

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

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Braddock PA 15104-1612

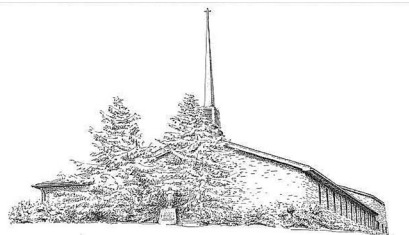
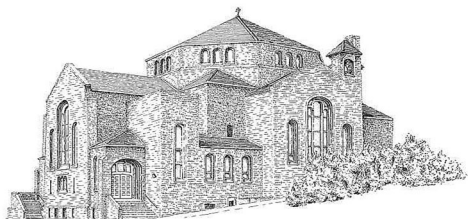
*September 3, 2017*

Parish Office: 412-

Fax: 412-271-1222

Website: [www.goodshepherdbraddock.org](http://www.goodshepherdbraddock.org)

Serving the Communities of Braddock, Braddock Hills, East Pittsburgh,



## 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  
Phone: ..... 412-351-3710  
Fax.....412-271-1222  
e-mail.....[gshepoffice@comcast.net](mailto:gshepoffice@comcast.net)  
East Catholic..... 412-351-5403  
School Fax:.....412-273-9114

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

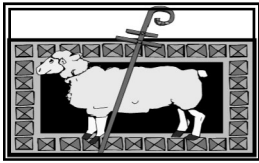
- **Sacrament of Baptism:** Please call the Parish Office at 412-271-1515. Previous arrangements are necessary.
- **Instruction in the Faith:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) program is offered for those interested in the Catholic Faith. Contact the Parish Office at 412-271-1515.
- **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.**

September 3, 2017

*From the Pastor's Desk*

**TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**



**R.C.I.A.:**

Deacon Joe and I will be holding an R.C.I.A. program on Wednesday evenings from 6:00—7:00 PM beginning Wednesday, September 20. R.C.I.A. stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adult. There basically are 3 stages. We begin with the question and introduction stage. Here you bring your questions and we also discuss some important elements of our Catholic faith. You then decide if you would like to hear more and we begin detailed instructions of how our Catholic faith is a treasure which Joe and I try to live and want to share. After you know what our treasure consists of, you then decide you probably would like to embrace and live the Catholic faith.

If you decide that you want to, then on Holy Saturday evening (March 31, 2018) at the Vigil Service of Easter you will be welcomed into our faith. Some have gone through the whole program and did not become Catholic but it gave them a deeper understanding of why their spouse and children are Catholic. Some who take the R.C.I.A. class are not baptized, some are baptized in another faith. Some are Catholic but need Confirmed and some just want to know more about the Catholic faith. Deacon Joe and I invite any and all to join us as we promise an exciting journey to share our love and knowledge of the Lord.

**LABOR DAY:**

Monday is Labor Day. The office will be closed. But you can see me if you come to the 9:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Come on and pray with me for work and peace for our country.



Our kids are now back in school. Pray for them and drive carefully and watch out for them "NOT WATCHING."

**WHOA:**

What would you say or do if one of your best friends would say "I must be mistreated and killed for your sake." Our mouths would most likely drop open and we'd say "WHAT." Kindly just take some time, when you get a chance in the next 36 hours and think about this. Remember that this is what Jesus did for you because he treasures you and then say "THANKS."

**RELIGION DEFINED**

I do not know how philosophers may ultimately define religion; but from Micah to James it has been defined as service to one's fellow human rendered by following the great rule of justice and mercy, of wisdom and righteousness.  
—Theodore Roosevelt

**FAITH AFLOAT:**

This is a cruise for High Schoolers on Sunday, October 15 from 3:00—6:00 PM. I'll give more information later but this is advance notice so that you can save the date.

**WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL:**

On August 17th, 55 volunteers from St. Colman, Good Shepherd, Madonna Del Castello/Word of God and St. Maurice parishes met to discuss service efforts. Many similar outreach as well as specialized services were identified. A team of representatives from each parish will be working collaboratively to continue the discussion and pursue joint services and projects.

**MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**SEPTEMBER 9-10:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** A. Kostyak, D. Hrabley, P. Humberson, M. Colao, T. McAdams, J. Carleton, K. Carroll

**Lector:** Theodore Schleifer

**Server:** Andy Connelly

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Garritano, T & D Whyel, L. Petri, J. McLaughlin, M. Giulianelli, B. McDonnell

**Lector:** Mark Petri

**Server:** Chris & Drew Yezovich

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** N. Moucheron, E. Foster, R. Stamerra, H. Sullivan, J. Barbusio, S. Szatkowski

**Lector:** Paulette Fazio

**Server:** Brianna Skladany

**SEPTEMBER 16-17:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Joe, J. Hojnacki, T. Schleifer, M. Leicht, J. Carleton, T. McAdams, D. Trasoline

**Lector:** Angelina Hornick

**Servers:** Steve & Daniel Yezovich

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Corbett, C. Suppes, T & D Whyel, M & L Petri, J. Strednak

**Lector:** Nick Russo

**Server:** Selah Corbett

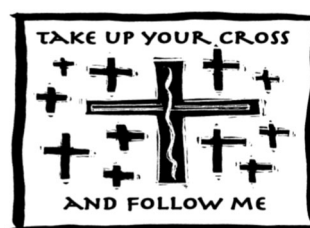
**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** K. Carroll, J & M Besseck, N. Moucheron, J. Kondas, H. Sullivan

**Lector:** Dorothy Danko

**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*

### MONTHLY COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

The MCC for September will be celebrated Wednesday, September 27th at 9:00 AM at Sacred Heart. Donations are to be turned in by Monday, September 25th.

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." The challenge is to let go so God can lead us.

**Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?**

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

### 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. Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2017 to be eligible for Kindergarten.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM/ST. MAURICE-

**We are now accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 Religious Education Program at St. Maurice for children in Pre K (4 years old) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade from Good Shepherd Parish.** Religious Education is for children currently attending public, private, home school and charter schools. Our Program fulfills the Diocese of Pittsburgh's requirements for children not attending Catholic Schools to learn about God, our Church and morality in a loving, nurturing environment and to receive their sacraments at the appropriate time. Our Program meets on Sunday mornings starting on September 24, 2017. **We look forward to having the children from Good Shepherd join us on our journey to learn more about God and His beautiful world!** Current Religious Ed. families will receive their registration packets through email. **If you are new to our program, if your child did attend a Catholic School but currently does not or did not receive an email, please contact Mrs. Kirkland at 412-351-6710 for more information and to register.**

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

<b>Sunday, August 27th:</b>	<b>\$4,538.00</b>
<b>Parishioners receiving env: 652</b>	<b>env used: 227</b>
<b>Loose Offertory:</b>	<b>\$303.00</b>
<b>Catholic Communication/ University Camp. \$437.00</b>	<b>env used: 50</b>
<b>Loose Campaign Offering</b>	<b>\$ 88 .00</b>
<b>Votive:</b>	<b>\$115.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### BISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND

*Second collection next week.*

Catholic schools are one of the best ways through which the Church brings young people into a relationship with Jesus and prepares them for life. Our schools provide:

- ◆ **Spiritual formation that encourages virtue**
- ◆ **Gospel values that promote respect, compassion and service**
- ◆ **Academic excellence leading to success in higher education**

The **Bishop's Education Fund (BEF)** provides tuition assistance for Catholic families who qualify; yet this support covers less than half the demonstrated need, which continues to grow.

Due to this pressing need, Bishop Zubik has directed that every dollar raised from this fall's BEF Appeal in parishes be used for direct student aid.

**Thank you in advance for supporting Catholic education through the BEF Appeal on Sept. 9-10.**

### CHRIST HANDS PROJECT

Our Ladies of Charity are sponsoring the Christ Hands Project. They are accepting **winter hats, scarfs and gloves**, new or gently used. You may deposit these items in the boxes which are in the back of both churches. These items will be accepted through September 30th.

### BROWN BAG BINGO

*September 17, 2017....1:00-4:00 PM*

*Sacred Heart Hall...Doors open 12:30 PM*

Admission of \$10.00 includes brown bag lunch, and 6 Faces for 15 regular games. Additional boards available; 6 Faces for \$3.00. Extras: Special, Chinese Auction, Share the Wealth, and Rip Tickets. For more information or tickets, call Peggy at 412-824-2588.

