

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

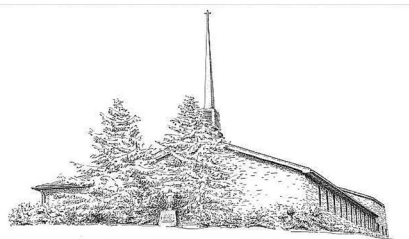
1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

*December 3, 2017*

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*)  
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**

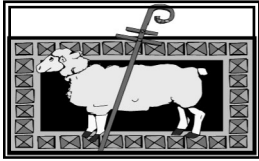
- **Sacrament of Baptism:** Please call the Parish Office at 412-271-1515. Previous arrangements are necessary.
- **Instruction in the Faith:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) program is offered for those interested in the Catholic Faith. Contact the Parish Office at 412-271-1515.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

December 3, 2017

*From the Pastor's Desk*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**ADVENT 2017:**

Today is the 1st Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new Liturgical Year. We enter year B which is highlighted by the Gospels of St. Mark. The Gospels of St. John also are read on some Sundays. As we heard in the last Sundays of Ordinary Time the admonition to be Ready and be Alert we also see that in the Gospel of St. Mark today. Hopefully we've heard it enough by now to be "EVER READY and ALERT." If we aren't heeding God's warning then I guess we'll just have to **BE READY** for whatever comes our way. **BUT** be warned God just might say "I tried, Don't blame me."

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:**

Friday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have the Vigil Mass on Thursday evening at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart and then the 9:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart on Friday morning. Come as we celebrate that Mary was conceived without original sin. This made it possible to be the "Perfect Receptacle" to carry Jesus for his human Birth.

**THE LIGHTS ARE ON FOR YOU:**

What has become a popular event in the Diocese to promote Confession during Advent will be held on Wednesday, December 13th. Since many of you told me you don't drive at night, I will be in the confessional at Sacred Heart from 3:00—4:00 PM in the afternoon and then from 6:00—9:00 PM in the evening. As a reminder our usual confession schedule is Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:30 at Good Shepherd Church. **OR** you can always call for an appointment. The rule of thumb I like to follow is if you need more than 4 minutes you should call for an appointment. On December 13th when the lights are on for you as long as you avoid the first 1/2 hour you can have a little more time. But a rule of thumb for you to remember is that Confession is **NOT** a counseling session. I am very glad to combine Confession and Counseling though if you call for an appointment because you want to discuss something.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES:**

Your box of church envelopes will be available for pick up on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 & 3 at Good Shepherd Church. They will remain there until December 9 & 10. After the 9:00 AM Mass on December 10 they will be taken up to Sacred Heart for the 11:00 AM Mass. They will stay there until after the Mass on December 17. Then they will be in the Office beginning Monday, December 18.

**CHRISTMAS WAFERS** also called Oplatky will be available on Saturday and Sunday, December 9 & 10 in the vestibule. Envelopes contain 3 white and one pink wafer and are \$2.00 each.

**GIVING TREES:**

The Giving Trees are in the churches with the tags attached. It is always a joy for me to see all the wonderful gifts that come in and go out. Thanks for your kindness. Gifts are due in by Sunday, December 10th.

**MINISTER SIGN UPS:**

I figure some of you will be traveling for the holidays, so please stop in the Sacristy to sign up for December 23 & 24, December 24 and 25, and also for December 30 & 31. There are 3 different sheets. Thanks.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

These masses fulfill our Sunday needs:

**Saturday, December 23: 4:00 PM**

**Sunday, December 24: 9:00 and 11:00 AM**

The following masses satisfy our Christmas needs:

**Sunday, December 24: 4:00 PM Vigil**

**Monday, December 25: 9:00 and 11:00 AM**

And then we will begin our 7:00 AM weekday Mass on January 1, 2018 **Monday through Friday**. St. Maurice will have the 9:00 AM mass.

**\*\*Please note\*\* January 1, New Year's Day, is not a Holy Day of obligation this year since it falls on a Monday.**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**DECEMBER 9-10:**

**4:00 PM**

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

**Lector:** Angelina Hornick

**Server:** Stephen & Daniel Yezovich

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Garritano, L. Petri, T & D Whyel, C. DiNinno, P. Koncerak, R. Russo

**Lector:** Mark Petri

**Server:** Josh DiNinno

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** E. Foster, R. Stamerra, K. Carroll, N. Moucheron, H. Sullivan, P. Fazio

**Lector:** C. Bakin

**Server:** Olivia Joscak

**DECEMBER 16-17:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** A. Kostyak, P. Humberson, D. Hrabley, J & M Besseck, M. Leicht, T. Schleifer

**Lector:** Mary Ann McClain

**Server:** Andy Connelly

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** C. Suppes, J. Corbett, T & D Whyel, J. Strednak, M. Giulianelli, B. McDonell

**Lector:** Jeff McLaughlin

**Server:** Selah Corbett

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** B. Howell, C. Bakin, J. Barbusio, S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas, E. Foster

**Lector:** Rick Stamerra

**Server:** Morgan Skladany

*Peace and Love,  
Fr. Semler*

**MONTHLY COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION**

The final MCC will be celebrated Wednesday, December 27, at 9:00 AM at Sacred Heart. Donations are to be turned in by Wednesday, December 20th.

