

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

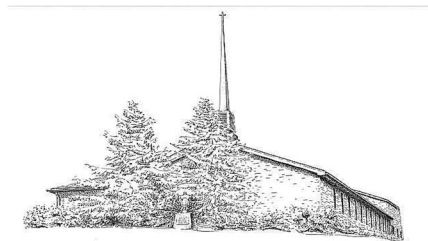
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

December 4, 2016

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

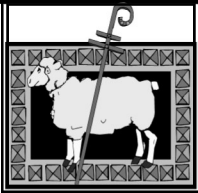
Parish Telephone Numbers

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

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

We are an “On Mission for the Church Alive” Faith Community.



December 4, 2016

From the Pastor's Desk
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT 2016:

In today's Gospel we heard John the Baptist say "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'

Let us remember well that "The Lord looks into the heart of man." So none of us should presume **I'M GOOD AT FAKING IT.**

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. Anticipated Mass will be celebrated Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM and at 9:00 AM on Thursday. Both Masses will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church.

CONFESSION:

The Lights will be on for You on Wednesday, December 14th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM for Confession at the Chapel at Sacred Heart Church. Also there is Confession every Saturday from 3:00 to 3:30 PM at Good Shepherd Church. You may also call me for an appointment if these times are not good.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Here's an advance notice about our Mass Schedule for Christmas. We will have a 4:00 PM on Christmas Eve and 9:00 AM at Good Shepherd Church and the 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart on Christmas Day, just like our normal Sunday weekend. We will do the same on New Year's Day which also falls on a Sunday. **The BIG CHANGE is that we will NOT have the 10:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve.** The attendance keeps falling and I know many prefer a midnight mass on Christmas Eve. So this will give you time, if you are one of them, to check out our neighbors for a midnight mass.

CHRISTMAS DISCERNMENT RETREAT:

Father Joe Freedy, our diocesan Vocation Director is hosting a Christmas Discernment Retreat for college and guys from Friday, December 16 to Sunday, December 18th at Gilmary Retreat Center. This is a great opportunity for young men to encounter the Lord and discern a vocation to the priesthood through a weekend of prayer, reflection and brotherhood. The retreat will include Mass, adoration, dynamic talks, confession and the Liturgy of the Hours. The theme will be "The Glory of God is Man fully Alive." See the flyer on the bulletin board or visit pghpriest.com for more information and to register or call me at 412-813-5275.

WOMEN'S GUILD:

The Women's Guild closed out their account and gave the Parish \$1,060.00. Thank you Ladies for your kindness.

BINGO TODAY:

Join us this afternoon at Sacred Heart Hall for Bingo beginning at 1:00 PM. Doors will open at 12:00 Noon. Admission is \$20.00 paid at the door. We'll have 16 regular games and four specials. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun and invite your fellow bingo players to join us.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 10-11:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Leicht, J. Carleton, J. Kaczmarek, J. Hojnacki, M. Colao, D. Hrabley, C. Mireni
Lector: Mary Ann McClain
Server: Stephen & Daniel Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Garritano, T & D Whyel, C. DiNinno, M. Giulianelli, J. Strednak, B. McDonell
Lector: Gina Piccolino
Server: Josh DiNinno

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Barbusio, N. Moucheron, K. Carroll, E. Foster, H. Sullivan, C. Suppes
Lector: Paulette Fazio
Server: Brian Kelly

DECEMBER 17-18:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: F. Szekely, A. Kostyak, J & M Besseck, J. Carleton, M. Leicht, T. Schleifer
Lector: Angelina Hornick
Server: Andrew Connelly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: D & T Whyel, P. Koncerak, J. McLaughlin, L & M Petri, B. McDonell
Lector: Nick Russo
Server: Selah Corbett

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: P. Fazio, C. Bakin, N. Moucheron, S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas, K. Carroll
Lector: Brendan Howell
Server: Brianna Skladany

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



*Peace and Love,
Father Semler*

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Please take an ornament from the tree and return the gift, wrapped with the ornament attached to Good Shepherd or Sacred Heart

Church by next **Sunday, December 11th**. Gifts can also be brought to the Parish Office. If you have questions, please call Denise at 412-915-9147. Help us to make a blessed Christmas for the deserving students of our Parish and School.

ENVELOPES FOR 2017:

Your contribution envelopes are now available. If you do not see your contribution envelopes just call the Parish Office and we will get them to the church that you designate.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS

We have a limited amount of Christmas Wafers and they are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The donation is \$2.00 for a package of four wafers.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

WITH PARISH CONSULTATION SESSIONS NOW COMPLETED, all the proposed models for **ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!** are available online. Watch the videos, download the presentations and give feedback. You can also provide your email address to stay connected for future updates, including survey results. Learn more at OnMissionChurchAlive.org.

THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like?
 It has feet to go to the poor and needy.
 It has eyes to see misery and want.
 It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others.
 —St. Augustine

TURKEY TROT WINNERS

Congratulations to our winners and thanks to all for your support of this fund raiser.

