

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

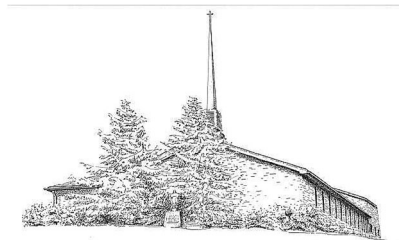
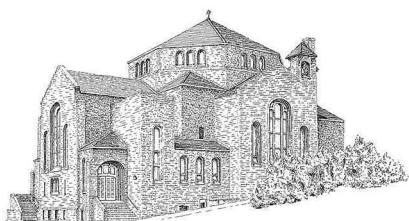
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

November 8, 2015

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

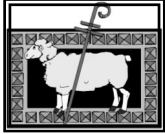
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (micky52@comcast.net)
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance
Sr. Judith Stojhovic

Parish Telephone Numbers

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Phone: 412-351-3710
Fax..... 412-271-1222
e-mail..... gshepoffice@comcast.net
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- **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
- **New Parishioners are always welcome.** Call the Parish Office to register or to notify of a change of address.

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



November 8, 2015

From the Pastor's Desk

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Jesus talks about the “unneed” (is that a new word?) for unnecessary trimmings just to look good. Then He returns to his message of SERVICE. May we have the courage to be people of service in the many ways we are called to serve.

OCTOBER COUNT:

I hear that some of you are concerned that “The Parish is Closing” because you were counted at the Masses during October. I ask you to remember that I told you that if the parish is to close, I would announce the possibility and that a study needs to be done to see if enough people are attending mass and are the collections good enough to “pay the bills.”

Hopefully you recall that we’ve made major changes to bring our expenses in line with our income. I’ve reported that we need a bare minimum of \$6,000.00 a week in our regular collection. In September we collected \$23,712.00 for 4 weekends. In October we increased to \$23,880.00 for 4 weekends. So you can see we are slightly under, but improving. If everyone gives an extra \$1.00 per week we’ll make it for now.

Now back to counting. The Diocese of Pittsburgh has conducted an **October Count** in every parish for many years now. October was picked because it’s a pretty “stay at home” month and the weather is still good enough that it will not impact the “count.” In one sense I’m glad you are concerned about our parish. In another sense I hate to see you stress about something that you don’t have to be stressed about.

HOLY NAME:

The Holy Name men invite all men of the parish to join them at 12:00 Noon today, (Sunday, November 8th) in Sacred Heart Hall for a bite to eat and to learn about the Holy Name and the spiritual benefits it contains.

PHOTO ALBUM:

We have the arrangements for our new, up to date Photo Album. If you sign up for a sitting by December 12 you can have your photos for Christmas. You may sign up after Mass this weekend, next weekend and each weekend hereafter. We have informational materials today and for the next two weeks.

SCHEDULE

Wed., Dec. 9: 2:00-4:00 PM/Seniors; 4:00—9:00 PM

Thurs. Dec. 10: 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Friday, Dec. 11: 2:00—9:00 PM

Sat. Dec. 12: 10:00 AM—5:00 PM

Wed., Dec. 16: 2:00—9:00 PM

Thurs., Dec. 17: 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Friday, Dec. 18: 2:00—9:00 PM

Sat., Dec. 19: 10:00 AM—5:00 PM

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

Everybody wants to belong to something much bigger than ourselves. Catholics belong to a parish. We are part of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. And we are members of the Church universal—the Church everywhere in the world. But Saint Paul tells us that we are infinitely and intimately more than that. Through baptism we are part of the Body of Christ. And our job “On Mission for the Church Alive!” is to invite others into the Body of Christ. What’s one way to do that in your life?

To read more, check out “On Mission for The Church Alive!” on page 5 of this week’s Pittsburgh Catholic and visit www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org.