**Please Note: This will be the last MCC Mass.**

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

As we begin Advent we are called to "Be watchful! Be alert" as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

**Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.**

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

**WALKING TOURS AT EAST CATHOLIC**

Is your child ready to start Preschool or Kindergarten? Please join us at East Catholic School for a tour and see firsthand what we have to offer from pre-K through 8th grade. **Registration is required for the walking tours.** Call the school office at 412/351-5403 to register for a tour today! **Current scheduled tours:** Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 9:30 AM and Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 9:30 AM.

**Catholic Schools Week Open House  
Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 1—3 PM  
No registration required for open house.**

**WINNERS: Thanks for your support!**

Wed, Nov. 22: Straight: \$300 **6951** William Rolinski  
Reverse: \$200 **1596** Joe Giulianelli  
Thurs., Nov. 23: Straight: \$1,000 **4616** Not Sold  
Reverse: \$500 **6164** Dorothy Foster  
One Up: \$250 **4617** Kim Palmer  
One Down: \$250 **4615** Not Sold  
Fri., Nov. 24: Straight: \$300 **6467** Mary Alice Morris  
Reverse: \$200 **7646** Helen Gross

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

**Sunday, November 19th: \$3,856.00**  
Parishioners receiving env: 652 env used: 216  
**Loose Offertory: \$282.00**  
**Religious Retirement Collection \$1,604.00**  
env used: 81  
**Loose Religious Retirement: \$ 213.00**  
**Votive: \$162.00**  
  
**Sunday, November 26th: \$5,588.00**  
Parishioners receiving env: 652 env used: 217  
**Loose Offertory: \$292.00**  
**Votive: \$141.00**

**Thank you for your generosity**

**DECEMBER BINGO**

Good Shepherd Social Club will sponsor Bingo next **Sunday, December 10**, starting at 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. 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.



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

**LADIES OF CHARITY**

Our ladies are selling Christmas ornaments (\$5.00 each). Proceeds of the sale will go toward the Ladies of Charity Assembly in Pittsburgh in 2018. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

**HANDBELL CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES**

The bell choir will be performing on the following dates and times:  
Tuesday, December 5 - Penn Hills Library from 7 - 8 p.m.  
Sunday, December 17 - Concert at Good Shepherd Church 2:30 p.m.  
Friday, December 22 - PPG Wintergarden from 6 - 7 p.m.  
Saturday, December 23 - Kennywood Holiday Lights from 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.  
**Come out to support our kids and help to ring in holidays.**

**FREE STORY-TIME SESSION  
at East Catholic School Library**

St. Nicholas Day, Wednesday December 6, 2017 is the next "Perfect for Preschoolers Story-time" at East Catholic School at 2001 Ardmore Boulevard, Forest Hills PA 15221. This is a free story, rhyme, song and craft program designed to entertain and engage young children. The program is for children 2 1/2 to 5 years old and is designed to give them a positive introduction to books and the habit of reading. Each program features appealing books, favorite stories, and lively activities. The theme of this Story-time is: "St. Nicholas Day". There will be one session from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. We invite all children along with their parent or guardian to come and visit Story time at East Catholic Library. Registration is required by calling East Catholic School Office (412-351-5403) during school hours (8:30 am until 2:00 pm) **Final date for registration is Monday, December 4, 2017.** Join us for some "St. Nicholas" fun!

**CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

The PLACEMENT/ENTRANCE TEST for eighth grade boys who wish to attend Central Catholic beginning in the fall of 2018 will be administered **Saturday, December 9th**. There is no fee to take this test. Registration for the test can be completed online at [www.centralcatholicshs.com/apply](http://www.centralcatholicshs.com/apply). Contact the Admissions Office at 412-621-7505 with any questions.

**LIKE A CHILD**

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.

