

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

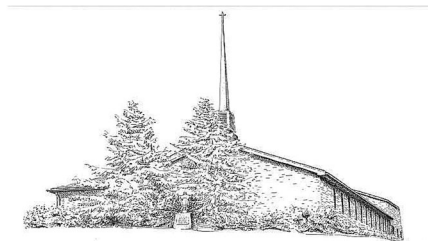
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

November 20, 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

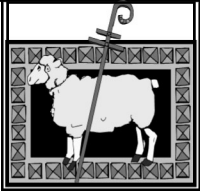
Parish Telephone Numbers

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.



November 20, 2016

From the Pastor's Desk
**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING:

Today we close this liturgical year by celebrating the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel tells us that our King was mocked and jeered by many and reviled by a fellow prisoner. How fortunate we are that we know the rest of the story and that He truly deserves to be known as Christ the King.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

We've now had our two parish consultation meetings to tell us what is being thought about for our future. My team of Alison Flora, John Jakiela, John and Mary Besseck are open for your thoughts as am I. John Besseck has replaced Jose Collazo on our team as his work schedule and our meetings just could not match up. But I thank Jose for his willingness to help.

My most often heard remark is "When you see the number of priests projected you can see that something must be done." How true this is, but it is also true that when you tell us good catholics what must be done; we may kick and scratch for a while but then we adjust and make it happen. I'm very confident we will do it again. Let us keep praying and planning; that breeds success.

ANOINTING & DEACON JOE:

As announced last Sunday, Deacon Joe will now give the homily on the first Sunday of the month and I will then anoint. This will give Deacon Joe a different set of readings for his homilies.

CHRISTMAS DISCERNMENT RETREAT:

Father Joe Freedy, our diocesan Vocation Director is hosting a Christmas Discernment Retreat for college and guys from Friday, December 16 to Sunday, December 18th at Gilmary Retreat Center. This is a great opportunity for young men to encounter the Lord and discern a vocation to the priesthood through a weekend of prayer, reflection and brotherhood. The retreat will include Mass, adoration, dynamic talks, confession and the Liturgy of the Hours. The theme will be "The Glory of God is Man fully Alive." See the flyer on the bulletin board or visit pghpriest.com for more information and to register or call me at 412-813-5275.

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THANKSGIVING:

Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. We will celebrate Mass at Sacred Heart at 9:00 AM. Come and give thanks. We will collect food for the Little Sisters of the Poor and a collection will be taken to buy meats and whatever else is needed. If you bring or brought food you are not expected to put something in the collection. Our gifts will be taken to the Little Sisters on Friday.

OFFICE CLOSED:

The Office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and on Friday also. So make sure you have your Turkey Trot raffle tickets in by noon on Wednesday.

BINGO:

Well, I said we will have a bingo on December 2 or 3. But suggestions came back that **Sunday, December 4th** will work better. So, we will have a Bingo on Sunday, December 4th 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. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun and bring all of your friends.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 26-27:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Colao, J. Hojnacki, F. Szekely, D. Hrabley, J. Kaczmarek, J. Carleton, T. McAdams

Lector: Theodore Schleifer

Server: Stephen & Daniel Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Leicht, M. Giulianelli, J. Corbett, C. DiNinno, P. Koncerak, L & M Petri

Lector: Jeff McLaughlin

Server: Selah Corbett

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: H. Sullivan, M. Garritano, C. Mireni, E. Foster, P. Fazio, J. Barbusio

Lector: Dorothy Danko

Server: Brianna Skladany

DECEMBER 3-4:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, A.M. Dougherty, A. Kostyak, F. Szekely, T. Schleifer, K. Carroll, T. McAdams

Lector: Eric Helminiak

Server: Andrew Connelly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, L. Petri, R. Russo, J. Strednak, B. McDonell, J. McLaughlin, P. Koncerak

Lector: Mark Petri

Server: Christopher & Drew Yezovich

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, J & M Besseck, S. Sztatkowski, J. Kondas, C. Bakin

Lector: Ken Bitkowski

Server: Olivia Joscak

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*

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION

Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support this week's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime of service.

LADIES OF CHARITY

Our ladies will meet next Sunday, November 27th at 12:15 PM at Sacred Heart Church Hall.

MONTHLY COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

Our November MCC will be held Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 9:00 AM at Sacred Heart. Please turn in donations by Monday, November 28th.

ENVELOPES FOR 2017:

Your contribution envelopes will be available next weekend November 26 and 27, the first Sunday of Advent. **If you did not respond as to which church you would like to have your envelopes placed,** Micky will do the best she can to place them. If you do not see your contribution envelopes just call the Parish Office and we will get them to the church that you designate.

"IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE MY LAST CONFESSION"

This Advent season, each Catholic parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh will have their doors open and lights will be on **Wednesday, December 14** from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church. **"The Light is On for You!"** especially if you haven't been to confession in a while.

TURKEY TROT RAFFLE

Don't forget to turn in your Turkey Trot raffle tickets with your payment. The tickets go off this week on November 23, 24 and 25. Don't miss out on your chance to win.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Christmas Wafers will be available next weekend, November 26th & 27th. The donation is \$2.00 for a package of four wafers.

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, November 13th:	\$5,360.00
Parishioners receiving env: 620	env used: 253
Loose Offertory:	\$217.00
School Collection: \$448.00	env used: 53
Loose School Collection:	\$ 65.00
Votive:	\$154.00
May God Bless your generosity!	

EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL SWEEPSTAKES

The raffle is based on the PA Big 4 number drawing Monday through Saturday all through the month of December. \$20.00 donation per ticket. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested. Proceeds benefit East Catholic School.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Here's an advance notice about our Mass Schedule for Christmas. We will have a 4:00 PM Christmas Eve and 9:00 AM at Good Shepherd Church and the 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart, just like our normal Sunday weekend. We will do the same on New Year's Day which also falls on a Sunday. **The BIG CHANGE is that we will NOT have the 10:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve.** The attendance keeps falling and I know many prefer a midnight mass on Christmas Eve. So this will give you time, if you are one of them, to check out our neighbors for a midnight mass.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth. **In the month of November, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help build the kingdom of God by assisting families with food, help with utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!**

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

LUNCH WITH SANTA

Children are invited to "Lunch With Santa" on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at St. John Fisher Church, Beaufort Hall, Churchill at 12:00 Noon. This will be a fun-filled experience for the children and a "special way" to begin the celebration of Christmas. Cost per person is \$5.00. Tickets may be purchased by calling the church office at 412-241-4722 no later than Monday, November 28, 2016. Please make checks payable to St. John Fisher Church and note "Lunch With Santa."

EAST CATHOLIC FUND RAISER

Entertainment and Enjoy Books (\$30 each) along with **Kid Stuff (\$25.00)** are being sold. Contact a parent who has a child in East Catholic or you may call the school at 412-351-5403 to place your order.

BRADDOCK CARNEGIE LIBRARY'S JINGLE, MINGLE & MARKET

December 3, Noon to 8:00 PM

Enjoy over 20 local vendors, entertainment and children's activities. Start your holiday shopping with friends, food and local artisans.

12 Noon—4:00 PM: Elves' Workshop and Santa's Living Room, Gift-making activities for kids, family-friendly holiday movies and snacks.

12 Noon—6:00 PM: Local vendors in the library.

6:00—8:00 PM: Holiday Happy Hour. Stay late and enjoy live entertainment and raffles!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The Braddock Elks is offering Scholarships to 2016 - 2017 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 2016. Monetary awards range from 4,000 to 60,000 paid over 4 years. **Application deadline is November 30, 2016.** Please contact Debbie Raible at 412-823-1357 for an application and details. No Affiliation with the Elks is required.

SCHOLARSHIP ENTRANCE EXAM

Oakland Catholic High School is offering the Scholarship Entrance Exam on Saturday, December 3, 2016. Merit Based Scholarships are awarded to incoming ninth grade students receiving the top scores on the exam. You may register on line today at www.oaklandcatholic.org/admissions.

SERRA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST for incoming freshmen will be held on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. To register or for more information, please call Mrs. Lyons at **412-751-2020 ext. 134** or email her at lyonsl@serrahs.org

CATHOLIC HOSPICE

November is National Hospice Month. Scripture reminds us that as Christians it is our *duty* to care for the sick and the dying. The Vatican's Declaration is the foundation of Catholic Hospice's ministry and reflects that our Lord has a passionate concern for the sick, the suffering, and the dying, and raised the voice of The Church, urging that those experiencing terminal illness receive the care due to them according to Scripture. During National Hospice Month and all throughout the year, Catholic Hospice welcomes the opportunity to care for the people of our community. Assist us in upholding ***life*** at the end of life. For more information call 724.933.6222.

HIGH SCHOOL SILENT RETREAT:

God is alive and we believe that He speaks to us. At this men's High School Silent Retreat, we are going to give God the time and space to speak to our hearts about our lives and our vocations. The retreat will be led by Fr. Mike Ackerman and Fr. Joe Freedy at The Arc and The Dove Retreat House, from 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 14 until 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 15, 2017. For more information or to register, visit pghPriest.com.

DEPENDENCE DAY

On Thanksgiving Day we acknowledge our dependence.
—William Jennings Bryan

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
November 20-27, 2016

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

(Lk 23:35-43)

GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

GS: 9:00 AM Nicola & Maria Rosa Filia

by Daughter, Fortunata and Family

SH: 11:00 AM Conroy, DiVella & Mroziak Families

by James & Catherine Conroy

Monday-The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Lk 21:1-4)

SH: 9:00 AM Tom Strawins by Friends

Tuesday-St. Cecilia (Lk 21:5-11)

SH: 9:00 AM Bernie Joscak by Helen Yurko

Wednesday-Weekday (Lk 21:12-19)

SH: 9:00 AM Frank Gamrat by Wife

Thursday-St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

Thanksgiving Day (Lk 17:11-19)

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

Friday-Weekday (Lk 21:29-33)

No Morning Mass

Saturday-Weekday (Lk 21:34-36)

No Morning Mass

First Sunday of Advent (Mt 24:37-44)

GS: 4:00 PM Henry & Mary Hojnacki by Daughter

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM George Cassidy by Colleen Miller

REST IN PEACE

*In your charity, we remember all those
who have died, especially: **Grace Habay.**
Grace is the sister of our Pastor, Father Al.
May the angels lead you into paradise.*

MEMORIAL OFFERING THIS WEEK:

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

*In Memory of **Bill Rolinski**
by Wife & Son*

What's Happening this Week

November 20-27, 2016

Monday 7:00 PM Scouts GS School
Thurs: 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass SH Church
Sunday: 12:15 PM Ladies of Charity SH Hall

***HAVE A BLESSED AND
HAPPY THANKSGIVING***

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WEEK!!!