

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

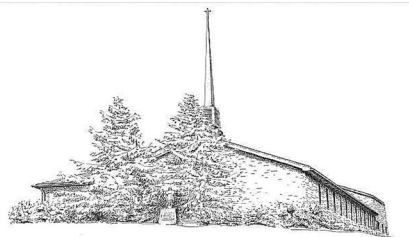
1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

*December 10, 2017*

Parish Office: 412-271-1515  
Fax: 412-271-1222

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

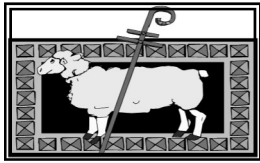
### Parish Telephone Numbers

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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 10, 2017**  
**From the Pastor's Desk**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF  
 ADVENT**

**ADVENT 2017:**

Last Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, we saw Mark giving us Jesus' warning to be ready and alert. This was Mark's way of telling us what he considered the last warning Jesus would give. Because Mark then went into the conspiracy against Jesus and his eventual Passion, Death and Resurrection. This Sunday we begin Mark's Gospel 1:1-8 and he begins his Gospel by telling us about St. John the Baptist, the promised messenger who would prepare all for the coming of the Messiah. Let us continue to stay tuned to hear "the rest of the story."

**THE LIGHTS ARE ON FOR YOU  
 THIS WEDNESDAY:**

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.

**ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE:**

The new team to lead our grouping of 7 parishes will be known in less than 5 months. The members will be announced on April 26 and will begin their appointment on October 15, 2018. Keep Bishop Zubik and the Personnel Board members in your prayers as they will soon begin the process of identifying the clergy team that can best serve us. The team is to have 4 priest and yet to be determined number of deacons. As we know these plans can change but the "picture" seems to be developing as the "end time" is getting closer. I am awaiting with joyful expectation as I hope you are.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES:**

The church envelopes will remain at Good Shepherd until the 9:00 AM today. Then they will be taken to Sacred Heart for the 11:00 and will be there next weekend. On Monday, December 18 the leftovers will be taken to the office for "pick up."

**CHRISTMAS WAFERS** will be available this weekend and then at the Office. Each envelope of 4 wafers cost \$2.00.

**GIVING TREES:**

The Giving Tree gifts are due in today. If you forgot, please get them to the office by 3:00 PM Monday. Thanks to all who supported this ministry.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:**

The Christmas party received "rave reviews" from many. The food from Affordable Catering (412-860-2686) was delicious and Mikey Dee's music (412-751-1328) was a great addition. I thank Hope Sullivan and Kenny Riling for the prep and decorations. And my usual silent partners of Phyllis, Peggy, Frank, Carol and Micky who did their part. And thanks to all who came...it was a great "**Just One More Christmas Party.**"

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

These masses fulfill our Sunday needs:

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

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

Deacon Joe will give the homily for the Sunday Masses.

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.

**TURKEY TROT-SECOND CHANCE:**

If your Turkey Trot 4 digit number hits **straight** this week, December 11 to December 15, you'll win \$200.00. Good luck!

**WELCOME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS:**

Kindly welcome a family member or friend home for Christmas Mass. Maybe even offer to bring them.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**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 Stamera

**Server:** Morgan Skladany

**MINISTERS:**

Please sign up on the sheets in the Sacristy for **December 23-24, 24-25 and December 30-31.**



*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**

In today’s Gospel John the Baptist urges us to “Prepare the way of the Lord.” 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*

**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.

**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 tour:** 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.**

**What’s Happening this Week**

December 10-17, 2017

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Bingo</b>	<b>SH Hall</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Scouts</b>	<b>GS School</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>3-4 PM</b>	<b>Confession</b>	<b>SH Church</b>
	<b>6-9 PM</b>	<b>Lights Are On For You</b>	
		<b>(Confessions)</b>	<b>SH Church</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>	<b>SH Chapel</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>Bell Concert</b>	<b>GS Church</b>

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

<b>Sunday, December 3rd:</b>	<b>\$5,891.00</b>
<b>Parishioners receiving env:</b> 652	env used: 264
<b>Loose Offertory:</b>	<b>\$422.00</b>
<b>Monthly Offering:</b> \$1,206.00	env used: 76
<b>Loose Monthly Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 107.00</b>
<b>Votive:</b>	<b>\$166.00</b>

***Thank you for your generosity***

**HANDBELL CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES**

The bell choir will be performing on the following dates and times:

**Sunday, December 17** - Concert at Good Shepherd Church 2:30 p.m.

**Friday, December 22** - PPG Wintergarden from 6-7 PM

**Saturday, December 23** - Kennywood Holiday Lights from 6:15 - 6:45 PM

*Come out to support our kids and help to ring in holidays.*



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to **Brianna Lee Skladany**, who attends 9th grade at Woodland Hills. Brianna achieved High Honor Roll this grading period. Great work!

**THE SOUNDS AND EVENTS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!**

Music is in the air as the students at **East Catholic School** prepare for a variety of musical performances in December.