—St. Nicholas

**THE PITTSBURGH DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF  
CATHOLIC WOMEN**

All women are invited to an Advent Season Day of Reflection entitled: ***Women Living with Joy: Preparing the Way of the Lord*** on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at Saint Paul Seminary-O'Connor Hall, 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh. Guest Speaker, Holly McIlwain, Praise and Adoration with Father Richard J. Zelik, OFM Cap., with several priests available for confession. The day will conclude with a 4:00 pm Vigil Eucharistic Celebration presided by Bishop David A. Zubik. Fair Trade items and religious gifts, basket raffle, music and fellowship. Offering \$25.00. With questions, email [pghdccw@gmail.com](mailto:pghdccw@gmail.com) or call Bernadette at 412-563-3857. RSVP required. All are welcome!

**FESTIVAL OF CAROLS AND PRAISE**

Come join choirs from throughout the Diocese to fill the Cathedral with joyful song. This special celebration of Jesus, will be presented at St. Paul Cathedral, 108 North Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh 15213 on Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. Bishop Zubik will be the Presider and Michael Woshner of Holy Apostles Parish will be the Witness Speaker. For more info, email [praise@holyapostlesparish.org](mailto:praise@holyapostlesparish.org) or phone 412-884-7744.

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR Christmas Card**

**Sale** -- The Little Sisters of the Poor are once again offering Christmas Cards sketched by Sister Martha, lsp. This year's card is cream with a green sketch of Mary holding baby Jesus. The previous year's cards are also available. The cards are: 7 for \$10 (plus \$2.00 shipping), 12 for \$15 (plus \$3.00 shipping) or 30 for \$25 (plus \$6.00 shipping). Cards can be viewed and ordered online at [www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org) or by calling (412) 307-1100, or sending a check made payable to Little Sisters of the Poor at 1028 Benton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 or stopping at the Main Entrance of the Home. All proceeds from the sale of the cards help to support the elderly poor Residents in the Little Sisters care.

**ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS**

Holy Trinity Church, 529 Grant Avenue Ext., West Mifflin, PA will have a service of Advent Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 4:00 PM. Everyone is invited to share this afternoon of prayer and music in anticipation of the coming of Jesus as a Babe in Bethlehem. A reception will follow in the Church Social Hall.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD** weekend retreat for post-abortion healing will be held on March 2 - 4, 2018 at Tabor House in Millvale. To register or for more information, call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348 or email: [toniafj1@comcast.net](mailto:toniafj1@comcast.net)

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

**1-888-808-1235**

**Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan**

# MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish  
December 3-10, 2017

**First Sunday of Advent** (Mk 13:33-37)

GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

GS: 9:00 AM Stephen 'Mike' Lovas by Elena Foster

SH: 11:00 AM Theresa Isles by Family

**Monday-Advent Weekday** (Mt 8:5-11)

SH: 9:00 AM Edward Jendeski by Family & Friends

**Tuesday-Advent Weekday** (Lk 10:21-24)

SH: 9:00 AM James Holub by Maxine Williams

**Wednesday-Advent Weekday** (Mt 7:21,24-27)

SH: 9:00 AM Marilyn Glade by Joyce Family

**Thursday-St. Andrew** (Mt 4:18-22)

SH: 9:00 AM Ralph & Peggy Troper

by Jim & Mary Ann Malley

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**SH: 7:00 PM Thursday-Anticipated Mass**

Raymond Yuhas

by Rose & Tony Kostyak & Family

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Friday** (Lk 21:29-33)

SH: 9:00 AM Anna Melko by M/M Ed Ondovcik

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**Saturday-Advent Weekday** (Lk 21:34-36)

No Morning Mass

**Second Sunday of Advent** (Mt 9:35 - 10,1,5a,6-8)

GS: 4:00 PM Mary Catherine Haski by Family

GS: 9:00 AM Anthony DiVito, Jr.

by Bob & Helen McDonell

SH: 11:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

**REST IN PEACE**

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

***Frances A. Mehalic.***

***May the angels lead you into paradise.***

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, Homestead Council 2201**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT**

New Year's Eve \$500 Raffle; Casino Knight Dinner and Dance  
Date: **Sunday, December 31** Time: 7:00 PM Doors Open  
(BYOB) 7:30PM-Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres 8:00 PM-Dinner  
9:00 PM-12:30 AM-Casino Games & Dance. Place: Saint  
Therese Cafeteria, 1 St. Therese Court, Munhall, PA 15120.  
Cost: \$35 per person, \$60 per couple & \$220 for table of 8 Ex-  
tra Raffle Tickets costs \$10 or 3 for \$25 Winner not need to be  
present! Contact: George Wagner - (412) 823-8011.



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**PRINT COVER, ADS,**  
**AND OUTSIDE TABS**  
**IN CYAN EVERY**  
**WEEK!!!**