

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

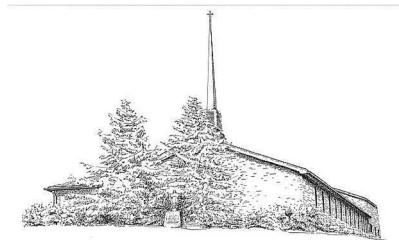
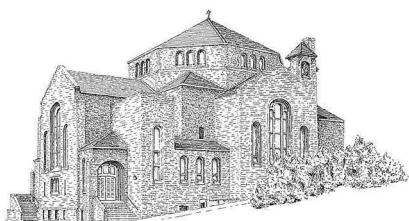
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

September 6, 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

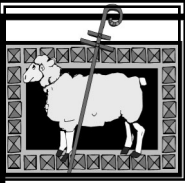
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (micky52@comcast.net)
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance
Sr. Judith Stojhovic

Parish Telephone Numbers

Parish Office: 412-271-1515
Phone: 412-351-3710
Fax..... 412-271-1222
e-mail..... gshepoffice@comcast.net
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!



September 6, 2015
From the Pastor's Desk
Twenty-Third Sunday
In Ordinary Time

23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME:

Now don't you tell anyone. A friend of mine went to the pet store to buy a parrot. He asked the salesperson, whom he knew quite well, if it was a talking parrot because he really wanted a **talking** parrot. The salesman assured him it was but said to the man that as much as he would appreciate making the sale, he couldn't in good conscience sell it to him. And the man asked "why?" The salesman said I know you and your wife. The reason why I can't sell you this parrot is that he would never get a word in edgewise. And that would be unfair to him.

Now back to "Now don't you tell anyone." Do you think Jesus would give a stumbling mute the gift of speech and really not want him to use it? I don't. How can I say this? Well, consider the fact that this story will be repeated in Catholic Churches all over the world this weekend. Oh, that **our** stumbling speech would be healed and we all proclaimed the Salvation that Jesus came to bring **clearly** to all.

SAINT WILLIAM CHURCH: SOLD!

As I shared with you last weekend, the sale of Saint William Church is now complete. After "selling" expenses \$190,290.00 will be deposited into our account. We are still "showing" St. Helen Church.

PRAISE THE LORD!

LABOR DAY:

Tomorrow, Monday is Labor Day. We will have Mass in Sacred Heart Church at 9:00 AM. It's a good day to come and thank the Lord for the job you did have or the job you now have or request the job you need.

Fed Ex Ground was kind enough to send me a notice of their job openings. It's on the bulletin board. There are signs everywhere concerning "Aldi" job openings. Now's a good time to be looking since the holidays are coming and workers are needed. The best job in the world though takes education and training. So any young man interested in becoming a **PRIEST** should let me know and I'll help and guide you.

THANK YOU:

Father Walter Ostrowski, S.V.D. wrote to thank you for your kind and generous offering of \$1,057.00 for our Missionary Cooperation Appeal.

Love and Peace,
Fr. Semler

LITANY TO SANCTIFY WORK:

This is from the Magnificat, September 2015.

In a spirit of sacrifice, we consecrate our work day to the Lord and pray:

R Lord, protect me.

From the temptation to be listless and lazy: **R**

From the temptation to complain: **R**

From the temptation to be critical of my boss: **R**

From the temptation to cheat or to be dishonest with others: **R**

From the temptation to gossip: **R**

From the temptation to lateness: **R**

From the temptation to waste time: **R**

From the temptation to be judgmental of my co-workers: **R**

From the temptation to procrastinate: **R**

From the temptation to be jealous or envious of others: **R**

From the temptation to indolence and lethargy: **R**

From the temptation to be hyper-critical: **R**

From the temptation to engage in idle conversation: **R**

From the temptation to be quick to take offense: **R**

From the temptation to shift my work onto others: **R**

From the temptation to impatience: **R**

From the temptation to cut corners or to be sloppy: **R**

From the temptation to give in to weariness: **R**

R Lord, please grant it.