**Santa You’ve Got Mail**

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will perform the joyous musical play “Santa You’ve Got Mail”. Mark your calendars: December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, East Catholic School Cafeteria ( Keane Hall).

**The Living Nativity**

The beauty of the Christmas season comes alive on Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> with “The Living Nativity” at St. Maurice Church at 7:00 p.m. The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders of East Catholic School will tell the story of Jesus’ birth through narration, song and liturgical dances.

**BAND CONCERT**

The East Catholic School Band will have a concert on Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 pm in Keane Hall (School Cafeteria). All are invited to attend.

**We hope everyone will be able to attend these events to support our students and school while celebrating the Christmas season!**



**TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

Make Sundays complete for someone who can’t get to church because of age, illness or weather conditions. Sunday TV Mass will be shown at 6:30 AM on:

- WINP (ION) channel 46
- Comcast Cable, channel 4
- Verizon Fios, channel 16
- Dish Network, channel 16 or 216
- DirecTV, Channel 305
- EWTN-12:00 Noon everyday

To watch the Mass online anytime on Sundays, visit **www.heartofthenation.org**

**AUTHENTIC HAPPINESS: A High School Silent Retreat** Have you ever allowed God to speak to you through silence? What does it mean to find Him as the source of your authentic happiness? Find out through Authentic Happiness: A High School Silent Retreat. Father Mike Ackerman will lead this retreat for high school men, February 3-4 at Martina Spiritual Renewal Center. It will include Mass, adoration, dynamic talks, and solid brotherhood. No cost. To register, visit [PGHPriest.com](http://PGHPriest.com) by January 22.

**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)

**DON'T SUFFER THROUGH ANOTHER CHRISTMAS** Hope and help for troubled marriages is available through Retrouvaille. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 19, 2018, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org>.

**CELEBRATION OF  
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

The celebration will take place on Tuesday, December 12 at St. Paul Cathedral, 125 N. Craig Street, Pittsburgh, PA. Program:

5:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 PM Rosary

7:00 PM Mass

\*Some priests will be available for confession at 5:30 PM. Let us pray to Her so she will always keep the Church Alive!

**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 Extra Raffle Tickets costs \$10 or 3 for \$25 Winner not need to be present! Contact: George Wagner - (412) 823-8011.

**CATHOLIC SINGLES, 21 & OVER**

The Catholic Alumni Club offers a variety of social opportunities including league athletics, parties, picnics, dances, dinners, hiking, volleyball, scripture study, trips, etc. For information, check out [www.capittsburgh.org](http://www.capittsburgh.org).

**YOUNG ADULTS & SINGLES OF ALL AGES:**

Check out [Catholicthrive.com](http://Catholicthrive.com).

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

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

# MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish  
December 10-17, 2017

**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

**Monday-Advent Weekday** (Lk 5:17-26)  
SH: 9:00 AM Ed Stamerra by Louis & Alice Pane

**Tuesday-Our Lady of Guadalupe** (Lk 1:26-38)  
SH: 9:00 AM Janet Venditti by Kathy Quinn

**Wednesday-St. Lucy** (Mt 11:28-30)  
SH: 9:00 AM James Ward by Steven Yezovich Family

**Thursday-St. John of the Cross** (Mt 11:11-15)  
SH: 9:00 AM Bernie Joscak  
by Drs. Chester & Anna Chorazy

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

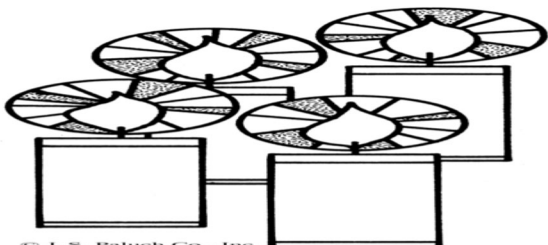
**Saturday-Advent Weekday** (Mt 17:9a,10-13)  
No Morning Mass

**Third Sunday of Advent** (Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)  
GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

GS: 9:00 AM Donna Hidinger by Family  
SH: 11:00 AM Helen Tomasic  
by Andrew & Ann Skladany

## **ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!**

Prepare the Way of the Lord – Advent is our annual time of anticipation and expectation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas and, ultimately, at the end of time. During this season we make many preparations so that we can be ready to meet the Lord. We prepare our hearts through prayer and reconciliation to be a fitting place of welcome for Jesus to dwell. We also prepare our homes as places of warm hospitality to welcome neighbors and strangers alike with a loving and generous heart. This Advent, we also find ourselves anticipating the changes that will soon be upon us as part of the On Mission for The Church Alive! initiative. How are you preparing for the new realities in our parishes? Will your heart meet these changes with resistance or with the resolve to do what it takes to foster new life in your community and help grow the Church? Take some time this Advent to prepare.



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**AND OUTSIDE TABS**  
**IN CYAN EVERY**  
**WEEK!!!**