### PRE CANA CLASS

Our Pre Cana class will be held on Sunday, October 29th at Sacred Heart Hall from 1:00—5:00 PM. The donation per couple is \$40.00. You may register by email at [joedocauto@aol.com](mailto:joedocauto@aol.com) or call Joe or Anna Marie at 412-351-3710.

### ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

**The Cost of Discipleship**— In today's Gospel Jesus reminds his disciples that in following him they are to become like him. While this will ultimately mean a share in his glory in heaven, Jesus reminds them that it will also require them to be prepared for the challenges when they must carry their crosses in life. Our call to discipleship is no different. As we follow Jesus our hearts are made more and more like his in love. That love, in turn, is to be shared with our brothers and sisters as we become the hands and the heart of Jesus in the world. While we might be anxious about the changes that are going to happen in our parishes, we can be confident that our mission to love God above all and our neighbor as ourself will never change. As we answer the call to be disciples let us take up our crosses and follow Jesus with generous, loving and welcoming hearts. Visit [onmissionchurchalive.org](http://onmissionchurchalive.org) to learn more it and to stay informed.

## **BRADDOCK HIGH ALL CLASS REUNION**

**Thursday, September 14, 2017**

**11:30 AM—4:30 PM, Stratigo's Banquet Hall**

Call Mary Harmon Giulianelli for information or reservations at 412-466-7117.

## **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. Over 21 years old ONLY; no tickets sold at the door. For more information and tickets contact the parish office, 412-241-1372.

## **CATHOLIC SINGLES, 21 & OVER**

The Catholic Alumni Club offers a variety of social opportunities including league athletics, parties, picnics, dances, dinners, hiking, volleyball, scripture study, trips, etc. For information, check out [www.capittsburgh.org](http://www.capittsburgh.org).

**YOUNG ADULTS & SINGLES OF ALL AGES:**

Check out [Catholicthrive.com](http://Catholicthrive.com).

## **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. Come to a safe place.

The next retreat weekend will be **September 15-17, 2017** at the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center, 5244 Clarwin Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229 which is located in West View/Ross Township. Payment arrangements and possible financial assistance are available. For more information, visit our website [www.BeginningExperience.org](http://www.BeginningExperience.org) or make a confidential call to Mary at 412-523-2405 or Steve at 412-720-8694.

## **SAM – Substance Addiction Ministry**

The next Substance Addiction Ministry Rosary for Recovery will be Wednesday, September 20 at Our Lady of Joy, 2000 O'Block Rd. Plum, PA 15239. We will meet at 7:00 PM for the Rosary followed by an informal gathering for all who are afflicted or affected by addiction. It will be a safe, confidential place for people to seek education, referral and support. For more information please contact Noreen at 412-296-1709.

## **HARD-EARNED LUCK**

I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it. — Thomas Jefferson

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

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

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

# MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish  
September 3-10, 2017

## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mt 16:21-27)

GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish  
GS: 9:00 AM Donna Hidinger by Dolly & Dan Hudak  
SH: 11:00 AM Pauline Garrity by Mary Ann Garrity

## Monday-Weekday Labor Day (Lk 4:16-30)

SH: 9:00 AM Angie Rocca by Friends

## Tuesday-Weekday (Lk 4:31-37)

SH: 9:00 AM Rosa Pacella by Family

## Wednesday-Weekday (Lk 4:38-44)

SH: 9:00 AM Anna Melko  
by Karen Ward Humphrey

## Thursday -Weekday (Lk 5:1-11)

SH: 9:00 AM Michael Connelly by Family

## Friday-The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Morning Mass (Mt 1:1-16)

## Saturday-St. Peter Claver (Lk 6:1-5)

No Morning Mass

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mk 18:15-20)

GS: 4:00 PM Raymond Yuhas  
by Alice & Doc Lanowitz  
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish  
SH: 11:00 AM Bernie Joscak by Joscak Family

### MEMORIAL OFFERING THIS WEEK:

*Altar Bread, Altar Candles, Altar Wine,  
Sanctuary Lamp and Flowers:  
In Memory of Rosa Pacella  
by Family*



Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to **James and Hope Sullivan**. They are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend (9/2/17). God bless you both on this very special occasion.

**Birthday** Happy Birthday to **Michael Miara**, who will celebrate his 90th birthday on September 6th.



God bless you Michael!



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**WEEK!!!**