For the grace to be peacemaker: **R**

For the grace to witness to you by word and example: **R**

For the grace to be energetic and committed: **R**

For the grace to take the initiative: **R**

For the grace to be compassionate and forgiving: **R**

For the grace to offer up all tedium and drudgery: **R**

For the grace to be attentive to those in need: **R**

For the grace to be generous in sharing: **R**

For the grace to be prudent in dealing with others: **R**

For the grace to be kind: **R**

For the grace to be understanding: **R**

For the grace to fulfill my responsibilities well: **R**

For the grace to be patient and persevering: **R**

For the grace to put myself in other's shoes: **R**

For the grace to be dedicated and undistracted: **R**

For the grace to be honest and forthright: **R**

For the grace to be hardworking: **R**

For the grace to be free of stress: **R**

For the grace of insight to solve problems: **R**

For the grace of industriousness: **R**

For the grace to solve conflicts and difficulties: **R**

For the grace to put up with hardships: **R**

For the grace to esteem the dignity of my co-workers: **R**

For the grace to be thankful for the chance to work: **R**

For the grace to spread the Good News of the Gospel: **R**

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Seniors will meet this Wednesday, September 9th at Sacred Heart Hall. Doors open at 11:00 AM. They will serve Root Beer Floats; donation is \$4.00 and will be served at 12:00 Noon. Meeting will follow.

Tickets for the Octoberfest on October 14th will be on sale at this meeting (\$10.00). Menu: Fruit cup, hot dogs, sauerkraut, baked beans, cake, beverage and trick or treat bag. Everyone who plans to attend must buy a ticket so that they will know how to plan. For tickets, please call Helen at 412-824-6874 or Betty at 412-824-8819.

Envelopes for the Bakeless Bake Sale will be given out at this meeting. Please give what it would cost to bake something. Return the envelope to Betty.

New members are always welcome.

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.

BISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND

The second collection next week, September 12th and 13th, will be taken up for the Bishop's Education Fund.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!" In living the gospel, we must open our ears to hear and recognize all the everyday opportunities for making God's presence known especially to those who are poor and suffering.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can "make God's presence known" to those who are suffering.

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

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure	
Sunday, August 30th:	\$5,722.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 312
Loose Offertory:	\$246.00
St. Vincent de Paul: \$1,276.00	env used: 163
St. Vincent de Paul Loose:	\$203.00
Votive:	\$171.00
<i>May God bless your generosity!</i>	

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 will also tell you how to get more information.

PRE SCHOOL AT EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our school is happy to announce that they opened a pre-school 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.

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.

LECTURE: Pope Francis Reshaping the Diplomatic Role of the Vatican

The World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh will present Former Canadian Ambassador to the Holy See, Ann Leahy speaking on how Pope Francis is helping to resolve global conflicts. Bishop Zubik will provide opening remarks. This event will take place on Thursday, September 17, 2015 from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Power Center at Duquesne University. Tickets are \$25. Call 412-281-7970.

JUDGMENT

To pass judgment on another is to usurp shamelessly a prerogative of God.

—St. John Climacus

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.

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

The Annual Fashion Show for Mercy School of
Nursing Alumni Association. Sunday, October 4,
2015, Doors open 11:00 am at South Hills Country
Club, 4305 Brownsville Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15236.
Ticket Price: \$35.00. Tickets: reynm56@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 infor-
mal program hosted by the Pittsburgh Religious Vo-
cation Council will include conversations with Catho-
lic sisters from eight communities of women reli-
gious. Participants will get a taste of community life
by participating in prayer services, a panel presenta-
tion 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.

INDOOR FLEA MARKET and CRAFT SALE--

Saturday, October 10th 2015, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. St.
Gerard Majella Church Penn Hills/Verona, off of Ha-
mill Road. To Reserve a Table (\$15) call 412-795-
0085

LABOR

Without labor nothing prospers. —Sophocles

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
September 6-13, 2015

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

Monday-Weekday Labor Day (Lk 6:6-11)

SH: 9:00 AM Edward & Gloria Jean Calabria
by Family

Tuesday-Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Mt 1:1-16, 18-23)

SH: 9:00 AM David Kubicko by Parents
Wednesday-St. Peter Claver (Lk 6:20-26)

SH: 9:00 AM Maxine Joschak by Family
Thursday-Weekday (Lk 6:27-38)

SH: 9:00 AM Richard Senic by Eleanor Senic
Friday-Weekday (Lk 6:39-42)

No Morning Mass
Saturday-Weekday (Lk 43-49)

No Morning Mass
Twenty-Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time (Mk 8:27-35)

GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
GS: 9:00 AM Helen Martincevic
by Helena Ambroffi
SH: 11:00 AM Reverend Joseph Stankiewicz
by Gene and Sophie Szatkowski

Rest In Peace

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

Philip Mariani.

May the angels lead you into paradise.

Does a troubled marriage spoil your holidays?

Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before you know it. Perhaps Retrouvaille will enable you to appreciate future holidays together as you once did. The next Pittsburgh program is scheduled to start on **September 18**. Please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at **www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org**.

*Have a happy and safe
Labor Day Weekend!*



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WEEK!!!