

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

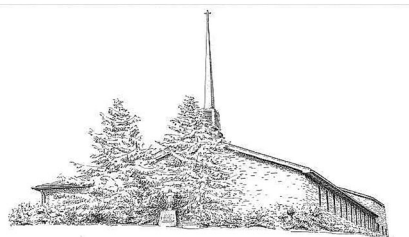
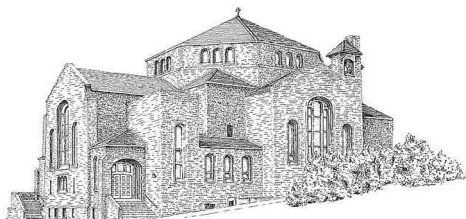
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

December 31, 2017

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

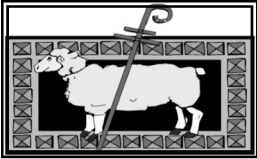
Parish Telephone Numbers

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 31, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY:

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. Luke introduces us to Simeon a "righteous and devout man" awaiting the Consolation of Israel: It would be just great if we could follow his example and fully rejoice at the birth of Jesus Christ once again. Let us continually reflect on what this means in our lives as we continue through our Liturgical Year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR:

Tomorrow is New Year's Day and the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary. However since it falls on a Monday it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. However, please note we start our new daily mass schedule which has now moved to **7:00 AM**. In today's bulletin I share with you, once again, the Mass schedules for the seven churches in our grouping. As the priests in our grouping continue to do our part to plan for "On Mission" feel free to join any of our church masses that fit your schedule, especially the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Maurice **Tuesday through Friday** (the Mass on Monday is at 7:00 PM).

And may I suggest that when you go to another Church introduce yourself and say hello to your new friends. In ten more months you will probably be fellow parishioners. So be brave and evangelize. You can be a leader for our new parish family in the making.

CHURCH ENVELOPES:

If you did not pick up your church envelopes for 2018, you can do so at the office.

THANK YOU:

Thank you for the many prayers, cards and gifts you have given me again this Christmas and for my 77th birthday. Your kindness is appreciated, I count my blessings daily for being in your midst.

OFFICE:

The Office will reopen on January 3rd. My staff and I appreciated our little "break." Party hardy because Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. Let the diet wait till then.

GIVING TREE:

I thank each and every one of you who supplied gifts for our Giving Tree. I'm always impressed when I hear "**Oh there are tags left, I'll take another.**" I am also impressed with the amount of time Peggy and Denise give to coordinate our program. So I thank Peggy & Denise and all who supported this effort.



ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

The Holy Family – The bible tells us very little about the family life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as they formed their home in Nazareth. We know that Jesus was presented in the temple in accordance with the custom of the law, that he grew strong and was filled with wisdom, and that he stayed behind at the temple in Jerusalem to discourse with the elders and scholars of the law. Much else is left to the tradition of our faith and to our imagination. The Holy Family was certainly unconventional, composed of a virgin mother, a child conceived by the Holy Spirit who is the Son of God, and a foster father who loved the child as if he was his own. Yet, we hold them up as the example of family life for us who seek to love those God has placed in our lives. The Holy Family also becomes our inspiration as we form a family of faith in our parishes. While our faith communities will undergo change as part of the On Mission for The Church Alive! initiative, the work of building up the family of the Church will continue in earnest. May the example and intercession of the Holy Family support us in this important work.

Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

JANUARY 6-7:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, A.M. Dougherty, D. Trasoline, J. Carleton, T. McAdams, M. Colao, M. Leicht

Lector: Eric Helminiak

Server: Andy Connelly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, C. Suppes, R. Russo, M & L Petri, B. McDonell, J. Strednak

Lector: Gina Piccolino

Server: Christopher & Drew Yezovich

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, J & M Besseck, J. Barbusio, N. Moucheron, K. Carroll

Lector: Brendan Howell

Server: Brian Kelly

JANUARY 13-14:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kostyak, P. Humberson, D. Hrabley, J. Hojnacki, J & M Besseck, J. Carleton

Lector: Theodore Schleifer

Server: Stephen & Daniel Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Garritano, P. Koncerak, T & D Whyel, M. Giulianelli, J. McLaughlin, B. McDonell

Lector: Nick Russo

Server: Josh DiNinno

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Szatkowski, j. Kondas, E. Foster, P. Fazio, C. Bakin, R. Stamerra

Lector: Dr. Chester Chorazy

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,
Fr. Semler*

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families “grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them.”

Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor, by assisting families with food, and help with utility and rent bills. Thanks!

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

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.**

NEXT BINGO:

Save the date: Our next bingo will be held on Sunday, February 11th at Sacred Heart Hall. Let all of your friends know and plan to be there to enjoy the afternoon.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you gave a donation for flowers and your name was not included in our flier last week, please call the office and let us know. We will publish it in a future bulletin along with any donations that came in after the flier was published.

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 min-
istries. 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

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

*We're sending bulletins in early
so we will catch up on all of the
collections as soon as possible.
Thank you for your generosity*

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MASS SCHEDULES for our 7 PARISHES

Clip this out and hang it on the fridge for a handy reference. **Please note** the changes in the weekday Mass times for Good Shepherd and St. Maurice.

