

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

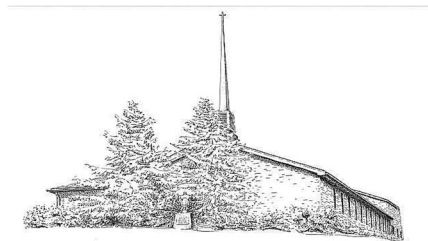
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

December 18, 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

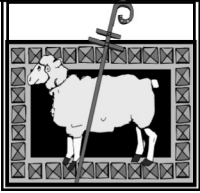
Parish Telephone Numbers

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 18, 2016
From the Pastor's Desk
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT 2016:

Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." We heard this proclaimed in today's Gospel. Our final Sunday thought before we celebrate Christmas this year. And what a joyous thought for you and I that "God is with us." If we can keep this thought in mind our lives will be God-filled and God-centered.

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. And kindly encourage a family member or friend to join us on Christmas and New Year's Days.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

We had our two Parish Consultation meetings on Wednesday, November 9 and Monday, November 14. And now our committee of Alison Flora, John Jakiela and John & Mary Besseck need to have a parish meeting where you can give us your thoughts. You can also do it whenever and wherever you see us out and about. We'll also do this after the weekend Masses on January 28 & 29. I'll answer any questions you may have as best I can. We'll then share them with the Diocesan "On Mission" team. Keep praying and thinking and remember you can always share your thoughts at onmissionchurchalive.org/feedback. Your Pittsburgh Catholic has weekly articles and the ways to send your 'thoughts.' It's gonna happen, so don't be afraid to share your thoughts and ideas.

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.

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.

GETTING EVEN

The only ones you should try to get even with are those who have helped you. —Anonymous

"One day God sent His angel, Gabriel, to a young women named Mary to tell her some wonderful news."

"Gabriel appeared to Mary and she was frightened. He told her not to be scared, for God had chosen her above all the women of the world for a very special task."

"He told her that she was going to have a baby, and the baby would be the Messiah, the Son of God."

MINISTER SCHEDULE

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. Mireni, J. Barbusio, C. Suppes

Lector: Chester Chorazy

Server: Olivia Joscak

DECEMBER 31-January 1:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, A.M. Dougherty, A. Kostyak, M. Leicht, F. Szekely, J. Carleton, T. Schleifer

Lector: Eric Helminiak

Server: Andrew Connelly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, J. Corbett, C. DiNinno, P. Koncerak, J. McLaughlin, L. Petri, B. McDonell

Lector: Mark Petri

Server: Josh DiNinno

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, E. Foster, J & M Besseck, S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas

Lector: Carolyn Bakin

Server: Brian Kelly

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*

Christmas Concert

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JOIN US TODAY!!!

Good Shepherd Bell Choir will hold a Christmas concert this afternoon **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 Kenywood Park on Friday, December 23rd at 6:15 p.m. Come out and be a friendly face in our crowds.

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES COLLECTION

The second collection at all Christmas Masses will be taken for the annual Christmas Charities Collection. Your generosity toward those in need will be greatly appreciated. This collection is also credited to our 2016 Parish Share Program.

ENVELOPES FOR 2017:

Your contribution envelopes 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.



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Thanks to all who supported our Giving Tree project and helped us to make a blessed Christmas for the deserving students of our Parish and School.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

In the month of December, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help the poor and suffering to face their hardships and fears, by assisting families in need.

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

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Thursday, December 8th:	\$1,020.00
Loose Holy Day Collection:	\$133.00
Sunday, December 11th:	\$4,336.00
Parishioners receiving env: 620	env used: 244
Loose Offertory:	\$288.00
School Offering: \$389.00	env used: 41
Loose School Offering:	\$ 95.00
Votive:	\$157.00

May God Bless your generosity!

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 21st at 7:00 PM in Keane Hall (School Cafeteria). All are invited to attend.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor sent a letter thanking you for your generous response to their Thanksgiving Drive. Sister Margaret Mary wrote "God will never be outdone in generosity and you will be greatly blessed for your thoughtfulness."

SECOND CHANCE RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the 2nd chance winners from our Turkey Trot Raffle who were:

Dec. 6: Anna Viselli	#8508	\$300.00
Dec. 7: Richard Majersky	#6068	\$300.00
Dec. 8: Nadine Mehok	#6057	\$300.00
Dec. 9: Harry Lucas	#2677	\$300.00
Dec. 10: Greg Bielec	#4203	\$300.00

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).

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas. —Charles Dickens

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*

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

As we prepare for the coming of our Savior, let us also continue to get ready for the changes and growth ahead as we journey ***ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!*** The more than 27,000 faithful who recently attended parish consultation meetings are a testament to your commitment to your parish and our baptismal call to follow Jesus and bring others to Him. As the consultation process continues, stay involved and sign up for e-mail updates at OnMissionChurchAlive.org.

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/>

NEW YEAR'S EVE SUPER BINGO

Bishop Canevin will sponsor an \$8,000 Super Bingo -- Buffet Dinner, party favors and black light bingo after midnight to rock and roll music. Watch the ball drop on our big screen TV's and toast at midnight. What a way to start 2017. Discount for reservation with a \$20 deposit. More information at www.bingo-at-bc.com. Call Mike at 412 523-2220 to make a reservation.

NORTH BRADDOCK SCOTT HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1967 will hold their 50th Anniversary Reunion on May 6, 2017 from 6:00-11:00 PM at Grand View Golf Club, 100 Clubhouse Drive, North Braddock, PA 15104. The price is \$50.00 per person. Please contact Mary Ann Catone Mimnaugh at [MMIM1428@ Comcast.net](mailto:MMIM1428@Comcast.net) with your name (maiden name), address, home and cell phone numbers, and email address. If you are in contact with other classmates, please forward that too.

SISTERS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

2017 Lucky Number Calendars

Support the ministries and the mission of the Sisters by purchasing a \$25 Lucky Number Calendar based on the PA Daily Lottery. Pick 3 Day and Pick 3 Evening numbers are still available - your number is yours for the entire 2017 calendar year! Daily winners receive a minimum of \$25 up to \$150. For an order form, visit cdp-sisters.org/2017LuckyNumber or call Nicole Davis at 412-635-5437.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
December 18-25, 2016

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

Monday-Advent Weekday (Lk 1:5-25)
SH: 9:00 AM Josephine Caban by Gen Bulik

Tuesday-Advent Weekday (Lk 1:26-38)
SH: 9:00 AM Lois Jean Haugh
by Jim & Evelyn Ward

Wednesday-Advent Weekday (Lk 1:39-45)
SH: 9:00 AM Marlene Tarby Kauric
By Mary Miculis Davenport

Thursday-Advent Weekday (Lk 1:46-56)
SH: 9:00 AM Sophia Serbak by Family & Friends

Friday-Advent Weekday (Lk 1:57-66)
No Morning Mass

Saturday-Advent Weekday (Lk 1:67-79)
No Morning Mass

The Nativity of the Lord (Jn 1:1-18)
GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
SH: 11:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

MEMORIAL OFFERING THIS WEEK:

Sanctuary Lamp:
In Memory of Betty Jane Payne
by Lori & Andy Frunceck

What's Happening this Week

December 18-25, 2016

Sunday: 2:30 PM Bell Concert GS Church
Monday: 7:00 PM Scouts GS School
Thursday: 7:00 PM Prayer Group SH Chapel
Friday: 6:15 PM Bell Choir Kennywood

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.

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IN CYAN EVERY
WEEK!!!