

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

**December 9, 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

### Confessions

Monday		No Confessions at St. Maurice
Tuesday	6-9 pm	St. Maurice <b>"The Light is on For You"</b>
Saturday	Noon	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**

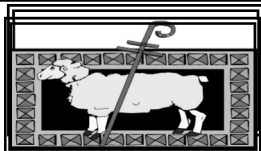
**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please call the Parish Office at 412-271-1515. Previous arrangements are necessary.

**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)

**New Parishioners are always welcome.** Call the Parish Office to register or to notify of a change of address.



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## Second Sunday of Advent

### FROM THE DESK OF FR. LARRY:

Many have asked how our interim Mass schedule was developed (usually, in the context of asking “why couldn’t my parish keep *this Mass* or have *that Mass time*?”). I thought I’d share with you the thoughts that went into the development of our weekend Mass schedule.

As we prepared for October, the current clergy team (myself, Fr Mohler, and Fr Vince) met with Fr John, Fr Al, and Fr Ken, in order to hear their recommendations for the schedule. Here were the considerations and recommendations we discussed:

- Based on our current Mass attendance and our anticipated future clergy resources, our grouping could handle six weekend Masses.
- Since our grouping consists of three geographic regions (roughly speaking, Braddock / Swissvale / Forest Hills), it was thought that the most equitable schedule would give each region two weekend Masses.
- At most, we could support two Saturday Anticipated Masses.
- The earliest possible time for a Saturday Anticipated Mass is 4 pm. Therefore, the earliest time for the second Mass is 5:30 pm.
- Since the most well-attended Saturday Mass is the 4pm, we were required to schedule it at the church with the greatest capacity in the pews and in their parking lot.
- It was decided that a Mass on noon or later on Sunday wasn’t feasible, since attendance during the fall would drop off precipitously.

With these constraints in mind, the recommendation from Fr John, Fr Al, and Fr Ken is the schedule that we adopted. In the January/February time frame, we’ll provide an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and suggestions for the interim schedule!

Some have asked me “I can’t attend my parish’s Mass time. How can I support my parish?” The answer is simple: when you attend any Mass in our grouping, and use your parish envelope to make your contribution, your contribution goes solely to the upkeep of your parish, and your attendance is noted as support of your parish.

Please keep your questions coming! I appreciate the opportunity to share information about our plans with you!

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 pm. to 9:00 pm. **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.



### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

#### Christmas Eve

- 4:00 pm Good Shepherd  
Madonna del Castello**
- 4:30 pm St. Maurice**
- 6:30 pm Word of God**
- 7:30 pm St. Maurice**
- Midnight Word of God  
St. Maurice**

#### Christmas Day

- 9:00 AM St. Maurice**
- 10:00 AM Madonna del Castello**
- 11:00 AM Sacred Heart**

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

#### December 16:

**8:00 AM**

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

**Lector:** Pat Lanigan

**Server:** C & D Yezovich

**11:00AM**

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

**Lector:** Dorothy Danko

**Server:** Olivia Joscak

#### December 23:

**8:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Joe, M. Leicht, B. McDonell, P. Koncerak, M. Garritano

**Lector:** Nick Russo

**Server:** Josh DiNinno

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Keith Kondrich, M. Garritano, K. Carroll, C. Bakin

**Lector:** Jeff McLaughlin

**Server:** Briana Skladany

# Stepping into Advent

Join us at Good Shepherd, Madonna del Castello,  
Sacred Heart, St. Maurice and Word of God.

## Eucharistic Adoration with Father Mohler

December 12 at 6:30 PM at Madonna  
December 20 at 6:30 PM at St. Maurice

### ADVENT FAMILY EVENTS

\**Preparing the Way, Parts I & II & Kids'*

*Advent Activities*

Sunday, December 16

11 AM, Parlor and Lawrence Room,

St. Maurice Parish Center

Contact Cheryl Kirkland at

[ckirkland@saintmauriceparish.org](mailto:ckirkland@saintmauriceparish.org) or 412-351-6710.

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Tuesday, December 11: 6—9 PM, St. Maurice  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation opportunity*

## "The Hail Mary, a Perfect Prayer for Advent"

Presented by Deacon Keith Kondrich

Thursday, December 13, 2018

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Word of God Parish

### \*PREPARING THE WAY, PARTS I & II

ST. MAURICE PARISH

Fridays, December 14 and 21, 9:30 AM, Parlor

### Becoming Confidently Catholic:

*Advent Trivia Night*

Saturday, December 15, 5 PM, Parish Center

To register, please contact Cheryl Kirkland at

412-351-6710.

## THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "*Prepare the way of the Lord,*" and this is what Advent is all about. 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.**

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

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

**Sunday, December 2:** \$ 4,140.00

Parishioners receiving env: 652 env used: 201

Loose Offertory: \$183.00

Monthly Offering: \$722.00 env used: 52

Loose Monthly: \$ 64.00

Votive: \$103.00

**Thank You for your generosity!**

## BINGO TODAY DEC. 9: Parishioner Appreciation Day

Come to the bingo and show a contribution envelope from your own parish (Good Shepherd, Madonna del Castello, St. Maurice or Word of God Parish) and receive a free packet of 4 regular specials with purchase of your regular bingo packet. Join us at Sacred Heart Hall at 1:00 pm for an afternoon of fun! Bring your friends.

## 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2019

Beginning Monday, December 10, we invite you to request any additional Mass intentions for our four parishes for 2019.

Mass intention forms can be picked up at the back of the church, and can be placed in the collection basket. If you wish to mail in your intention form, for Masses at any of our parishes, please mail them to: Madonna del Castello Parish, 2021 S. Braddock Avenue, Swissvale PA 15218, Att: Kelly. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly at 412-271-5666.

## 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.

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

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.

## ANOINTING

Parishioners in need of anointing are asked to call **Fr. Vince Kolo, our Parish Chaplain at 412-737-3350.**

## CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2019:

Your box sets of church envelopes are available for pick up today after Mass at Good Shepherd Church. After the 8:00 AM Mass today 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.

### **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 Church hall, 2021 S. Braddock Ave., Swissvale, PA 15218. Dinners are in containers and include homemade specialties. For more information call 412-271-5666.

### **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

**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\*\*](http://extramilefdn.org) or find Extra Mile on Facebook for more information and ways to get involved.

### **YET TO DO**

One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done. —Marie Curie

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

***1-888-808-1235***

# MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish  
December 9-16, 2018

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

Tuesday-Advent Weekday (Mt 18:12-14)

SH: 9:30 AM +Edward Stamerra by Dolly Hudak

Wednesday-Our Lady of Guadalupe (Lk 1:26-38)

SH: 9:30AM +Robert Balogh by Family

Third Sunday of Advent (Lk 3:10-18)

GS: 8:00 AM William Mikolics by Wife

SH: 11:00 AM Helen Bulkowski by Dorothy Danko

## Birthday



Wishes  
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Happy Birthday wishes go out to

*Agnes Sergy*

who will celebrate her 96th  
birthday on December 10th.

*God bless you Agnes!*

## REST IN PEACE

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

*George Harnagy.*

*May the angels lead you into paradise.*

## 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*

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**WEEK!!!**