

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

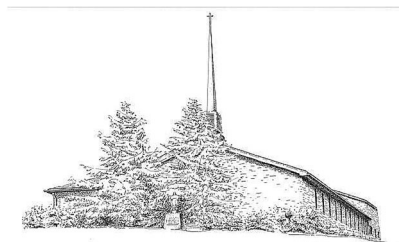
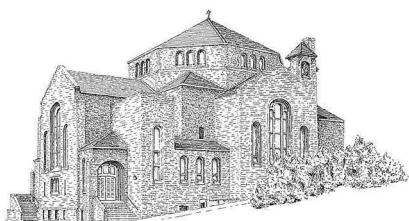
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

November 22, 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

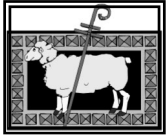
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (micky52@comcast.net)
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance
Sr. Judith Stojhovic

Parish Telephone Numbers

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

- **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 22, 2015

From the Pastor's Desk

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE:**

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. We are blessed because we know the whole story. We know that Jesus Christ is our king even though He didn't look the part as He stood before Pilate. Such humility, such patience, such an example of not striking back while **KNOWING** you are in the right. Dare we follow that example.

ADVENT:

Next weekend we begin Advent. We will prepare once again for the great event of the Birth of our eventual King. We begin to retell the story that means so much to each of us in our daily lives. The church will become somewhat barren as we begin a penitential season. Let each of us prepare well to celebrate His Birth.

THANKSGIVING DAY:

We will celebrate Thanksgiving Day with a 9:00 AM Mass in Good Shepherd Church. Our Bell Choir will be offering us their music. Let us gather and thank the Lord for the many blessings He showers upon us each day.

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

*Please sign up for your appointment
On the sheet provided in the Gathering Space.*

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

All the goods we have collected for the Little Sisters of the Poor will be delivered this coming Saturday. You may still bring something on Thanksgiving Day. We are hoping to fill two trucks this year.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

Old lyrics to an old song: "For united we stand, divided we fall, and if our backs will ever be against the wall, we'll be together, you and I." Our backs aren't against the wall. But we face real challenges in growing the Church today—everything from practical parish finances to a world that seems indifferent. Maybe even callous. There are no easy solutions. But we know one thing: we've got to be united in our mission. We need to see the people that are **ON MISSION** with us. Together, you and I.

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.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

November 28-29:

4:00 PM

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

Lector: Dorothy Danko

Server: Andy Connelly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Corbett, M & L Petri, J. Strednak, R. McDonell, T. Schleifer, M. Giulianelli

Lector: Gina Piccolino

Servers: Julia Piccolino, Selah Corbett

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Howell, M. Leicht, C. Mireni, H. Sullivan, M. Garritano, K. Carroll

Lector: Alexander Howell

Server: Brendan Howell

December 5-6:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kostyak, P. Humberson, M. Leicht, F. Szekely, J. Carleton, M. Nash, J. Kaczmarek

Lector: Theodore Schleifer

Server: Michael Nash

9:00 AM

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

Lector: Jeff McLaughlin

Servers: Josh DiNinno

11:00 AM

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

Lector: Ken Bitkowski

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*

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is the annual collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Your generosity will benefit all those who have dedicated their lives to serving us. Your donations will be very much appreciated.

LADIES OF CHARITY

Our ladies meet today, Sunday, November 22nd at 12:15 PM at Sacred Heart Hall.

HOLY NAME MEETING

The men will meet this Tuesday evening, November 24th at 7:00 PM in Sacred Heart Hall. All men of the parish are invited.

GOOD SHEPHERD WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

COOKIE STROLL!!

To make this Cookie Stroll a success the Women's Guild needs 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.**



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.

RAFFLE TICKET RETURNS

Remember to turn in your **Turkey Trot tickets** by Monday, November 23rd. You don't want to miss out on the great cash prizes (just in time for Christmas shopping). Three days of prizes to be given away—the raffle begins this Wednesday, November 25th.

The **East Catholic Sweepstakes** tickets should also be turned in this week. The raffle is good for the month of December, however, the school needs time to process the tickets.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Andy Connelly** for making the High Honor Roll at Woodland Hills High School. Andy is the son of Tom and Cindy Connelly, brother of Zach and grandson of Charlene Urda. Keep up the good work, Andy.

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, November 15th:	\$5,704.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 304
Loose Offertory:	\$210.00
Votive:	\$163.00

May God bless your generosity!



Please take an ornament from the tree and return the gift, wrapped with the ornament attached to Good Shepherd or Sacred Heart Church by **Sunday, December 13th**. Gifts can

also be brought to the Parish Office. If you have questions, please call Denise at 412-915-9147. Help us to make a blessed Christmas for the deserving students of our Parish and School.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS

The wafers will be available beginning next weekend, November 28th and 29th. You will receive 4 wafers in a packet for a donation of \$2.00.

