

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

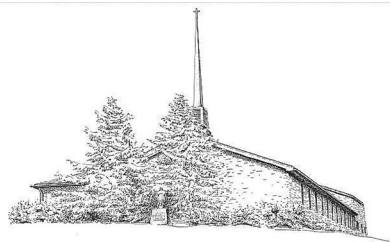
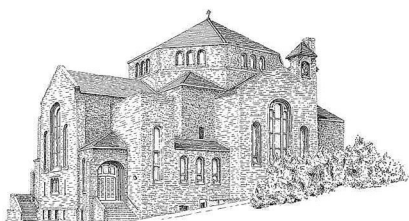
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

August 23, 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

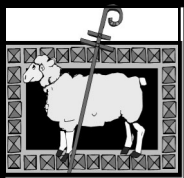
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (*micky52@comcast.net*)
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager
Miss Joan Hojnacki, Religious Education
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance
Sr. Judith Stojhovic, RSM, Principal of East Catholic

Parish Telephone Numbers

Parish Office:412-271-1515
Phone: 412-351-3710
Fax.....412-271-1222
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 23, 2015
From the Pastor's Desk
Twenty-First Sunday
In Ordinary Time

FR. JOHN GUDEWICZ:

Fr. John is our Celebrant this weekend. We attended St. Vincent Seminary together. He and I shared offices for our Mission Society. Our big "push" was to collect pills from doctors that we could send to the Missions. Father John was always a good, steady friend, and gratefully, he still is. Thanks Fr. John for being here this weekend.

RIGHT CHURCH:

Yes, you are in the right church. My weekend away was planned a long time ago and Herb started his new job last Monday. So it may seem a little strange. But I'll be back next weekend.

Since I had to do this bulletin before I escaped, "er" I mean before I went on vacation, I planned accordingly. Blessed Louis' birthday is August 22nd so please enjoy this "Catholic Man of the Month" from the July 2015 Columban (Knights of Columbus) magazine.

Blessed Louis Martin
(1823-1894)

The third of five children, Louis Martin was born in Bordeaux, France, on August 22, 1823. He was raised in a lively Christian family that eventually settled in Alencon, about 125 miles west of Paris.

Martin left home at age 19 to study watchmaking. For a time, he considered a religious vocation, but he discerned that God had other plans for him. He established a watchmaking business in 1850, later adding a jeweler's shop.

In April of 1858, Marin met Zelig Guerin, a skillful lace maker who had also considered the consecrated life. Discovering a profound spiritual harmony, the affectionate couple soon became engaged and were married that July. They eventually had nine children, five of whom survived.

The Martin household was marked by deep faith, as the family attended daily Mass and practiced the works of mercy. Louis was fond of singing, fishing and hiking, and delighted in making toys for his children. His youngest daughter, St. Therese of Lisieux, once recalled, "I cannot say how much I loved Papa; everything in him caused me to admire him."

Though the family enjoyed financial security, the Martins also experienced hardship. Zelig died in 1877 at age 46 after a battle with breast cancer. Moving to Lisieux with his daughters that same year to live near his in-laws, Louis later suffered a series of strokes that left him paralyzed.

Before his death July 29, 1894, Martin saw each of his five daughters enter religious life. "God does me the honor of asking for all my children," he said. "I give them with joy."

Beatified together in 2008, Blessed Louis and Zelig Martin are expected to be canonized in October. Their feast day is July 12th.

ST. SCHOLASTICA:

I love this story about St. Scholastica. Sometimes, even though what we pray for seems too remote, if the Lord deems it good and needed, He has the power to say yes.

Saint Scholastica
Invoked against lightning (c.480-542)

This story is told about Scholastica by Saint Gregory the Great in his Dialogues. Once a year, Scholastica, abbess, came to visit her brother, Benedict, founder and abbot. Benedict would meet her at a little building outside the walls of the monastery. This particular time they met and spent the entire day in holy conversation, encouraging each other in faith and love. As it grew dark, Benedict rose to leave. Scholastica begged her brother to stay, but he insisted that he must return to the abbey.

Scholastica lowered her head in prayer. Suddenly, a great tempest blew in, lashing the hut with violent rain. Lightning flashed in the air. Benedict demanded that Scholastica tell him what she had done. **"I desired you to stay and you would not hear me; I have desired it of our good Lord, and he has granted my petition. Therefore if you can now depart, in God's name return to your monastery and leave me alone."** But of course, Benedict could not go back because of the extreme weather. He stayed, conversing with his sister the entire night.

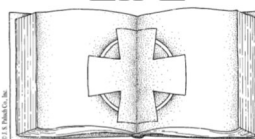
Gregory concludes that this miracle **"wrought by a woman"** reflects Scholastica's deep love. **"She realized, according to the saying of Saint John, 'God is love' (1 Jn 4:8). Therefore, as is right, she who loved more, did more."**

Magnificat 2015

EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our children return to East Catholic School this week. So please watch out for school children as you drive. You know they don't always watch out for you.

