

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

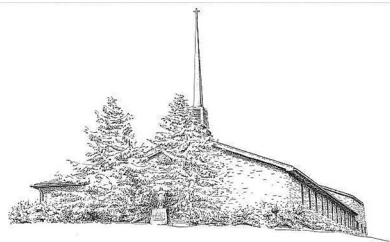
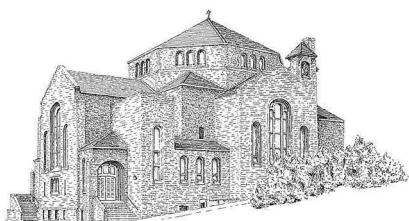
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

August 16, 2015

Parish Office: 412-271-1515
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Website: 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

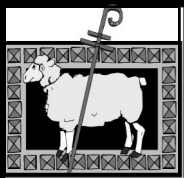
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (*micky52@comcast.net*)
Mr. Herbert A. Dillahunt, Director of Music (*nasard@aol.com*)
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager
Miss Joan Hojnacki, Religious Education
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance
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
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
- **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 16, 2015
From the Pastor's Desk
Twentieth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

JOY, JOY, JOY:

When Herb was singing **Joy, Joy, Joy** as the opening hymn on Sunday, August 2nd, 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 that 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.

On a Personal Note: I plan to be with you until the end of 2020 when I hit my 80th birthday if the Lord continues to bless me with good health. I've instructed my younger priest friends to tell me if my mental or physical ability should impede me from ministering in a good and wholesome way.

What will 5 more years bring? Neither Bishop Zubik or I know the answer to that question. What I do know is that we must always respond to the "winds of change" to the best of our abilities. Let us continue to work together to keep our Good Shepherd Alive.

MISSION COOP PLAN:

We welcome Father Walter Ostrowski, S.V.D. this 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.

The Society of the Divine Word in the United States educates young men for the Priesthood and Brotherhood for ministries in 70 countries around the world. They are one of the largest religious orders in the Roman Catholic Church with more than 6,000 members worldwide.

Your support of their endeavors will be most gratefully appreciated.

VACATION TIME:

You may notice that we will just have Communion Services Monday—Thursday for the next 2 weeks. Guess who will be on vacation! Your prayers are answered.

RCIA:

RCIA means Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It's designed to invite Catholics, high school age and above who are not confirmed and non-Catholics of high school age and above who are not Catholic to come and learn about the Catholic Faith. You only make a choice to be Confirmed or to become Catholic as the program reaches Holy Saturday evening and you joyfully say yes. You may also say NO as some have in the past. About 30 some years ago one of my non-Catholic moms with 3 children lost her husband to death. She said **"Father, I would like to take that program so I know what and how to teach my children, but I am not interested in becoming Catholic."** Well, once she came face to face with the beauty of our Faith and the strength that Jesus Christ provides within it she said **"I want to become Catholic."**

So, do you know someone who is willing to come and see and share the joy of your faith? Tell them you will bring them on Wednesday, September 16th to Sacred Heart Hall at 7:00 PM to begin. Call me or Deacon Joe and we will answer your questions.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN:

As you know, educating your children is in the heart, hands and homes of their parents. The Church offers two ways to help. We provide Catholic Schools and CCD Programs. It is now time to make sure your child is registered in one or the other. St. Colman, St. Maurice and Word of God accepts our children in their CCD Programs. So parents, please this week make sure your child/children are registered in a Catholic School or a CCD Program. It would be appreciated if you then notified me as to where your child is going.

SACRAMENT PROGRAMS:

We usually have Confirmation in the Spring for 8th Graders. The preparation begins with the Old Testament in 6th Grade and continues through grades 7 and 8. First Communion is in May of grade two. It is presumed that the child has completed grade one and most of grade 2 in a Religious Education Program.



Love and Peace

Fr. Semler

GOOD SHEPHERD SCOUTS

Our Scout troop will hold a Bicycle Raffle (21 speed) with helmet and water bottle. Tickets are on sale now through **September 7th**. The tickets are **\$2.00 each and are based on the Pick 3 evening number on September 7th**. For tickets or more information, please call Mike at 412-425-2940 or Sue at 412-825-0988.

