

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

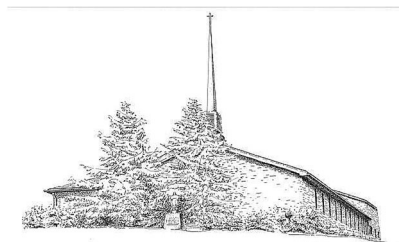
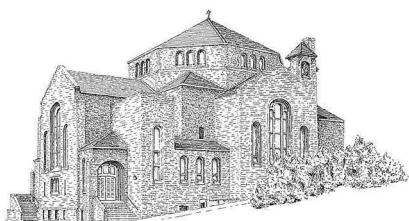
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

September 13, 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

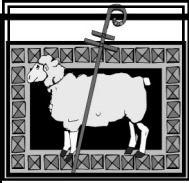
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (micky52@comcast.net)
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance
Sr. Judith Stojhovic

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 13, 2015
From the Pastor's Desk

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday
 In Ordinary Time**

"BUT WHO DO YOU SAY I AM"

Jesus poses the big question again this weekend that we all will someday answer. It won't be one of those multiple choice answers. It won't allow for excuses. How we lead our life will be the defining answer. We live in a "preparation time": a time when we are preparing our answer. We must be living the forgiveness, mercy and love that we hope to answer with.

RCIA:

Our first class for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will meet on Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00 PM in Sacred Heart Hall.

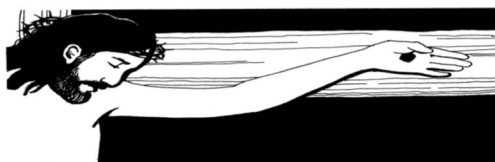
RCIA means Rite of Christian Initiation for Addults. It's designed to invite Catholics, high school age and above who are not confirmed and non-Catholics of high school age and above who are not Catholic to come and learn about the Catholic Faith. You only make a choice to be Confirmed or to become Catholic 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.

I am also preparing to have a family program so that mom, dad and the kids can come together. If you should have an interest, call the Office and Father Al will tell you all about it.

HOLY NAME

I look forward to our Holy Name meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. All men of the parish are invited to attend.



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WOULD YOU LIKE AN EXCITING CHALLENGE?

Then maybe you would consider being a representative of Good Shepherd Parish on **"On Mission Commission."**

**ON MISSION COMMISSION
 DESIRED QUALITIES AND SKILLS
 FOR NEW MEMBERS**

What is On Mission for the Church Alive?

On Mission for the Church Alive is a long term, strategic planning process that seeks to build vibrant and sustainable parishes, schools and ministries in the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. The goal is to strengthen parishes and ministries in faith and outreach by investing in the growth of disciples and disciple makers as the diocese responds locally to national decline in the number of practicing Catholics, an aging priesthood and parishes that are struggling with aging buildings and challenging budgets.

What is the goal of the On Mission Commission?

To recommend to Bishop Zubik models of Church that identify strategies and structures that will lead to vibrant and sustainable parishes and schools in all 21 districts of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Desired Qualities and Skills of Commission Members

- 1) A person of deep personal prayer and active practice of faith.
- 2) A person who understands their relationship to the Church as the Body of Christ in addition to their individual parish.
- 3) Open to new possibilities and structures of parish life and ministry.
- 4) Creative and critical thinker
- 5) Able to devote the time and energy required of a Commission Member
- 6) Able to face facts—enlightened about changing realities
- 7) Able to articulate feedback in a respectful and honest manner
- 8) Understands the need and importance of evangelization
- 9) Is relatable and has relationships with other parishioners at large
- 10) Understands their role as advisory to the Bishop

Time Commitment

Quarterly meetings—5:30-9:00 PM
 2-3 Days of Formation Training in January-March, 2016
 (TBD)

If you are interested, let me know and I will submit your openness to help. You will receive more details and then you may decide if you are willing.

*Peace and Love,
 Fr. Semler*

BISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND

The second collection this weekend, September 12th and 13th, is being taken for the Bishop's Education Fund. Your support is greatly appreciated.

FLEA MARKET

Good Shepherd Flea Market will be held on Halloween weekend, Saturday, October 31 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and Sunday, November 1, 2015 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. Food will be available for sale and there will also be a bake sale.

So, gather up all the treasures that you don't need anymore. There will be two drop off dates at Sacred Heart from 9:00 AM till 2:00 PM: **Saturday, October 3rd** and **Saturday, October 17th**. **We cannot accept clothing or shoes.**

Mark the date on your calendar and plan to join us for good food and do some exotic shopping.

PRE CANA

Our Pre Cana program will take place on Sunday, October 4, 2015 at Sacred Heart Hall from 1:00—5:00 PM. The donation per couple is \$35.00. You may register by calling Joe or Anna Marie at 412-351-3710.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel Jesus says **"If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in my steps."** The cross of Jesus and the crosses of his members can evangelize us: the sick, who bear illness with courage; the grieving, who hope against hope; the dying, who clearly trust in the resurrection; the suffering of our poor brothers and sisters who are hungry and homeless, but who still trust in God's love.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...they want to help.

