

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

*December 2, 2018*

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## ***MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE THIS WEEK***

### **Weekend**

Saturday	4:00 pm	St Maurice
	5:30 pm	Madonna del Castello
Sunday	8:00 am	Good Shepherd
	9:00 am	Word of God
	10:00 am	St Maurice
	11:00 am	Sacred Heart

### **Weekday**

Monday	7:00 pm	St Maurice
Tuesday	9:30 am	Sacred Heart
Wednesday	9:30 am	Sacred Heart
Thursday	9:30 am	Word of God
Friday	9:00 am	St. Maurice (School Mass)
	9:30 am	Word of God
Holy Day Vigil	5:00 pm	Word of God
	7:00 pm	Sacred Heart
Saturday Holy Day	9:30 am	Good Shepherd
	12:00 noon	St. Maurice

### **Confessions**

Monday	7:30 pm	St Maurice (following Mass)
Saturday	Noon	No Confessions at Word of God

## **Good Shepherd Church**

Braddock Avenue at Frazier Street  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

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## **Sacred Heart Church**

1600 Brinton Road  
Braddock Hills PA 15221-4902

### **Parish Staff**

Fr. Larry Adams, Administrator  
Fr. Jeremy Mohler, Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Vince Kolo, Parish Chaplain  
Deacon Joseph Dougherty  
Deacon Keith Kondrich

Mr. David Barr, Principal, East Catholic      East Catholic School      412-351-5403  
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary      East Catholic Fax      412-273-9114  
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager  
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance

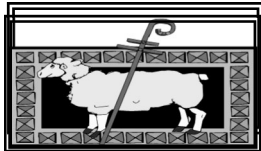
**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM; FRIDAY-9:00 AM—2:00 PM**

**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 before the date is set. 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 [tjsirfhi3@verizon.net](mailto:tjsirfhi3@verizon.net)



December 2, 2018

### First Sunday of Advent

#### FROM THE DESK OF FR. LARRY:

Over the past three weeks, I've spoken briefly at our weekend Masses about the sacrament of anointing. It's a sacrament that's often misunderstood, both in terms of what it is and the frequency with which it can be received. For some, it's simply a 'blessing'. However, it's actually one of the seven sacraments that Jesus instituted in order to fill us with His grace. For many, it's associated with death (as part of the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Anointing commonly known as 'Last Rites'). However, Anointing is all about asking the Holy Spirit to bring *healing* – be it physical, emotional, or spiritual! Anointing is one of the two sacraments of healing (with Reconciliation being the other). It is common for the person receiving anointing also to request Reconciliation at the same time.

Anointing is also one of the sacraments that can be received more than once. However, whereas the Eucharist can be received daily, the sacrament of Anointing is normally received much less frequently. The Church instructs us that the anointing of the sick is given to a Catholic who "begins to be in danger due to sickness or old age" and "can be repeated if the sick person, having recovered, again becomes gravely ill or if the condition becomes more grave" (CIC, c.1004).

In our parishes, we had become accustomed to the practice of anointing being administered following our weekend Masses. With the arrival of Fr Vince as our parish chaplain, we now have the opportunity to offer this sacrament on demand (instead of following Mass), when the need arises in your life. Please contact Fr Vince at 412-737-3350 if you or a loved one wishes to receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick at home!

In addition, planning is underway for the celebration of periodic "Masses with Anointing" in our grouping. Please keep an eye on the bulletin in the near future for more details!  
Blessings, Fr Larry

#### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

December 11, 2018

#### **"It's Been a Long Time Since My Last Confession."**

This Advent season, each Catholic parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh will have their doors open and lights on **December 11** from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Here in our grouping, we will offer confessions that evening at St Maurice Church.**

If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church. **"The Light is On for You!"** especially if you haven't been to confession in a while.

#### HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Vigil, Friday, December 7, 2018**

**5:00 PM Word of God**

**7:00 PM Sacred Heart**

**Saturday, December 8, 2018**

**9:30 AM Good Shepherd**

**12:00 noon St. Maurice**

**No Confessions Saturday At Word of God**

#### CELEBRATING MARY'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Do you know anyone who has a birthday around Christmas? Ask them how they felt, as a young person, when their families celebrated both occasions in one celebration. Usually, they'd say, they felt 'cheated' that we didn't celebrate their day, but just bundled it together with Christmas. Next Saturday, we celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary and remember her Immaculate Conception. It's a holyday of obligation, which means that, since we don't want to 'cheat' Mary out of our celebration of her, we attend Mass **both on her Saturday holyday and at our normal Sunday Mass (next weekend, it's the Second Sunday of Advent).**

To fulfill this Mass attendance obligation, then, we attend Mass either on Friday evening or Saturday morning (for Mary) and again on Saturday evening or Sunday morning (for the second Sunday of Advent). If we attend Mass on Saturday morning and Saturday evening, we can receive the Eucharist at both Masses.