BROWN BAG BINGO

The Bingo will take place Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall, 1600 Brinton Road, Braddock Hills, PA. Doors open at 12:30 PM. Donation of \$10.00 includes boards and light lunch. Tickets are available after the Masses and at the Parish Office. You may also call Peg at 412-736-3507 for tickets or information.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” As we know, our loving God cannot be seen by our eyes, but only experienced through loving people.

St. Vincent de Paul phone: 412-437-8370

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, August 9th:	\$ 5,830.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 301
Loose Offertory:	\$278.00
School Collection: \$483.00	env used: 59
Loose School Collection:	\$110.00
Votive:	\$188.00

May God bless your generosity!

ST. MAURICE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The role of family in the process of Religious Education must never be underestimated. Parents are *first and most* important educators of their children. **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 8th 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**

ST. COLMAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

begins in September on Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30pm for grades K-8. Please Note: It is a Diocesan Policy for all students to receive a **minimum of 2 full years** of education before the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist (grades 1 and 2) and **8 full years** before Confirmation. If your child does not attend a Catholic School, make sure they are registered. If you are a member of another parish, permission from your pastor is required to attend St. Colman. Registration will begin in August. For more information or to register please call the rectory office at 412-823-2564

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.

7TH ANNUAL MASS

Everyone is invited to attend the 7th Annual Mass honoring **Our Lady of Czestochowa**, patroness of Poland at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 26, 2015.

The Knights of Columbus will lead the procession and Bishop Zubik will be Celebrant. It is sponsored by the Polish Falcons of America and Polish Clergy.

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 and come to a safe place.

The next weekend will be **October 23-25, 2015** at the Gilmary Retreat Center in Moon Twp., PA. Payment arrangements and possible financial assistance are available. For more information, explore our website www.BeginningExperience.org or make a confidential call to **Mary at 412-523-2405** or **Steve at 412-367-4948**.

PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE: St. Bernadette Parish in Monroeville is sponsoring a pilgrimage to 'The Shrines of France' from Nov. 4-11, 2015. With Pastor Anthony Gargotta serving as Spiritual Director, the pilgrimage stops will include Lourdes, Paris, and other cities. For more information, the St. Bernadette website, www.stbrnadet.org, has a link to the brochure/registration information. Or call the Parish Office @ [412-373-0050](tel:412-373-0050) and ask for Rege Reinersmann. The tour operator, Best Catholic Pilgrimages, is also available through email address @ info@religious-travel.com or 1-800-908-2378.

HELP WANTED: Franciscan Child Day Care Center -- The Franciscan Child Daycare Center in Whitehall is seeking caregivers to care for Infants, Toddlers and Pre-School children. Positions available include 4 full-time and 1 part time. Associate degree in Early Childhood Education preferred. Professional experience, flexibility and nurturing disposition are required. Please no phone calls. E-mail résumé to smerlo@osfprov.org

In a Troubled Marriage? Please call contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at:

www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
August 16-23, 2015

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

Monday-Weekday (Mt 19:16-22)

SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

Tuesday-Weekday (Mt 19:23-30)

SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday-Weekday (Mt 20:1-16)

SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday-St. Bernard (Mt 22:1-14)

SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

Friday-St. Pius X (Mt 22:34-40)

No Morning Mass

Saturday-The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Morning Mass (Mt 23:1-12)

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jn 6:60-69)

GS: 4:00 PM Marcello Family by Tresa G. Marcello
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
SH: 11:00 AM John S. Vasilauskas by Frank Ribich

Rest In Peace

In your charity, we remember all those who have died, especially: Edward S. Gross and Helen Bielec.

May the angels lead you into paradise

Memorial Offering: Good Shepherd Parish

Sanctuary Lamp:

In Memory of George J. Bandik

By Family

LOVE THEM BOTH

We must love them both—those whose opinions we share and those whose opinions we reject. For both have labored in the search for truth, and both have helped us in the finding of it.

—Thomas Aquinas



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WEEK!!!