

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

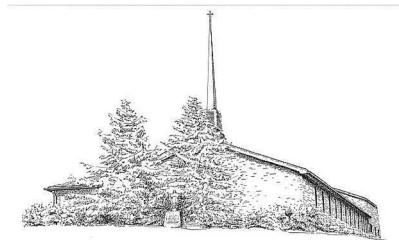
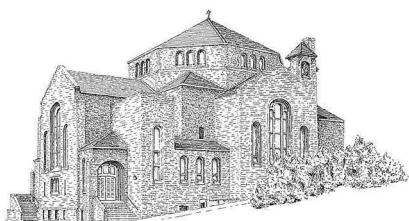
1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

September 27, 2015

Parish Office: 412-271-1515  
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Website: [www.goodshepherdbraddock.org](http://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

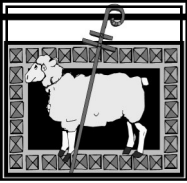
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor  
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty  
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary ([micky52@comcast.net](mailto:micky52@comcast.net))  
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager  
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance  
Sr. Judith Stojhovic

## Parish Telephone Numbers

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Phone: ..... 412-351-3710  
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e-mail..... [gshepoffice@comcast.net](mailto:gshepoffice@comcast.net)  
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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](mailto: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 27, 2015

*From the Pastor's Desk*

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

The "more the merrier!" Jesus didn't actually use those words in today's Gospel but he could have. He said "There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." We should make it a habit to speak good, positive words when we speak to or about others and in that way we could live these words of Jesus.

**WHAT ABOUT JOAN:**

Some wondered why I didn't include Joan last week when I wrote about Sister Marita and Herb. Well Sr. Marita and Herb moved on but I am blessed that Joan, even though she retired, she is still here in the neighborhood and helping when she is needed. Miss Joan, as many of you refer to her, has been a great help to many and in many ways. And I can tell by how you speak of her that she is and was much appreciated. She too has been a great blessing and very helpful to me since my arrival. Thank you Joan Hojnacki for your past and continuing service to Good Shepherd Parish.

**WHO IS TAKING HER PLACE:**

Joan's ministries will now fall upon Deacon Joe and myself. But I am the point man and will be taking care of the Sacrament arrangements for First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation. I am compiling a "list" NOW for each sacrament. So parents of children in second grade need to call me THIS MONTH OF SEPTEMBER to plan for First Penance and Communion. And parents of young people for Confirmation need to call me THIS MONTH OF SEPTEMBER to make plans. Confirmation will be sometime in the Spring of 2016.

**NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS,  
LECTORS & SERVERS:**

We need to add Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Servers to our Ministry list. If you are willing, please call the Office and let me know. I will set up a training time.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors need to be fully Initiated and practicing Catholics. Fully Initiated means you are Baptized, made your First Communion and are Confirmed. Practicing Catholic means you attend Mass regularly and can receive Communion. Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors also need to have the clearances and class required for Protecting God's Children. Rose Morgan, our Safe Environment coordinator will help guide you through that process.

**PET BLESSING:**

We will have a Pet Blessing this Saturday, October 3, at 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart on the front lawn and parking lot. If you bring an elephant make sure you pack his trunk.



**MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER  
MEANING OF THE LOGO**

The official logo designed for the Jubilee Year of Mercy represents Jesus taking up his shoulders the lost human person (each of us) with a love that can change their life. While the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of the human person, who sees the world and others with Christ's eyes and Christ sees with the person's eyes. Thus every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and looks to the future, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

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**MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**October 3-4:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** C. Mirezni, M. Colao, F. Szekely, T. Schleifer, J. Carleton, A. Kostyak, R. Hornick  
**Lector:** Angelina Hornick  
**Servers:** Andy Connelly

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Strednak, H. Sullivan, M. Giulianelli, L. Petri, N & R. Russo, R. McDonell  
**Lector:** Mark Petri  
**Servers:** Josh DiNinno

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J & M Besseck, J. Kondas, S. Szatkowski, N. Moucheron, K. Bitkowski  
**Lector:** Carolyn Bakin  
**Server:** Steven Yezovich

**October 10-11:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** P. Humberson, M. Leicht, F. Szekely, M. Colao, J. Howell, J. Kaczmarek, Deacon Joe  
**Lector:** Mary Ann McClain  
**Server:** Jacob Cassidy

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** S. Hatok, P. Koncerak, D. & T. Whyel, R. McDonell, H. Sullivan, Deacon Joe  
**Lector:** Jeff McLaughlin  
**Servers:** Julia Piccolino, Selah Corbett

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Barbusio, P. Fazio, E. Foster, M. Garritano, N. Moucheron, Deacon Joe  
**Lector:** Ken Bitkowski  
**Server:** Ryan Walker

**Please call a sub if you cannot be there or call Father Al at 412-812-5275 for last minute changes.**

*Peace and Love,  
Fr. Semler*

**LADIES OF CHARITY** meet today, Sunday, September 27th at 12:15 at Sacred Hall.

**BELL CHOIR BAKE SALE**

Our Bell Choir members will hold a **Bake Sale** after all the Masses next weekend, **October 3rd and 4th**. Save your appetite that weekend for some delicious goodies and support our children.

**PRE CANA**

Our Pre Cana program will take place next 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.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Members will meet Monday evening, **October 5th** at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. Please notify an officer or the Parish Office if you cannot attend.

**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.**

**Plan to join us...do some shopping, enjoy lunch,  
Have a good time!**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

On September 27, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. St. Vincent said that **"Love is inventive to infinity."** The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are on the front line in laboring for the poor, they are among the first to know their real needs.