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



Exaltation
of the
Holy Cross

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, September 6th:	\$6,571.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 324
Loose Offertory:	\$250.00
Monthly Offering: \$1,270.00	env used: 89
Loose Monthly Offering:	\$ 77.00
Votive:	\$177.00

May God bless your generosity!

A NOTE FROM MR. D

I want to thank everyone for the many gifts, cards, well wishes and kind thoughts and words given to me as I left Good Shepherd for St. Clarence. 30 years is a long time that went by very quickly. I have moved in and settled into my new home and church and all is going well. The parishioners of St. Clarence have been welcoming and cordial, but I miss Good Shepherd and Braddock very much. My parents are 30 minutes away in Akron and are getting up in age and I am glad to be closer to them. My new address is 5730 Great Northern Boulevard, I-1, North Olmsted OH 44070. The address of St. Clarence is 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted OH 44070. I will be back for a visit soon. Keep singing!
Herb

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:

The 10th Annual Catholic Men's Fellowship is scheduled for Saturday, September 19th. 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.

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.

STEP-OUT: WALK TO STOP DIABETES

The American Diabetes Association is celebrating their 75th Anniversary. This year the Koncerak Family will participate in the walk. Their 14 year old daughter, Kristina was diagnosed with diabetes Type 1 last year and the family would like to support this endeavor to stop diabetes. The Walk will be held on September 26th and donations to the American Diabetes Association would be greatly appreciated.

You may go online to stepoutadmin@diabetes.org and click **donations**; under donations, look for Koncerak Family and place your donation. The family will also be available before and after all Masses next weekend, September 19th and 20th. Checks should be made payable to: **The American Diabetes Association.**

BRADDOCK ELKS

This is real money for our youth to live out their dreams of going to college. If you have any questions or would like more information about the Elks scholarship, please call Debbie at 412-823-1357 or you can review the information on the national web site www.elks.org, select "our programs" and then "scholarship" to learn more about the program. Last year the Elks received 50 applicants and 32 of them received scholarships.

V.F.W. POST 5008, East Pittsburgh

The V.F. W. will hold a Super Saturday Bingo on September 26th. Doors open at 10:30 AM. Kitchen opens at 11:00 AM. Bingo starts at noon. \$25 admission per person. You may double your pack for \$15 more. Admission includes 12 cards for regular, 12 cards for specials. 12 cards \$1,200 must go jackpot. Plus Free Coffee. Come and support your club.

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. 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 Pittsburgh, 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 heighten awareness of the presence and gifts of persons with disabilities. Contact the Office for CDPD if any particular accommodations are needed at the Mass: 412-456-3170/ diversityanddisabilities@diopitt.org.

OPEN HOUSE AT MOUNT ALVERNIA

The Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities invite you to an open house at Mount Alvernia in Millvale from 1 until 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 20 as we celebrate our 150th anniversary in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Enjoy a guided tour of St. Francis Convent covering interesting historical, cultural and artistic topics. There will also be refreshments, exhibits and more.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
September 13-20, 2015

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

Monday-The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Jn 3:13-17)
SH: 9:00 AM Deceased Members of Joyce Family
by Family

Tuesday-Our Lady of Sorrows (Jn 19:25-27)
SH: 9:00 AM Ralph Troper
by Carroll & Adams Family

Wednesday-SS. Cornelius & Cyprian (Lk 7:36-50)
SH: 9:00 AM Catherine Motkowski by Millie Kubik

Thursday-Weekday (Lk 7:36-50)
SH: 9:00 AM Mary Cinciripini
by Linda Linsenbigler

Friday-Weekday (Lk 8:1-3)
No Morning Mass

Saturday-Weekday (Lk 8:4-15)
No Morning Mass

Twenty-Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time (Mk 8:27-35)
GS: 4:00 PM Pat Emrock by Wife
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
SH: 11:00 AM Eugene Kearney by Family

Memorial Offering: Good Shepherd Parish

Sanctuary Lamp:

In Memory of George J. Bandik

By Family

Rest In Peace

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

George Cassidy.

May the angels lead you into paradise.

CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW

St. Michael, 101 McLay Drive, Elizabeth, PA will hold a Fall Craft/Vendor Show on Sunday, October 4th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in Archangel Hall. The Show is being sponsored by their Christian Mothers and Women's Guild.

If anyone is interested in participating, the cost is \$25 per 8 foot table and includes electricity and wall space. Please call Roseanne at 412-751-4263 or Kathy at 412-384-5759 Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Deadline is Friday, September 18th.

This bulletin is from
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IN CYAN EVERY
WEEK!!!