Please join us at our celebrations of the Immaculate Conception and the Second Sunday of Advent next weekend.

#### EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

##### December 9:

**8:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Keith Kondrich, M. Leicht, B. McDonell, P. Koncerak, C. DiNinno M. Garritano

**Lector:** Nick Russo

**Server:** Josh DiNinno

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** H. Sullivan, J. Kondas, S. Szatkowski, E. Foster

**Lector:** Rick Stamerra

**Server:** Brian Kelly

##### December 16:

**8:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** L & M Petri, P. Koncerak, M. Leicht, B. McDonell

**Lector:** Pat Lanigan

**Server:** Andy Connelly

**11:00AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Joe, J. Barbusio, N. Moucheron, R. Stamerra

**Lector:** Dorothy Danko

**Server:** Olivia Joscak

**Ministers: In situations where a minister is not able to be there at the last minute, please feel free to stand in for that person.**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be passing out Christmas Seals for the benefit of the Maguire Home and St. Anthony programs.

**GIVING TREES:**

As Christmas is rapidly approaching we still have ornaments left on our Giving Tree. Simply take a tag from the tree that represents a suggested gift for one of parish or school children in need. This helps our parish and school families. Please return the gift with the ornament attached to Sacred Heart or Good Shepherd by **December 16th**. We have extended the return date. Thank you in advance from the children.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2019:**

Your box sets of church envelopes are available for pick up today after Mass at Good Shepherd Church. They will remain there until December 9. After the 8:00 AM Mass on December 9 they will be taken up to Sacred Heart for the 11:00 AM Mass. They will stay there until after the Mass on December 16. Then they will be in the Office beginning Monday, December 17.

**CHRISTMAS WAFERS** (Oplatky) are available at church and the office. Each envelope contains 3 white and one pink wafer. Donation is \$2.00.

**DECEMBER BINGO Parishioner Appreciation Day**

**Come to the bingo and show a contribution envelope from Good Shepherd, Madonna del Castello, St. Maurice or Word of God Parish and receive a free packet of 4 regular specials with the purchase of your regular bingo packet.**

Our Social Club will sponsor our next bingo on **Sunday, December 9th** at Sacred Heart Hall at 1:00 PM. Admission is \$20.00 paid at the door (no ticket pre sale). There will be 16 regular games and 4 specials. Refreshments will be available for purchase. For more information, call Peggy at 412-824-2588.

***Plan for an afternoon of fun and prizes and tell all of your friends!***

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**Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure**

**Sunday, November 18: \$ 4,364.00**  
 Parishioners receiving env: 652 env used: 204  
**Loose Offertory: \$175.00**  
**Retirement Fund/Religious: \$1,255.00** env used: 57  
**Loose Retirement Fund: \$134.00**  
**Votive: \$ 85.00**

**Sunday, November 25: \$3,820.00**  
 Parishioners receiving env: 652 env used: 202  
**Loose Offertory: \$189.00**  
**Votive: \$141.00**

***Thank You for your generosity!***

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**ANOINTING**

There will **not** be Anointing after the Masses this weekend. Parishioners in need of anointing are asked to call **Fr. Vince Kolo, our Parish Chaplain at 412-737-3350.**

**ADVENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

(with reflections by Fr. Mohler)

There will be three special opportunities to adore the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration during Advent. In addition to reposition, benediction, and periods of silence, Fr. Mohler will also be giving reflections on the role of time in the spiritual life during each one. Please join us for this opportunity to be away with the Lord during this often busy season.

**Tue. Dec. 4, 6:30 PM – Sacred Heart Church.**

Reflection on Our Eternal Hope: the future in the spiritual life.

**Wed. Dec. 12, 6:30 PM – Madonna del Castello Church.**

Reflection on Salvation History: the past in the spiritual life.

**Thu. Dec. 20, 6:30 PM – St. Maurice Church.**

Reflection on Practicing the Presence of God: the Present in the spiritual life.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!** Saturday, December 8, 8:00 AM-10:30 AM, held at East Catholic School Cafeteria: Keane Hall. **Presale: \$7 Child OR adult!** Call St. Maurice Parish Center at 412-271-0809. **(Tickets at the door: Children \$8, Adult \$9.) NO CASH, CHECKS ONLY made payable to Knights of Columbus.** All you can eat! Pancakes, sausage patties, hash brown potatoes, coffee, tea, orange drink & bottled water. **Santa Claus arrives at 9:15!** "Good Knight Fudge" from Copper Kettle on sale!

