

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

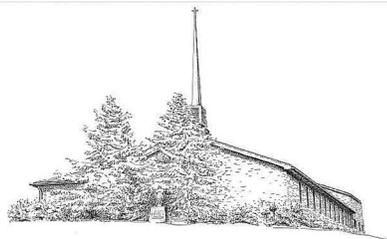
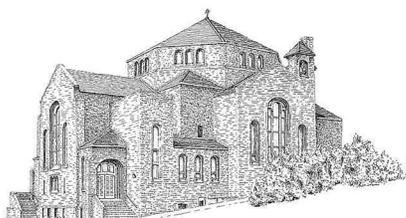
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

August 30, 2015

Parish Office: 412-271-1515
Fax: 412-271-1222

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

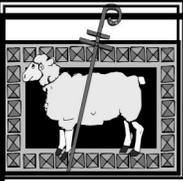
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor
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Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance
Sr. Judith Stojhovic

Parish Telephone Numbers

Parish Office:412-271-1515
Phone:412-351-3710
Fax.....412-271-1222
e-mail.....gshepoffice@comcast.net
East Catholic..... 412-351-5403
School Fax:.....412-273-9114

- **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
- **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 30, 2015
From the Pastor's Desk
Twenty-Second Sunday
In Ordinary Time

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

We hear Jesus saying today *"This people honors me with their lips but their hearts are far from me."* This gives us a chance to take "stock" of ourselves. We can ask ourselves "What am I doing to keep the Church Alive in Braddock and the surrounding area?" Have I invited a family member or friend to come to Mass?

CATHOLIC MAN OF THE MONTH:

Blessed Frederic Janssoone
(1838-1916)

The youngest of 13 children, Frederic Janssoone was born in Ghyvelde, France (on the Belgian border) on November 18, 1838. He grew up in a family of prosperous farmers who valued faith and Christian charity.

Janssoone was just 9 when his father died. An exceptional young student, he began to pursue a vocation to the priesthood but interrupted his studies at age 17 to support his family. With his love for others and a knack for business, Janssoone became a successful traveling salesman. Six years later, after the death of his mother, he completed his education.

Janssoone joined the Order of Friars Minor in 1864 and was ordained a priest four years later. After serving as a military chaplain in the Franco-Prussian War, he helped to found a friary, but his heart was set on becoming a missionary.

In 1876, Father Janssoone received permission to serve in the Custody of the Holy Land, which maintains ancient Christian sites. For 12 years, he carried out demanding administrative tasks with remarkable diplomacy. An ardent preacher, he also led pilgrimages and restored the custom of pilgrims praying the Stations of the Cross in the streets of Jerusalem.

After a fundraising trip to Quebec in 1881, Father Janssoone returned to Canada for good in 1888, settling in Trois-Rivieres. While continuing to raise funds for the Holy Land, he became a pilgrimage organizer for the nearby shrine of Our Lady of the Cape. He also published religious works, rejuvenated the Third Order Franciscans and became friends with St. Andre Bessette.

For the remainder of his life, Father Janssoone worked on fundraising projects, traversed Quebec on foot and became popularly known as *"the holy Father."* The joyful Franciscan died August 4, 1916, and was beatified in 1988.

Be doers of
the word,
and not
hearers
only



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YEAR OF MERCY:

This reading on Mercy comes from the Breviary (my priest's prayer book). With the Year of Mercy coming up, I thought I'd share it with you.

Divine and Human Mercy

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

My brothers and sisters, sweet is the thought of mercy, but even more so is mercy itself. It is what all men hope for, but unfortunately, not what all men deserve. For while all men wish to receive it, only a few are willing to give it.

How can a man ask for himself what he refuses to give to another? If he expects to receive any mercy in heaven, he should give mercy on earth. Do we all desire to receive mercy? Let us make mercy our patroness now, and she will free us in the world to come. Yes, there is mercy in heaven, but the road to it is paved by our merciful acts on earth. As Scripture says: ***Lord, your mercy is in heaven.***

There is, therefore, an earthly as well as heavenly mercy, that is to say, a human and a divine mercy. Human mercy has compassion on the miseries of the poor. Divine mercy grants forgiveness of sins. Whatever human mercy bestows here on earth, divine mercy will return to us in our homeland. In this life God feels cold and hunger in all who are stricken with poverty; for, remember, he once said: ***What you have done to the least of my brothers you have done to me.*** Yes, God who sees fit to give his mercy in heaven wishes it to be a reality here on earth.