YOU HAVE
 THE WORDS OF
 ETERNAL
 LIFE



Love and Peace
Fr. Semler

LADIES OF CHARITY

The Ladies of Charity meet today, Sunday, August 23rd at 12:15 PM at Sacred Heart Hall.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

Your support is asked in the second collection today for *Catholic Communications and Catholic University of America.*

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, ie. 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 will also tell you how to get more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ST. MAURICE Any child in Pre K through 8th grade not currently attending a Catholic School is invited to join the program. Our classes meet on Sunday mornings (starting on September 28) at 8:30 AM until 9:45 AM. If you are new to their 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 begins their program in September on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 PM for grades K-8. Please Note: make sure they are registered. If you are a member of another parish, permission from your pastor is required to attend St. Colman. For more information or to register please call the St. Colman Office at 412-823-2564

WORD OF GOD/MADONNA DEL CASTELLO:

Classes are held at Madonna del Castello Parish Center on Saturdays from 8:45 to 10:30 AM. Classes begin Saturday, September 19, 2015. Registration deadline is Friday, September 11, 2015. Forms are available at Good Shepherd Parish Office.

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, August 16th:	\$6,698.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 371
Loose Offertory:	\$377.00
Mission Coop Offering:	\$1,057.00
Votive:	\$177.00

May God bless your generosity!

STROKE SCREENING THIS SATURDAY:

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.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks "**Do you also want to leave?**" We must ask ourselves if we really want to hear the good news of his love for us and for others. Is the word of God able to break into our consciousness, change us and call us to hear the cries of the poor?

As you give your gift to the poor through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in your heart you also will find the good news of God's love.

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

20TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

The Braddock Rotary Club will hold their annual Golf Outing Tuesday, September 15th at Grand View Golf Club. Registration & Continental Breakfast-9:00 AM; Tee Off (scramble)-10:00 AM; Dinner & Awards-4:30 PM. \$500 Foursome; \$125 Individual. The cost per golfer includes lunch, green fees, cart, dinner & eligibility to win team, skill and door prizes. Please bring a non-perishable item to help Project Reach relieve hunger in the community. Dinner Only: \$35.00. Proceeds of the Outing benefit local youth, disadvantaged elderly and international relief projects. For more information, please call John L. Sullivan at 412-271-0900 or you may email johnlgo2@gmail.com.

BINGO BASH

Sunday, September 27, at Madonna del Castello, 2021 South Braddock Avenue, Swissvale. Tickets \$10 on sale after weekend Masses at Madonna and Word of God or call Peggy Gibson at 412-225-3350 for tickets and information.

FLEA MARKET AT VFW

The V.F.W., Post 5008, East Pittsburgh will hold an Indoor Flea Market Saturday & Sunday October 17th & 18th. Tables are \$20. Refreshments and cash bar will be available. For more info. Call 412-829-1377.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

Host Composer Dan Schutte

In celebration of the Year of Consecrated Life, we invite you to attend an afternoon of Song and Reflection with Composer Dan Schutte. The prayerful celebration will take place on Sunday, September 13, at 2:30 p.m. in the Motherhouse Chapel in Baden. Dan has been composing music for worship for more than 30 years. His more recent pieces exhibit an enduring ability to reach into people's hearts and draw them into prayer. He is one of most prolific and influential composers of music for the liturgy today. A reception will follow the September 13 event, which has been set aside as a world Day of Prayer for religious communities during the Year of Consecrated Life. There is no fee to attend but donations to the Sisters of St. Joseph will be accepted. To facilitate parking, please arrive at least 15 minutes early. To register, visit www.bit.ly/DanSchutte or contact Sister Norma Zanieski at nzanieski@stjoseph-baden.org or 724-869-6526. Please register by September 4, 2015.

THE WAY

It's hard to train a child in a way the parents don't go themselves.

—Anonymous

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
August 23-30, 2015

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

Monday-St. Bartholomew (Jn 1:45-51)

SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

Tuesday-Weekday (Mt 23:23-26)

SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday-Weekday (Mt 23:27-32)

SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday-St. Monica (Mt 24:42-51)

SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

Friday-St. Augustine (Mt 25:1-13)

No Morning Mass

Saturday-The Passion of St. John the Baptist

No Morning Mass (Mk 6:17-29)

GS: 1:30 PM Wedding

Anthony Esposito and Danielle Stoecklein

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

GS: 9:00 AM Francis 'Butch' Zilko by Family

SH: 11:00 AM Kenneth E. Riling by M/M James Byer

Rest In Peace

*In your charity, we remember all those who have
died, especially: William Roland, Sr..
May the angels lead you into paradise.*

****Correction:** Helen Bielek (Helen's last name was spelled Bielec in last week's bulletin).

ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL

All-Class Reunion/Mixer

Saturday, October 17, 2015 7:00 pm-Midnight. Grand View Golf Club, 1000 Clubhouse Dr, North Braddock. Soft drinks, Hors d'oeuvres and Disc Jockey. Cash Bar for Alcoholic Drinks. Tickets are \$20.00. Tickets available at Lanigan Funeral Home 412-824-8800 Laniganfunerals@aol.com. Reunion checks should be made payable to MARLENE WASZKIEWICZ & mailed to Lanigan Funeral Home, 700 Linden Ave. at Cable, East Pittsburgh, PA 15112. Only #400 tickets sold.

BLESSED

If you have sight, you are blessed. If you have insight, you are a thousand times blessed.

—Anonymus

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AND OUTSIDE TABS
IN CYAN EVERY
WEEK!!!