St. Colman 412-823-2564

Weekdays--Mon--Fri—8:30 AM
Saturday Vigil—6:00 PM
Sunday—8:00 AM—10:00AM
12:00 PM and 5:30 PM

Good Shepherd 412-271-1515

Weekday Masses are at Sacred Heart
Weekdays—Mon—Fri—7:00 AM
Sat Vigil—4:00 PM—Good Shepherd
Sun—9:00 AM at Good Shepherd
11:00 AM at Sacred Heart

St. John Fisher 412-241-4722

Weekdays--Mon-Sat—8:00AM
Sat Vigil—6:00 PM
Sun—9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

St. Jude 412-823-8390

Weekdays—Mon-- Wed—10:00AM
Sat Vigil—4:00 PM
Sun—11:30 AM

Madonna Del Castello 412-271-5666

Weekdays—Mon—7:00 PM
Wed—Fri—8:00 AM
Sat Vigil—4:00 PM
Sun—11:00 AM

St. Maurice 412-271-0809

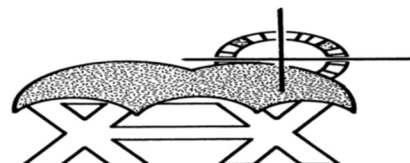
Weekdays—Tues—Sat 9:00 AM
Monday -7:00 PM
Sat Vigil—5:00 PM
Sun—8:00—10:00 AM—12:00 PM

Word of God—412-241-1372

Weekdays—Tues—Thurs—Sat—9:30 AM
Sat Vigil—6:00 PM
Sun—9:00AM

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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.



SUPER BINGO -- Make plans with your friends to attend **Bishop Canevin's** New Year's Eve \$8,000 Super Bingo. Price includes 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 with champagne at midnight. What a way to start 2018! Ticket Price \$119 per person. If you make your reservation with a \$20 deposit you pay only \$80 at the door! Call Mike at 412 523-2220 to make a reservation. More information at www.bingo-at-bc.com.

SENT

All people in their 20s and 30s are invited to **SENT**, a gathering for young adults that will feature live music, free food and drinks, awesome prayer, a dynamic talk, and a time to network with other young adults on **Friday January 26 from 6:30-8:30 PM** in the Cardinals Great Hall at Saint Paul Seminary. Bob Rice, a professor at Franciscan University of Steubenville, will be speaking on Radical Living: Loving Jesus and Sharing the Gospel. For more information and to courtesy register please visit diopitt.org/yam.

THE SILVER RING THING Catholic Edition

Young people today are confronted with many images of sexuality and conflicting messages of morality through the media, internet, and society. Yet, the Church's teachings on love and sexuality remain constant in the following of Christ. The Silver Ring Thing Catholic Edition is a high-tech, high-energy performance that educates teens about the benefits of pursuing the virtue of chastity, and the dangers of promiscuous behavior. All teens and parents, and those who serve them, are invited to attend our live event on Friday, January 12, 2017 at Seton LaSalle High School from 7 - 9 PM. With dramas, videos, special effects, and speakers, teenagers will be motivated in a unique and personal way to choose to commit to God by remaining chaste. Parents, join us for a special parent meeting at 7:00 PM, before the start of the program. For further information, please go to www.silverringthing.com.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh is seeking women and men for positions as Sales Counselors at Good Shepherd (Monroeville) and St. Joseph (North Versailles) Cemeteries. If you enjoy interacting with people and prefer working for a reputable organization, please call or email us to find out more. This is a full-time position with comprehensive benefits. Qualified candidates should submit their resume to careers@ccapgh.org or call Tom at 412-208-1174.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
December 31, 2017-January 7, 2018



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Lk 2:22-40)

GS: 4:00 PM Beth Bitkowski

by Drs. Chester & Anna Chorazy

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Genevieve Bulik by Emelia Kubik

Monday-Solemnity of Mary (Lk 2:16-21)

New Year's Day-Not a Holyday of Obligation

****Please Note the Mass Time Change**

SH: 7:00 AM Sophia Serbak by Family & Friends

Tuesday-SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

(Jn 1:19-28)

SH: 7:00 AM James Ward by Evelyn & Family

Wednesday-Christmas Weekday (Jn 1:29-34)

SH: 7:00 AM Michael Sorokacs by Family

Thursday-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Jn 1:35-42)

SH: 7:00 AM Patricia Flora by Carol Bauer

Friday-St. John Neumann (Jn 1:43-51)

SH: 7:00 AM Edward Stammera

by M/M Walt Kopaczynski

Saturday-Christmas Weekday (Mk 1:7-11)

No Morning Mass

The Epiphany of the Lord (Lk 2:22-40)

GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

GS: 9:00 AM Frannie Butela by Mom and Dad

SH: 11:00 AM Sandee Melocchi & Leo Obecunis

by Betty Obecunis



Happy Belated Birthday

With all the hub bub getting ready for Christmas and early bulletins, I forgot to include (shame on me)

Happy Birthday to Father Al!

He celebrated his 77th on December 23rd. It's not too late...sing Happy Birthday when you see him.



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