

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

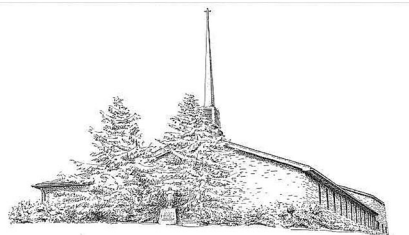
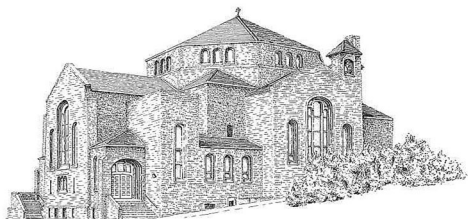
1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

**November 19, 2017**

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

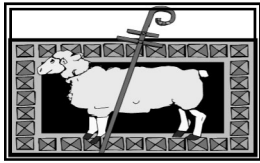
### Parish Telephone Numbers

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.**



November 19, 2017

*From the Pastor's Desk*

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**



**THANKSGIVING DAY**

Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. We will celebrate Mass at 9:00 AM in Sacred Heart Church. You can still bring some supplies for the Little Sisters of the Poor. They will be delivered to their home on Friday. And you can get a tag from the Giving Tree. Thanks again for your kindness.

**TURKEY RAFFLE:**

We need your Turkey Raffle tickets returned by this Wednesday at 12 Noon. The office will close at 12:01 PM Wednesday until Monday, at 9:00 AM so my staff can have a few deserved days off. The first winning tickets are taken from this Wednesday's 7:00 PM big four. All winners will be notified on Monday, November 27. Good luck and thanks for supporting this raffle.

**EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL SWEEPSTAKES:**

This is a great gift to give to your Thanksgiving host or hostess. It will keep on giving for the month of December and hopefully provide a nice Christmas present. You can return tickets to us in next week's collection or mail them to East Catholic. This ticket helps our parish raise funds to keep our subsidy from increasing. Your support is appreciated.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:**

If you attend the 11:00 AM Mass on December 3rd just plan on coming down after Mass. The door at the top of the stairs has a panic bar so you will be able to leave that way. If you are **NOT** planning on coming to the 11:00 AM Mass, please plan to arrive after 12:15 PM to give the parking lot time to "empty."

***NO BUMPER CARS WANTED!***

***Please Note:*** I must correct myself. The music will be provided by *Mikey D.*

**CHURCH ENVELOPES:**

Your box of church envelopes will be available for pick up on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 & 3 after Mass at Good Shepherd Church. They will remain there until December 9 & 10. After the 9:00 AM Mass on December 10 they will be taken up to Sacred Heart for the 11:00 AM Mass. They will stay there until after the Mass on December 17. Then they will be in the Office beginning Monday, December 18.

**CHRISTMAS WAFERS** also called Oplatky will be available on Saturday and Sunday, December 9 & 10 in the vestibule. Envelopes contain 3 white and one pink wafer and are \$2.00 each.

**GIVING TREES:**

The Giving Trees are in the churches this weekend with the tags attached. Please help us help some families have a good Christmas. It is always a joy for me to see all the wonderful gifts that come in and go out. Thanks for your kindness.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**NOVEMBER 25-26:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Hojnacki, J. Carleton, D. Trasoline, T. McAdams, M. Colao, J & Mary Besseck

**Lector:** Theodore Schleifer

**Server:** Stephen & Daniel Yezovich

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Corbett, M. Leicht, P. Koncerak, B. McDonell, M & L. Petri, J. McLaughlin

**Lector:** Gina Piccolino

**Server:** Selah Corbett

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** H. Sullivan, M. Garritano, C. Mirenzi, N. Moucheron, C. Bakin, K. Carroll

**Lector:** Dorothy Danko

**Server:** Brian Kelly

**DECEMBER 2-3:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Joe, A.M. Dougherty, A. Kostyak, C. Mirenzi, P. Humberson, D. Hrabley, P. Koncerak

**Lector:** Eric Helminiak

**Server:** Andy Connelly

**9:00 AM**

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

**Lector:** Nick Russo

**Server:** Christopher & Drew Yezovich

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Joe, J & M Besseck, J. Barbusio, S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas

**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,  
Father Semler*

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The second collection will be held in parishes this weekend. Coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) in Washington, D.C., the annual appeal benefits 32,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests whose religious congregations lack adequate retirement funding. Your support for our Religious will be greatly appreciated.

### LADIES OF CHARITY

Our ladies will meet next Sunday, November 26 at 12:15 PM at Sacred Heart Hall.

### MONTHLY COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

The MCC for November will be celebrated Wednesday, **November 29th** at 9:00 AM at Sacred Heart. Donations are to be turned in by Monday, November 27th. **Please Note: The last MCC Mass will take place on December 27, 2017.**

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

**When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God's extravagant love.**

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

### DECEMBER BINGO

Good Shepherd Social Club will sponsor Bingo **Sunday, December 10**, starting at 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. Admission is \$20.00 paid at the door (no ticket pre sale). There will be 16 regular games and 4 specials. Refreshments will be available for purchase.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

*Plan for an afternoon of fun and prizes and tell all of your friends!*

### A THANKFUL HEART

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues. —Cicero

#### **Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure**

<b>Sunday, November 12th:</b>	<b>\$4,904.00</b>
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 245
<b>Loose Offertory:</b>	<b>\$385.00</b>
<b>School Offering: \$413.00</b>	env used: 44
<b>Loose School Offering:</b>	<b>\$103.00</b>
<b>Votive:</b>	<b>\$132.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### 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 tours:**

Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 9:30 AM; 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.**

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our Children at East Catholic who achieved honor roll status this grading period:

**Jack Kaczmariski-Highest Honor; Olivia Joscak and Ryan Walker-High Honor.** We're proud of you!

### LUNCH WITH SANTA

Santa is coming to St. John Fisher Church (Beaufort Hall) Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 12:00 Noon to have lunch with the children. Cost per person is \$5.00.