What kind of people are we? When God gives, we wish to receive, but when he begs, we refuse to give. Remember, it was Christ who said: ***I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat.*** When the poor are starving, Christ too hungers. Do not neglect to improve the unhappy conditions of the poor, if you wish to ensure that your own sins be forgiven you. Christ hungers now, my brethren; it is he who deigns to hunger and thirst in the persons of the poor. And what he will return in heaven tomorrow is what he receives here on earth today.

What do you wish for, what do you pray for, my dear brothers and sisters, when you come to church? Is it mercy? How can it be anything else? Show mercy, then, while you are on earth, and mercy will be shown to you in heaven. A poor person asks you for something; you ask God for something. He begs for a morsel of food; you beg for eternal life. Give to the beggar so that you may merit to receive from Christ. For He it is who says: ***Give and it will be given to you.*** It baffles me that you have the impudence to ask for what you do not want to give. Give when you come to church. Give to the poor.

Give them whatever your resources will allow.

Love and Peace
Fr. Semler

FIFTH SUNDAY COLLECTION

Today, the second collection will be taken for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Your donations help the members of our Society to assist those less fortunate with the help and support they need.

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

The Good Shepherd Women's Guild will be holding their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 8th in Sacred Heart Hall at 7:00 PM. This organization is open to all the women of Good Shepherd Parish. Come and see what we are all about.

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 in the Gathering Spaces of both churches and at the Parish Office. You may also call Peg at 412-736-3507 for tickets or information.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

On September 9, the Church celebrates the feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Frederic heard the call of Jesus to love and serve those who are suffering. And in the poor he found the face of Christ.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to carry on the mission of Blessed Frederic Ozanam by assisting families with food, utilities, rent and other bills. God bless you!

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

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.

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, August 23rd:	\$5,323.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 292
Loose Offertory:	\$248.00
Catholic Communications: \$ 458.00	env used: 59
Catholic Com. Loose	\$ 72.00
Votive:	\$127.00

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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

What is this 112 year old organization of Catholic women all about? Women of the parish are invited to an informational social to be held Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the Cafeteria Meeting Room, St. Colman Parish, 100 Tri Boro Avenue, Turtle Creek, PA 15145. For more information, you may contact Lisa McCann at 412-519-8762 or visit the web site www.catholicdaughters.org.

MASS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

A Slovak-English Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Sorrows, Patroness of Slovakia, will take place on Monday, September 14, 2015 at Holy Trinity Church, 529 Grant Avenue Ext., West Mifflin, PA. A Prelude of Slovak hymns in honor of Mary will be sung at 7:00 PM. Preceding the Mass. A reception will follow in the church Social Hall. Further information may be obtained by calling Len Potemra at 412-672-6265 or Holy Trinity Rectory at 412-466-6545.

HEALING MASS

Fr. Bill Kiel will celebrate Mass at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in East McKeesport on Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 PM with healing service to follow. For more information, contact the parish office at 412-824-2644. Please consider bringing someone with you who has not been able to attend Mass due to illness.

CATECHISTS are invited to an **Evening of Reflection on Wednesday, September 9th at St. John the Baptist Parish (Annex), 444 St. John Street, Plum.** The speaker will be **Joe Killian**, our former Deanery Director and all around great guy! Joe will be doing a fantastic presentation on "**Our Journey With God.**" As we begin to plan the new year, it is essential that our hearts and minds are one with God as we begin our journey.