THANKSGIVING TICKETS: Our annual Turkey Trot raffle tickets are on the way. Please note the change and help us by buying yours.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

November 14-15:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Hrabley, P. Humberson, T. McAdams, J. Kaczmariski, F. Szekely, M. Leicht, M. Colao

Lector: Cathy Mirenyi

Server: S. Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: T & D Whyel, R. Russo, M & L Petri, J. Strednak, R. McDonell

Lector: N. Russo

Servers: Julia Piccolino & Selah Corbett

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: J & M Besseck, S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas, J. Barbusio, N. Moucheron

Lector: P. Fazio

Server: B. Howell

November 21-22:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Hornick, A. Kostyak, J. Carleton, F. Szekely, T. Schleifer, J. Hojnacki, J. Kaczmariski

Lector: A. Hornick

Server: J. Cassidy

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: P. Koncerak, C. DiNinno, M. Giulianelli, N & R Russo, M & L Petro

Lector: Jen Miller

Server: J. DiNinno

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Bakin, K. Bitkowski, E. Foster, P. Fazio, M. Garritano, N. Moucheron

Lector: R. Stamerra

Server: R. Walker

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*

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Seniors will hold their regular monthly meeting this Wednesday, November 11th at Sacred Heart Hall. The doors will open at **9:30 AM** for **free flu shots and health tests**. No insurance is needed for this program. Be sure to invite your friends and relatives.

November is the month that the Seniors remember their deceased members. There will be a service in Sacred Heart Church at 11:00 AM. This is open to the public. After the service, there will be a light lunch for the members. Donation is \$4.00 and you may pay at the door.

Tickets will be on sale for the **Christmas Party** to be held on Wednesday, December 9th at Sacred Heart Hall. Doors will open at 11:00 AM. Lunch will be served at 2:00 PM. Everyone gets a gift. Menu: snacks before lunch, stuffed chicken breast, swiss steak, scalloped potatoes, garden salad, mixed vegetables, rolls and butter, jello, chocolate fudge cake and beverage. Donation is \$20.00. Everyone needs a ticket—**no tickets sold at the door**. There will be bingo: 5 free games, 4 specials available for purchase. Share the wealth, auction prizes are needed. Please feel free to donate something.

SPAGHETTI DINNER & BAKE SALE

The Good Shepherd Handbell choir will be sponsoring a spaghetti dinner and bake sale on Saturday, November 14th from 4:00-6:30 PM at Good Shepherd School Hall. Dinner will include spaghetti with a marinara sauce, two meatballs, a salad, and garlic toast for \$8.00. Extra meatballs and garlic toast can be purchased separately. Tickets will be sold in the back of church the next two weekends as well as at the door. Take outs are also available. To order take out, call Kelly at 412-728-2404 on November 14th after 2:00 PM. Also, there will be a delivery service. Simply call 412-728-2404 and place your order! Any order placed before 5:00 PM will leave Good Shepherd at 5:00 PM. Orders placed between 5 & 6 will leave Good Shepherd at 6:00 pm. ***Come out and help support our ringers.***

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015



Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, November 1st:	\$6,353.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 304
Loose Offertory:	\$253.00
Monthly Offering: \$	env used: 96
Loose Monthly Offering:	\$111.00
Votive:	\$188.00

May God bless your generosity!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us: **"I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on."**

Ask yourself **"Am I only giving from my surplus wealth?"** and then donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are suffering will be able to know God's love and care.

St. Vincent de Paul phone: 412-437-8370

LITTLE SISTERS THANKSGIVING DRIVE:

We began collecting dry and canned goods for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Donations can be put by the Baptismal Fonts in each church. We will collect up until Thanksgiving Day and the "GOODS" will be delivered on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The Sisters really appreciated our generosity last year.

GOOD SHEPHERD WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

Good Shepherd's Women's Guild meeting for November will be held on **Tuesday, November 17th** at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. At this meeting we will be forming committee groups. All are encouraged to attend this meeting. As always new members are welcome!"

COOKIE STROLL!!

To make this Cookie Stroll a success the Women's Guild need your help. We are asking for cookie donations for our event on Sunday December 6, 2015 which will be held in Sacred Heart Hall from 12 – 3:00 PM. We are asking for your cooperation in making this a wonderful Holiday event. **If you would like to participate or help in any way possible, please be sure to contact Toni Lucas at 412-977-3089 for more information.**

FREE STORY TIME SESSION at East Catholic School Library

Wednesday November 18, 2015 is the next "Perfect for Preschoolers Story-time" East Catholic School. 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 "Thanksgiving". 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 School 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, November 16, 2015. Join us for some "Thanksgiving" fun!