**As you give a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are serving Christ's poor ones.**

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

**THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

In all our thoughts and actions we ought to remember the presence of God, and account all lost in which we think not of God.  
—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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

**Stewardship for the weekend of September 19-20, 2015 will be published in the October 4th bulletin. Carol is on vacation and today's bulletin had to be sent in early.**

***May God bless your generosity!***

**PET BLESSING**

You may bring all your furry and fuzzy friends to Sacred Heart parking lot on Saturday, October 3rd at 1:00 PM. Father Semler will bless your little (some not so little) friends.

**EAST CATHOLIC FUNDRAISING**

There are many fundraising projects at our school to help with the education and amenities for our children and you are able to help.

Giant Eagle has the Apple for Students program which provides financial assistance and Shop 'n Save has the SEED program which provides various assemblies for our students. Both of these programs are free to you to sign up and it is a tremendous help to the school.

The school also saves:

**Box Tops\*\*\*Campbell labels\*\*\*Tyson labels**

They have a recycling program for: Empty inkjet and laser toner cartridges\*\*\*Old cell phones. They also participate in a recycling program for newspapers, magazines and scrap paper. Bins are located in the upper parking

All of these projects are explained in more detail on the school web site [www.eastcatholicschool.org](http://www.eastcatholicschool.org) under PTG fundraising.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2016**

Our forms to schedule intentions for the new year will be available in the gathering space the weekend of October 3rd and 4th. The forms will be accepted the following week.

We ask that you limit your request to **one intention on a weekend** (either Saturday or Sunday). Many parishioners would like to schedule on a weekend so that their family members are able to attend. Please read all of the details listed on the form. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!**

***Prayer for On Mission for The Church Alive!***

Father of Mercy,  
As we journey On Mission for The Church Alive!,  
Endow us with your gifts of  
Collaboration, courage and compassion.  
Help us to fulfill the mission of Jesus and His Church  
Through vibrant parishes and effective ministries.  
Raise up selfless, energetic leaders  
To serve the Church in fidelity and with care.  
May we, the Church of Pittsburgh  
In Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Greene,  
Lawrence and Washington Counties,  
Be sustained and strengthened by your grace.  
Help us to learn Jesus, to love Jesus and to live Jesus.  
Hear this prayer and grant it through Jesus Christ our  
Lord, with the help of our dear Blessed Mother,  
Under the mantle of her love, **Amen**

## **ST. COLMAN MONTHLY FISH DINNER**

**Friday, October 2, 3:00—7:00 PM**

### **School Cafeteria**

Fried or Baked Fish Sandwich-\$7; Variety of side dishes-2 for \$4. Other items: haluski, pierogies, mac 'n cheese, crab cakes, French fries, cole slaw, baked goods and soft serve ice cream. For more information, please call Gerry at 412-596-4472.

**Next Fish Dinners: November 6, December 4  
And January 9.**

## **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](http://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.

**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](mailto:diversityanddisabilities@diopitt.org).

## **NEW EVANGELIZATION for the New Millennium Conference --**

St. Bernadette and North American Martyrs are sponsoring the New Evangelization for the New Millennium Conference II at the Monroeville Convention Center on Saturday, October 10. Speakers include Fr. Scott Seethaler and Bishop Sam Jacobs. Doors open at 12 noon with the program starting at 1PM and closing with Mass @ 4:30 PM. Cost is \$10 per person. Registration link is available at [www.stbrnadet.org](http://www.stbrnadet.org). Call 412-373-0050 with questions and ask for Rege Reinersmann.

**MYSTERY DINNER SHOW:** --St. Bernadette in Monroeville is holding a Mystery Dinner Theater on Friday, October 16 in our Lourdes Center. The show, 'Murder at the Drac Shack Chalet' includes buffet dinner with beer /wine cash bar. Doors open at 6:30 with the buffet line open at 6:45. Cost is \$25. For tickets call Jane at the Parish Office @ 412-373-0050.

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

**1-888-808-1235**

**Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan**

# **MASSSES for the WEEK**

*Good Shepherd Parish*  
September 27-October 4, 2015

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

(Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48)

GS: 4:00 PM Robert Burkovich by Bob & Toni

GS: 9:00 AM Joseph & Helen Graycar

by Daughter, Janet Zack

SH: 11:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

**Monday-Weekday**

(Lk 9:46-50)

SH: 9:00 AM Cecilia Trybus by Ceil Balogh & Fam.

**Tuesday-SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (Jn 1: 47-51)**

SH: 9:00 AM Paul W. Bulik

by Rosemarie Chesebrough

**Wednesday-St. Jerome**

(Lk 9: 57-62)

SH: 9:00 AM Florence Sivak

by Andrew & Ann Skladany

**Thursday-St. Therese of the Child, Jesus (Lk 10:1-12)**

SH: 9:00 AM Maria Mariani

by Eugene & Sophie Szatkowski

**Friday-The Holy Guardian Angels**

(Mt 18:1-5)

No Morning Mass

**Saturday-Weekday**

(Lk 10:17-24)

No Morning Mass

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

(Mk 10:2-16)

GS: 4:00 PM Cecilia Dudas by Family

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Conroy, DiVella & Mroziak Families

by James & Catherine Conroy

**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](mailto: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.

***What's Happening this Week***

**September 27-October 4, 2015**

Sunday: 12:15 PM Ladies of Charity SH Hall

Monday: 7:00 PM Scouts GS School

Thursday: 7:00 PM Prayer Group SH Chapel

Saturday: 1:00 PM Pet Blessing SH Parking lot

Sunday: 1:00 PM Pre Cana Program SH Hall

All Masses: Bell Choir Bake Sale

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**WEEK!!!**