Tickets may be purchased by calling the church office at 412-241-4722 no later than **Monday, November 27th**. Please make checks payable to St. John Fisher Church and note "Lunch with Santa."

### SERRA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Placement

**Test** for incoming freshmen will be held on **Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**. Please contact Mrs. Lyons at 412-751-2020 for more information.

### CHRISTMAS DISCERNMENT RETREAT

How can you be equipped to boldly go where the Lord is calling you? **College and post-college men**, don't miss the Christmas Discernment Retreat, **December 15-17** at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. Come to deepen your relationship with Christ, seek to know your vocation, and learn more about discerning a vocation to the priesthood. The weekend will include Mass, Adoration, conferences, opportunity for Confession, and solid brotherhood. No cost. Must be 18 or older. Visit **PGHPriest.com** by December 8 to register.

#### **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 parish- 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**

**OAKLAND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Scholarship Entrance Exam -- on **Saturday, December 2, 2017**. Merit Based Scholarships are awarded to incoming ninth grade students receiving the top scores on the exam. Register on line today at [oaklandcatholic.org/admissions](http://oaklandcatholic.org/admissions).**

**CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

The PLACEMENT/ENTRANCE TEST for eighth grade boys who wish to attend Central Catholic beginning in the fall of 2018 will be administered **Saturday, December 9th**. There is no fee to take this test.

Registration for the test can be completed online at [www.centralcatholichs.com/apply](http://www.centralcatholichs.com/apply). Contact the Admissions Office at 412-621-7505 with any questions.

**ADVENT RETREAT with Fr. Terry O'Connor --**

Fr. Terry O'Connor, Pastor of St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Munhall, will be leading an Advent retreat on **Saturday, December 2** at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish, Meadowlands. The title of the retreat is **"Jesus is Coming, Let's Get Ready!"** Prayer will be interwoven throughout the day, culminating with Mass. The day begins at 12:30 p.m. and concludes with Mass at 5:00 p.m. Confession will be offered. No registration. No fee. Questions please call George Pecharka (Holy Name Society) at 724-344-9756 or [georgepecharka@gmail.com](mailto:georgepecharka@gmail.com). All are welcome.

**BISHOP CANEVIN HIGH SCHOOL** extends a

warm holiday invitation to parishioners for **Christmas in the Courtyard** on Wednesday, **December 13** from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The school's choir and band will perform traditional Christmas carols as well as a few new selections to help celebrate the joy of the season. Beginning at 6:30 pm, stroll the school's decorated first floor while you enjoy refreshments and a casual pre-concert, followed by the formal concert in the school auditorium at 7:30 pm. There is no charge for admission and all are welcome.

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2018 GRADUATES**

The Wilkins Elks is offering 500 Scholarships to 2017 - 2018 Seniors that have excellent SAT Scores, High Involvement in their School, Community and show strong leadership. SAT must be taken and scored prior to Oct 2017. The **Application deadline is November 27, 2017**. Please contact Debbie Raible at 412-823-1357 for an application and details. No Affiliation with the Elks is required.

**USING TALENTS**

If we use God's talents, we shall find that they become multiplied in the use. We thought we had two; we find we have five.

—Richard Meux Benson

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

**1-888-808-1235**

**Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan**

# **MASSSES for the WEEK**

*Good Shepherd Parish*  
November 19-26, 2017

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Mt 25:1-13)

GS: 4:00 PM George Urda by Family

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Margie Duffala

by Good Shepherd Singers

**Monday-Weekday** (Lk 18:25-43)

SH: 9:00 AM Raymond Yuhas by Family

**Tuesday-Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

(Lk 19:1-10)

SH: 9:00 AM Beth Bitkowski by Elena Foster

**Wednesday-St. Cecilia** (Lk 19:11-28)

SH: 9:00 AM Frank Gamrat by Wife

**Thursday-THANKSGIVING DAY** (Lk 17:20-25)

SH: 9:00 AM Ted & Flo Schleifer by Family

**Friday-St. Andrew Dung-Lac&Companions**(Lk 19:45-48)

No Morning Mass

**Saturday-Weekday** (Lk 20:27-40)

No Morning Mass

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** (Mt 25:31-46)

GS: 4:00 PM Henry & Mary Hojnacki

by Daughter, Joan

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Frances Walther

by Daughter, Fran Emrock

**REST IN PEACE**

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

*Mary Anne Beighley, Eleanore Bandik  
and Diana Donnelly.*

*May the angels lead you into paradise*

**MEMORIAL OFFERING THIS WEEK:**

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

*In Memory of George Urda*

by Family



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**IN CYAN EVERY**  
**WEEK!!!**