FYI The Lights Will Be On for you for **Confession** on Wednesday, December 9th, 6:00 to 9:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church. Bring a friend.

AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

Our thanks to everyone who supported and donated items and food to our Flea Market. Here is a list of the winners in our Chinese Auction.

Instant Lottery Tree	Clarice Vayda
Scarecrow Inflatable	Dee Riley
Santa Statue	Lorraine Amorelli
Frogs/Windmill	Hope Sullivan
Ferris Wheel Planter	Anita Shockling
Turkey/Fall Items	Geien Family
Fall Urns	Alison Flora
Mickey/Elsa	Mary Groman
Pumpkin/Candles	Monica\
Christmas Collection	Margie Martinjak
Christmas Karaoke	Lorraine Amorelli
Christmas Sparkle	Linda Hawn

BRADDOCK ELKS

This is real money for our youth to live out their dreams of going to college. If you have any questions or would like more information about the Elks scholarship, please call Debbie at 412-823-1357 or you can review the information on the national web site www.elks.org, select "our programs" and then "scholarship" to learn more about the program.

POLISHFEST '15 TODAY

The event will be held today, Sunday, November 8th at the Cathedral of Learning, Oakland from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM. You are invited to join them for a family oriented free event of old world cultures, ethnic foods, heritage and religion.

REMEMBERING THE SMALLEST OF SOULS

Have you ever lost a baby in pregnancy, or do you know someone who has? An estimated 1 in 5 known pregnancies end in loss, but the silence of society can make it difficult to deal with this topic. Church teaching on the sanctity of life and the witness of the Bible give us much hope when facing this experience. Join us for a time of information, practical application and prayer as we "Remember the Smallest of Souls" on Sunday, November 22 at 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Dattilo Hall in **Madonna del Castello Church**, 2021 South Braddock Ave., Swissvale, PA 15218. The Respect Life Committee welcomes Lisa Vera M. Barton, who holds her M.A. in Pastoral Ministry from Duquesne University. The event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served. For more information, send an email to songofsimeon@verizon.net. Questions, please call Deacon Ron Demblowski at 412.241.1372.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
November 8-15, 2015

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mt 5:1-12a)

GS: 4:00 PM George Urda by Family
GS: 9:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of
FCSLA, Branch #13
SH: 11:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

Monday-Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Jn 2:13-22)

SH: 9:00 AM Stella Burkovich by Bob & Toni
Tuesday-St. Leo the Great (Lk 17:7-10)
SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service
by Anna Yurinko

Wednesday-St. Martin of Tours (Lk 17:11-19)

SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service
SH: 11:00 AM Memorial Service
Deceased Members of Senior Citizens

Thursday-St. Josephat (Veteran's Day) (Lk 17:20-25)

SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service
by Genevieve Bulik

Friday-St. Frances Xavier (Lk 17:26-37)

No Morning Mass
Saturday-Weekday (Lk 18:1-8)
No Morning Mass

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mk 13:24-32)

GS: 4:00 PM John & Mary Harcarik
by Daughter, Betty
GS: 9:00 AM Betty Jane Payne by Lori & Andy
SH: 11:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

Rest In Peace

*In your charity, we remember all those
who have died, especially:*

Josephine Rickard.

May the angels lead you into paradise.

Memorial Offering: Good Shepherd Parish

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

***Living and Deceased Members of First Catholic
Slovak Ladies Association, Br. #13***

What's Happening this Week

November 8 -15, 2015

Sunday: 12:00 Noon Holy Name Infor Mtg SH Hall
Monday: 7:00 PM Scouts GS School
Wednesday: 9:30 AM Free Flu Shots SH Hall
11:00 AM Sen. Cit.Memorial SH Church
12:00 Noon Senior Citizens Mtg SH Hall
Thursday: 7:00 PM Prayer Group SH Chapel
Saturday: 4-6:30 PM Spaghetti Dinner GS School

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