

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

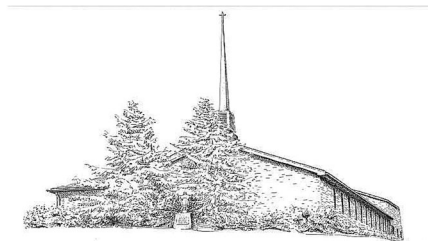
1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

*December 25, 2016*

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

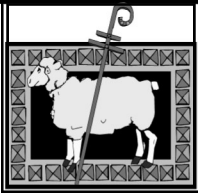
### Parish Telephone Numbers

Parish Office: .....412-271-1515  
Phone: ..... 412-351-3710  
Fax.....412-271-1222  
e-mail.....[gshepoffice@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:tjsjrfhi3@verizon.net)

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



December 25, 2016  
*From the Pastor's Desk*  
**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS:**

Every so often the priests get lucky and Christmas and the New Year fall on a Sunday. Praise the Lord it happens this year. Our Gospel for the Christmas Vigil was Matthew's genealogy of Jesus. Even though this isn't everyone's favorite Gospel, this genealogy was absolutely necessary in Matthew's mind to show how Jesus was the promised Messiah, an offspring of David. And THAT is what is important; that Jesus is the Messiah. At Christmas we celebrate that His divine nature and His human nature were combined for US. Let us celebrate.

*My Christmas wish for you is that the Joy that Jesus came to bring may be with you always. That the knowledge that He came to redeem you and me may inspire us to follow his example and enjoy his mercy.*

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
 THE MOTHER OF GOD:**

Next weekend we will celebrate the fact that Mary was the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and friend. To celebrate, we will follow the normal weekend schedule: 4:00 PM Saturday, 9:00 AM Sunday at Good Shepherd and 11:00 AM Sunday at Sacred Heart.

**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.



**ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!**

Today we welcome our Lord and Savior who became man to save us from sin and bring us everlasting life. In that same spirit may we ask God to strengthen us for the work ahead in the **ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!** planning initiative. Help us to be open to the ways in which we can help build the Church of Pittsburgh. There will be parish-based opportunities for prayer and conversation—check your bulletin and learn more at [OnMissionChurchAlive.org](http://OnMissionChurchAlive.org).

**MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**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

**JANUARY 7-8:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Kaczmarkski, J. Hojnacki, M. Colao, P. Humberson, D. Hrabley, T. McAdams, K. Carroll

**Lector:** Mary Ann McClain

**Servers:** Stephen & Daniel Yezovich

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Garritano, D & T Whyel, J. Strednak, M. Giulianelli, R. Russo, J. McLaughlin

**Lector:** Gina Piccolino

**Server:** Selah Corbett

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** N. Moucheron, C. Bakin, H. Sullivan, J. Barbusio, P. Fazio, Christine Suppes

**Lector:** Rick Stamerra

**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*

**CHRISTMAS CHARITIES COLLECTION**

The second collection at all Christmas Masses is 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.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

The Office will be closed all week for the Christmas holiday and will reopen Tuesday, January 3rd.

**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.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Today we celebrate the feast of Christmas and hear how the shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in the manger. Then they left glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.

**Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us."**

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

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Dolores Brown  
 M/M Robert Csukas  
 Cynthia Spirk  
**In Memory of:**  
 Mary Rita Sorokacs  
 Sorokacs Family  
 Halko Family

**ARE YOU REGISTERED?** All Catholics need a place of worship to call "home." If you regularly worship with us but are not registered now is the time to make it official. Please complete a confidential census form which is in the Gathering Space and return it to the office. Please call the office at 412-271-1515 if you have any questions.



<b>Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure</b>	
<b>Sunday, December 18th:</b>	<b>\$5,270.00</b>
Parishioners receiving env: 620	env used:237
<b>Loose Offertory:</b>	<b>\$115.00</b>
<b>Votive:</b>	<b>\$168.00</b>
<b>May God Bless your generosity!</b>	

**MONTHLY COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION**

Our MCC will be celebrated this Wednesday, December 28th at 9:00 AM at Sacred Heart.  
 The MCC for January will take place Wednesday, January 25th at 9:00 AM at Sacred Heart. Please send in your intentions by Monday, January 23rd.

**HONOR ROLL**

Congratulations to our parishioners **Evan Cuccaro**, who made Honors at Central Catholic High School and **Julia Piccolino** who made Gold Honor Roll (A average) at Serra Catholic High School this grading period. Great work Evan and Julia!

**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).



**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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](http://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.

=====

**BIBLE STUDY AT MADONNA DEL CASTELLO**

**Wednesdays January 4—February 22 7-9 PM**

Questions: Deacon Ron Demblowski 412-241-1372

Or email him at **[wordofgodpa@gmail.com](mailto:wordofgodpa@gmail.com)**.

Suggested offering is \$25 for the participant pack. Registration is due by Friday, December 30 and checks should be made payable to **Word of God**. Complete and mail (2021 S Braddock Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15218.

**Registration**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

=====

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

**1-888-808-1235**

**Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan**

# MASSSES for the WEEK



*Good Shepherd Parish*  
December 25, 2016–  
January 1, 2017

**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

**Monday-St. Stephen** (Mt 10:17-22)

SH: 9:00 AM Bernice Bitkowski by Trudi Cerrone

**Tuesday-St. John, Apostle** (Jn 20:1a,2-8)

SH: 9:00 AM Francine M. Franzetta by Family

**Wednesday-The Holy Innocents** (Mt 2:13-18)

SH: 9:00 AM Monthly Commemorative Celebration

**Thursday-Fifth Day within Octave of Nativity**  
(Lk 2:22-35)

SH: 9:00 AM Maria Luisa Viselli by Viselli Family

**Friday-Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

No Morning Mass (Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23)

**Saturday-Seventh Day within Octave of Nativity**

No Morning Mass (Jn 1:1-18)

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** (Lk 2:16-21)

GS: 4:00 PM John Hudak by Ed Stamerra

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Rita Taylor by Beverly Leszynski



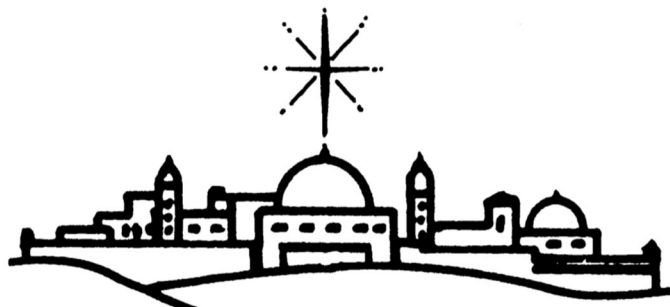
**MEMORIAL OFFERING THIS WEEK:**

*Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Altar Candles*

*And Sanctuary Lamp:*

*In Memory of John A. & Stephanie Jakiela*

*by John & Judy Jakiela*



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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!!!**