**Sponsored by: The Forest Hills K of C.**

**LOOKING FOR SINGERS!**

We are excited to announce the return of the Inter-generational Contemporary Ensemble to St. Maurice for the Advent & Christmas Seasons! We are looking for singers and instrumentalists of all ages: *guitars, keyboards, percussion, winds, brass and strings* from all of our grouping parishes! Rehearsals will be held immediately before mass, *so it's one stop shopping!* Here's our schedule: **December 15, Rehearsal at 2:30 pm**, Mass at 4:00pm; **December 29, Rehearsal at 2:30 pm**, Mass at 4:00pm. I hope that you will be able to join us for all of these rehearsals and masses, but if you can't, that's okay too! Just come and sing when you can! Email Norm at [nchapman@saintmauriceparish.org](mailto:nchapman@saintmauriceparish.org) to sign up or for details.

**COME TO DINNER**

Dinners and Cookies can be purchased after the Saturday 5:30 pm. Mass at **Madonna del Castello Church** in the hall, 2021 S. Braddock Ave., Swissvale, PA 15218. Dinners are in containers and include home-made specialties. For more information call 412-271-5666

### WINNERS OF TURKEY TROT RAFFLE

Wednesday, Nov. 21:

**Straight: 3310— \$300 Unsold**

**Reverse: 0133— \$200 Alan & Janet Kondas**

Thursday, Nov. 22:

**Straight: 5983—\$1,000 Unsold**

**Reverse: 3895— \$500 Shirley Marshall**

**One Up: 5984— \$250 Unsold**

**One Down: 5982--\$250 Unsold**

Friday, Nov. 23:

**Straight: 2120— \$300 Andrea Kolano**

**Reverse: 0212— \$200 Agnes Berta**

*Thanks to all who supported our raffle and congratulations to the winners.*

### WORD OF GOD PARISH

**Word of God Parish Library and Canterbury Corner Gift Shop News:** The Gift Shop has everything needed for a meaningful Advent and Christmas season including Advent wreaths and replacement candles, Advent calendars, boxed Christmas cards, and other religious gift items. The traditional **Christmas Oplatki** wafers are now available, too. There are 4 wafers in each decorative envelope. Stop in the Parish Library to view the **Fontanini Nativity** display with over 200 sculpted figures. **December Christmas Holiday hours:** every Thursday morning following the 9:30am Mass at Word of God until Noon and Sundays, 9:00-11:00am, except Thursday, Dec. 27—Closed and Sunday, Dec. 30—Closed.

Location: First floor of the Parish Center at 7436 McClure Avenue in Swissvale. For more information, call 412-271-4830 or 412-243-1078

### THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

As we begin Advent we are called to “wait” in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

**Your gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society will help the poor celebrate the grace of God’s love this Christmas.**

*If you need help, call: 412-437-8370*

**12 HOURS OF GIVEMAS--** The Extra Mile Education Foundation is looking to engage 1,200 donors in twelve hours on 12/12 (December 12). Go the extra mile this holiday season by supporting Catholic education for urban students. Visit **extramilefdn.org** or find Extra Mile on Facebook for more information and ways to get involved.

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

**1-888-808-1235**

# MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish  
December 2-9, 2018

**First Sunday of Advent** (Lk 21:25-28,34-36)  
GS: 8:00 AM +Catherine (Kay) Anderchak by Family  
SH: 11:00 AM +Deceased Members of Joyce Family  
by Family  
**Tuesday-Advent Weekday** (Lk 10:21-24)  
SH: 9:30 AM +Deceased Members of Carmelite  
Order of Braddock by Fellow Members  
**Wednesday-Advent Weekday** (Mt 15:29-37)  
SH: 9:30AM +Rudy Szekely by Wife

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**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
(See complete schedule on cover)

**Friday Vigil** (Lk 1:26-38)  
SH: 7:00 PM +Anna Melko by Ann Kristofik

**Saturday**  
GS: 9:30 AM +Bernard Thiem by Cel Balogh

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**Second Sunday of Advent** (Lk 3:1-6)  
GS: 8:00 AM Living & Deceased of Roney &  
McDonough Family by Family  
SH: 11:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd,  
Madonna del Castello, St. Maurice,  
and Word of God Parishes

## **REST IN PEACE**

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

*Dorothy Fertal and Jarrett Zilko.  
May the angels lead you into paradise.*

## **MEMORIAL OFFERING THIS WEEK:**

*Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Altar Candles  
And Sanctuary Lamp:*

*In Memory of Blanche & Stanley Miara  
by Children*

