

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

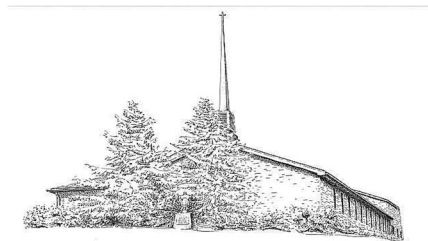
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

December 11, 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

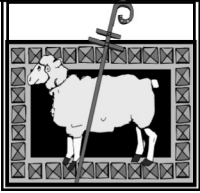
Parish Telephone Numbers

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 11, 2016
From the Pastor's Desk
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT 2016:

Today's Gospel ended with Jesus saying "yet the least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he (John the Baptist)." This should be more than enough to inspire us to joyfully live our lives in a way that we look forward to living in the Kingdom of Heaven. May our daily way of living reflect what Jesus came to give us to prepare well for His Second Coming.

CONFESSION:

The Lights will be on for You this 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.

CONFIRMATION:

Our Confirmation this year will include all 6 parishes that support East Catholic School. The number of candidates of each parish made this decision a good one for all of us. Our date for Confirmation will be Monday, April 24, 2017 at St. Maurice Church at 7:00 PM. Bishop William Waltersheid will be the Confirming Bishop. If you have a child to be confirmed this year please call me this week at the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

We will have 4:00 PM Mass 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. We will NOT have the 10:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve.

END OF YEAR DONATION:

Some of you like to make an end of the year donation to help reduce taxes. Please write **Parish Share Program** on your donation to support us in the best possible way.

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.

TIME TO TAKE A BREAK:

Ok when the preps are getting to you, take 10 and reread this from Mother Theresa of Calcutta:

The good you do today will often be forgotten.
Do good anyway.
 Give the best you have and it will never be enough.
Give your best anyway.
 In the final analysis, it is between you and God.
It was never between you and them anyway.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

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

DECEMBER 24-25:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, A.M. Dougherty, J. Kaczmarek, J. Hojnacki, M. Colao, D. Hrabley, T. McAdams,

Lector: Theodore Schleifer

Server: Stephen & Daniel Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, M. Leicht, J. Strednak, M. Giulianelli, C. DiNinno, P. Koncerak, R. Russo

Lector: Jeff McLaughlin

Server: Christopher & Drew Yezovich

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, H. Sullivan, M. Garritano, C. Mirenzi, J. Barbusio, C. Suppes

Lector: Chester Chorazy

Server: Olivia Joscak

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*



Your gifts should be returned today, wrapped with the ornament attached to Good Shepherd or Sacred Heart Church. If by some chance you did not bring

your gift today, please take it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. 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.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Seniors will hold their Christmas Party this Wednesday, December 14th at Sacred Heart Hall. Doors open at 11:00 AM. Dinner will be served at 2:00 PM. Everyone needs a ticket...no tickets sold at the door.

LADIES OF CHARITY

Our Ladies will be recommissioned at the 11:00 Mass today. The Ladies of Charity are celebrating 400 years of service in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

ENVELOPES FOR 2017:

Your contribution envelopes are ready for pick up and are now at the Parish Office. You may pick them up Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM or call Micky for mailing arrangements.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.

Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.

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

JUSTICE AND OBEDIENCE

Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and obedience is the premium we pay for it. —William Penn

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, December 4th:	\$5,710.00
Parishioners receiving env: 620	env used: 296
Loose Offertory:	\$243.00
Monthly Offering: \$1,183.00	env used: 82
Loose Monthly Offering:	\$ 84.00
Votive:	\$206.00

May God Bless your generosity!



Good Shepherd Bell Choir will hold a Christmas concert next **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.

EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

The Living Nativity

The beauty of the Christmas season comes alive on December 20th at 7:00 PM with "The Living Nativity" at St. Maurice Church. The 6th, 7th, and 8th 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 21 at 7:00 PM in Keane Hall (School Cafeteria). All are invited to attend.

Christmas Story Time

Wednesday December 14, 2016 is "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 "Away in the Manger".

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 12, 2016. Join us for some "Christmas" fun!

More St. Vincent de Paul News

The Grand Opening of our new **Thrift Store** in Swissvale recently took place. Come out for some great bargains, hidden treasures, and unique items while supporting our local families and individuals in need!

The Store address is **7402 Church Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218** (CVS Plaza on the corner of Church Street & Monongahela Avenue).

ARE YOU THE ONE WHO IS TO COME?



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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/>

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA will be held for Woodland Hills Families with infants and preschoolers up to age 5 who are not enrolled in Kindergarten. Infants not enrolled in C.A.R.E.S Program will receive a C.A.R.E.S. package. The event will take place **December 16th** from 10:00 AM—12:00 Noon at the Woodland Hills Administration Center at Fairless, 531 Jones Avenue, North Braddock, PA 15104. Enjoy a Healthy Breakfast, there will special gifts and prizes, visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and free picture. RSVP 412-731-1300, ext. 0152.

Memorial Offering Anyone who would like to have any or all of the gifts at our church celebrated in memory of a loved one, is now welcome to do so. Please fill out the form below and return to the parish office. You may request a particular week to have this offering. Dates requested will be scheduled on a first come/first served.

Memorial Offering Request

- Altar Breads (\$20.00)**
- Altar Candles (\$10.00)**
- Altar Wine (\$10.00)**
- Sanctuary Lamp (\$10.00)**
- Complete Offering (\$45.00)**
- Altar Flowers (\$50.00)**

In Memory of

From _____

Date _____ Phone _____

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
December 11-18, 2016

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	
Monday-Our Lady of Guadalupe	(Lk 1:26-38)
SH: 9:00 AM James O'Malley	
	by Mary Ann Nicholas
Tuesday-St. Lucy	(Mt 21:28-32)
SH: 9:00 AM Edward Jendeski by Family & Friends	
Wednesday-St. John of the Cross	(Lk 7:18b-23)
SH: 9:00 AM George 'Dudgie' Joschak	
	by Ladies PA Catholic Slovak Union
Thursday-Advent Weekday	(Lk 7:24-30)
SH: 9:00 AM Jane Schubert by Al Burkhart	
Friday-Advent Weekday	(Jn 5:33-36)
No Morning Mass	
Saturday-Late Advent Weekday	(Mt 1:1-17)
No Morning Mass	
Fourth Sunday of Advent	(Mt 1:18-24)
GS: 4:00 PM Frank Trybus by Daughter, Ceil Balogh	
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish	
SH: 11:00 AM Donna Hidinger	
	by Alan & Janet Kondas

REST IN PEACE

*In your charity, we remember all those who have died,
especially: Bebeann Stauffer, Margaret Napolitano,
Vittorio Colucci and Irene Estadt.
May the angels lead you into paradise.*

MEMORIAL OFFERING THIS WEEK:

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

*In Memory of Julian & Mary Stecki
by Natalie Stecki*

What's Happening this Week

December 11-18, 2016

Monday: 7:00 PM Scouts GS School
Wednesday: 12:00 PM Seniors Christmas Party
SH Hall
Thursday: 7:00 PM Prayer Group SH Chapel
Sunday: 2:30 PM Bell Concert GS Church

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

This bulletin is from
Good Shepherd Church
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104
Fax: 412-271-1222
Email: gshepof-
face@comcast.
net

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