Nov 23	9480 Straight	Not sold	\$300.00
	0849 Reverse	Not sold	\$200.00
Nov 24	5964 Straight	Not sold	\$1,000.00
	4695 Reverse	Terry Parker	\$500.00
	5963 One down	Not sold	\$250.00
	5965 One Up	Irene Matta	\$250.00
Nov 25	8985 Straight	Joe Gambino	\$300.00
	5898 Reverse	Theresa Olesky	\$200.00



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Good Shepherd Bell Choir will hold a Christmas concert on **Sunday, December 18th** at 2:30 PM at

Good Shepherd Church. Come hear the story of Jesus' birth through story and song. Concert is free with a light cookie social afterwards. Donations will be accepted to help the bell choir continue their ministry.

The bell choir will also be performing at the PPG Wintergarden on Saturday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. and at Kennywood Park on Friday, December 23rd at 6:15 p.m. Come out and be a friendly face in our crowds.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

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

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*

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, November 20th:	\$5,297.00
Parishioners receiving env: 620	env used: 242
Loose Offertory:	\$304.00
Religious Retirement Collection:	\$1,501.00
	env used: 88
Loose Religious Retirement Collection:	\$146.00
Votive:	\$130.00
Sunday, November 27th:	\$5,101.00
Parishioners receiving env: 620	env used: 253
Loose Offertory:	\$257.00
Religious Retirement:	\$335.00
Votive:	\$162.00

May God Bless your generosity!

AFTERNOON OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Holy Trinity Church, 529 Grant Avenue Ext., West Mifflin 15122 will present an afternoon of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 4th at 4:00 PM. All are invited to share the afternoon of prayer in anticipation of the coming of Jesus as a Babe in Bethlehem. A reception will follow in the church social hall.

HIGH SCHOOL SILENT RETREAT:

God is alive and we believe that He speaks to us. At this men's High School Silent Retreat, we are going to give God the time and space to speak to our hearts about our lives and our vocations.

The retreat will be led by Fr. Mike Ackerman and Fr. Joe Freedy at The Arc and The Dove Retreat House, from 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 14 until 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 15, 2017. For more information or to register, visit pghPriest.com.

RETRouvaille:

A Lifeline for Married Couples.

Retrouvaille offers help to couples experiencing trouble in their marriage. The weekend and post sessions focus on rebuilding marriage through better communication, listening, and understanding. Call today to begin the healing process beginning with a weekend on January 13, 2017. Contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at:

<http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/>

ST. ALOYSIUS TRAIN DISPLAY

The Christian Mothers of St. Aloysius, 3616 Mt. Troy Road, Second Floor, Reserve Township, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 will present their annual Train Display Saturdays and Sundays now through January 15, 2017. The exceptions are December 24 & 25 and December 31 & January 1. They are open on Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and on Sundays from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM. Free Admission, however donations are greatly appreciated.

ALL SAINTS YOUTH THEATER AUDITIONS

In February 2017, the All Saints Youth Theater will open its inaugural season with performances of **A Lily In Winter**, an original play on the life of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. They are looking for many young people to join the ranks of this brand new Pittsburgh area Catholic Youth Theater.

If **interested, you must be quick to register. Auditions will be held Monday, December 5** from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. They are looking for students ages 7-18 and the cost is \$40. Performances will be held February 17 & 18. For more info, go to allsaintsreled@comcast.net or call 412-781-5183.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
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Second Sunday of Advent (Mt 3:1-12)
GS: 4:00 PM John Friel Family by Rosemarie Friel
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
SH: 11:00 AM Joseph & Julie Ochal
by Sophie & Gene Szatkowski

Monday-Advent Weekday (Lk 5:17-26)
SH: 9:00 AM Lenora Bavolar by Graff Family

Tuesday-Advent Weekday (Mt 18:12-14)
SH: 9:00 AM Patrick McCaffrey by Gloria Swazuk

Wednesday-St. Ambrose (Mt 11:28-30)
SH: 9:00 AM Marilyn Glade by Joyce Family
SH: 7:00 PM Anticipated Mass
Mary Alice Laird by Robert Ward
Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday-Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Lk 1:26-38)
SH: 9:00 AM Michael Connelly by Family

Friday-Advent Weekday (Mt 11:16-19)
No Morning Mass

Saturday-Advent Weekday (Mt: 17:2a, 10-13)
No Morning Mass

Third Sunday of Advent (Mt 11:2-11)
GS: 4:00 PM Raphael (Tina) Likovich
by Friends at Swissvale Senior Center
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
SH: 11:00 AM Mary Haski by Family

REST IN PEACE

In your charity, we remember all those who have died, especially: Kathleen Salvo, Adam Mains, Dolores Halchak, Rose Marie Dizon, Bernard Luksik, Frances Walther and Jack Henry Bradstock. May the angels lead you into paradise.

MEMORIAL OFFERING THIS WEEK:

*Sanctuary Lamp:
In Memory of George J. Bandik
by Family*

What's Happening this Week

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Sunday: 1:00 PM Winter Bingo SH Hall
Monday: 7:00 PM Scouts GS School
Thursday: 7:00 PM Prayer Group SH Chapel



The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand.

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