Joe's talk will be a great way for our all of our folks become re-energized, motivated and ready to tackle the new year with a wonderful attitude. After his talk, Joe will answer individual questions from the group. Light refreshments will be served. **Call the Office at St. John Baptist at 412-793-4511 for registration/information.**

STOP THE FLYING

A flying rumor never has any trouble making a landing.
—Anonymous

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 Jock-
ey. (Cash Bar for Alcoholic Drinks.) Tickets are
\$20.00. Only 400 tickets available at Lanigan Funeral
Home 412-824-8800 Laniganfunerals@aol.com All-
Class Reunion checks should be made payable to
MARLENE WASZKIEWICZ & mailed to Lanigan
Funeral Home, 700 Linden Ave. at Cable, East Pitts-
burgh, PA 15112. Only 400 tickets sold.

GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH FESTIVAL

Labor Day Weekend, Thursday, Sept. 3 - Sunday,
Sept. 6th. The parish is located at 8th St. & Melrose
Ave. in Ambridge. Ethnic Foods and Live Entertain-
ment, including *Dancing Queen, Dick Tady Orches-
tra, Lenny Gomulka & the Chicago Push and John-
ny Angel & the Halos*, plus our annual Mass with
Polka music, 5:30 pm Saturday. For complete details
call 724-266-4488.

ALL ARE INVITED: *“Opening Doors” Disability
Awareness Mass* on Sunday, October 4, 2015 at 2:30
PM at St. Paul Cathedral. The Most Rev. David A.
Zubik, D.D., who is the celebrant, invites all laity and
clergy to this triennial Diocesan celebration to height-
en awareness of the presence and gifts of persons with
disabilities. Contact the Office for CDPD if any par-
ticular accommodations are needed at the Mass: 412-
456-3170/ diversityanddisabilities@diopitt.org.

FALL HARVEST OF FASHIONS

Annual Fashion Show for Mercy School of Nursing
Alumni Association. Sunday, October 4th
2015, Doors open 11:00 am at South Hills Country
Club, 4305 Brownsville Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15236.
Ticket Price: \$35.00. Tickets: reyncm56@gmail.com

CONVENT CRAWL

Single Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 40
who are considering a vocation to religious life are
invited to visit four Pittsburgh area convents for a 24-
hour introduction to the lives of women religious Fri-
day, Oct. 9 through Saturday, Oct. 10. The informal
program hosted by the Pittsburgh Religious Vocation
Council will include conversations with Catholic sis-
ters from eight communities of women religious. Par-
ticipants will get a taste of community life by partici-
pating in prayer services, a panel presentation and
sharing in meals. Transportation, overnight hospitality
and meals are included and there is no fee to attend.
To register, please contact Sister Marlene Kline, OSF
at prvc.info@gmail.com or 412.821.2200, ext. 43.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
August 30-September 6, 2015

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

Monday-Weekday (Lk 4:16-30)

SH: 9:00 AM Marilyn Joschak by Eleanor Senic

Tuesday-Weekday (Lk 4:31-37)

SH: 9:00 AM Nellie & Manuel Molina
by Camille Molina

Wednesday-Weekday (Lk 4:38-44)

SH: 9:00 AM Casmer Ianuzzi
by Diane Shaddo & Fam

Thursday-St. Gregory the Great (Lk 5:1-11)

SH: 9:00 AM John M. Volcheck by Mary Yankovich

Friday-St. Augustine (Lk 5:33-39)

No Morning Mass

Saturday-Weekday (Lk 6:1-5)

No Morning Mass

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mk 7:31-37)

GS: 4:00 PM Michael A. Preziosi, Sr. by Children

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Erman Shockling
by George, Denice, Darleen and Tom

Rest In Peace

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

**Robert 'Red' Wyckoff, Lawrence
'Deuce' Skurcenski and Henry 'Cooky' Kukleski.**
May the angels lead you into paradise.

NEW EVANGELIZATION FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM CONFERENCE II

Saint Bernadette and North American Martyrs Parishes are sponsoring The New Evangelization for the New Millennium Conference II on October 10th, 2015 at the Monroeville Convention Center from 1PM and concluding with Mass starting at 4:30 PM. The conference will feature well known Catholic speakers including Fr. Scott Seethaler and Bishop Sam Jacobs. For more information and to register (\$10 per person), visit either parish's website at (www.stbrmadet.org or www.namcatholicchurch.org).

THE VALUE OF LABOR

Heaven is blessed with perfect rest but the blessing of earth is toil.

—Henry Van Dyke

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