place on Sunday, September 20th at the South Hills Country Club, Rt. 51 and Brownsville Road. Doors open at 11:00 AM, Luncheon at 1:00 PM. Lots to do. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. Make checks payable to **T.A.S.H.** and send to Beth Svirbel, 3846 Edge Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15227.

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

***1-888-808-1235***

***Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan***

# MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish  
August 9-16, 2015

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jn 6:41-51)

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

## Monday-St. Lawrence (Jn 12:24-26)

SH: 9:00 AM Nora Petrovay by Ann Marie Bender

## Tuesday-St. Clare (Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14)

SH: 9:00 AM Mary Bonga by Family

## Wednesday-Weekday (Mt 16:15-20)

SH: 9:00 AM Mary Wagner

by Daughter, Bernadette Mikolics

## Thursday-Weekday (Mt 18:21 – 19.1)

SH: 9:00 AM Pat Emrock by Wife

## Friday-St. Maximilian Kolbe (Mt 19:3-12)

No Morning Mass

SH: 7:00 PM Anticipated Mass/Assumption

William Welsh by Family

## Saturday-Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation) (Lk 1:39-56)

No Morning Mass

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jn 6:51-58)

GS: 4:00 PM Anna & John Trasky by Family

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM George J. Bandik by Family

## *Rest In Peace*

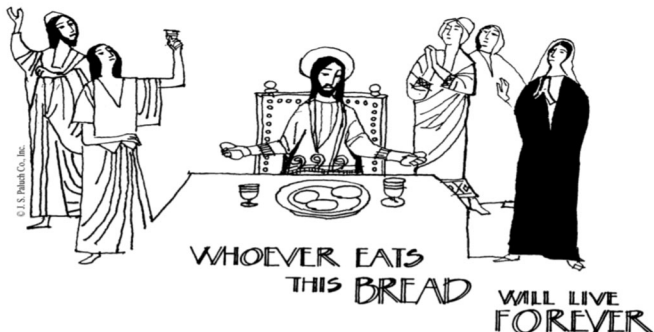
*In your charity, we remember all those who have died, especially: Linda Snyder .*

*May the angels lead you into paradise*

## MAKE DEPOSITS

Friendship is like a bank account. You can't continue to draw on it without making deposits.

—Anonymous



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**PRINT COVER, ADS,**  
**AND OUTSIDE TABS**  
**IN CYAN EVERY**  
**WEEK!!!**