2016 CALENDARS

The calendars for 2016 will be available next weekend. Thank you Theodore Schleifer and Schleifer Funeral Chapel, Inc. for supplying the calendars for our parish.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tickets are now available for our Christmas Party which will be held in Good Shepherd School Hall on Saturday, December 12, 2015 IMMEDIATELY after the 4:00 PM Mass. Dinner will be served at 5:15 PM. In order to keep the cost down we made it a BYOB party. Mixers and ice will be included. The cost is \$18.00 per person or \$35.00 per couple. This includes a delicious buffet dinner furnished by **Banquets Unlimited** and dancing to the Mikey Dee Trio and also a concert from our own Good Shepherd Handbell Choir. Only 200 tickets will be sold. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

****Tickets may be purchased** by placing your cash or check (checks are to be made payable to **Good Shepherd Church**) in an envelope, mark it "**Christmas Party**," be sure to include your name/s and phone number and place the envelope in the collection basket at any of the masses or by calling Theodore Schleifer at 724-977-3833. No tickets will be sold at the Parish Office. Tickets must be ordered no later than December 6, 2015.

ST. 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.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's love and mercy to area families in need. God bless you!

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

TRUE GRATITUDE

Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.

—Theodore Roosevelt

EAST CATHOLIC NEWS:

We are again planning to have our **East Catholic Gala** this school year. Please save the date of Saturday, February 27, 2016 for an evening of fun, great prizes, and good food and dancing. It will be held at Stratigos Banquet Facility. Any questions, please contact: Amie & Kenny Cooley at 412-260-2989, or you may email them at amie4dance@msn.com, or Laurie & Lou Del Rosso, 412-841-8767 or email ldelrosso3@gmail.com.

JOURNEY FROM GRIEF TO HEALING DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The Sisters of St. Joseph sponsor this program at St. Joseph Spirituality Center, 1020 State Street, Baden, PA 15005. Sister Mary Ann Thimons conducts the program which consists of input, sharing and mutual support—helping us to learn ways of coping with loss during the holidays. There is no fee to attend. To register, call Sister Mary Ann at 412-600-3247.

SERRA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Placement Test for Incoming Freshmen will be held Saturday, December 5th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. To register or for more information, please call Mrs. Lyons at 412-751-2020 ext. 134 or email her at lyonsl@serrahs.org

WALK THROUGH THE HOLY DOOR WITH BISHOP ZUBIK

In response to Pope Francis' call for a Jubilee Year of Mercy, our Bishop David Zubik will open a Holy Door on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015 at 2:30 PM during a special Mass in Saint Paul Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to be led through the Holy Door with Bishop Zubik. For more information go to <http://www.diopitt.org/jubilee-year-mercy>.

CHRISTMAS CARDS --The Little Sisters of the Poor are once again offering Christmas Cards sketched by Sister Martha, lsp. This year's card has a horizontal orientation. The sketch of Mary holding baby Jesus is dark blue on a white card. The previous year's cards are also available. The cards are: 7 for \$10 (plus \$1.50 shipping), 12 for \$15 (plus \$2.00 shipping) or 30 for \$25 (plus \$5.00 shipping). Cards can be ordered online at www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org or by calling (412) 307-1100, or sending a check made payable to Little Sisters of the Poor at 1028 Benton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 or stopping at the Main Entrance of the Home. All proceeds from the sale of the cards help to support the elderly poor Residents in the Little Sisters care.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
November 22-29, 2015

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

(Jn 18:33b-37)

GS: 4:00 PM Nora Petrovay
by Sam & Karen Nespoli
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
SH: 11:00 AM Dolores Barbusio
by M/M Michael Yezovich

Monday-Weekday (Lk 21:1-4)

SH: 9:00 AM Frank Gamrat by Wife

Tuesday-St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
(Lk 21:5-11)

SH: 9:00 AM Francis 'Butch' Zilko by Family

Wednesday-Weekday (Lk 21:12-19)

SH: 9:00 AM Kenneth Riling by Johanna Ostrowski

Thursday-Thanksgiving Day (Lk 17:11-19)

GS: 9:00 AM Elmer Polasko by Tom Zupal

Friday-Weekday (Lk 21:29-33)

No Morning Mass

Saturday-Weekday (Lk 21:34-36)

No Morning Mass

First Sunday of Advent (Lk 21:25-26,34-36)

GS: 4:00 PM Henry & Mary Hojnacki
by Daughter, Joan
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
SH: 11:00 AM Andrew Milko
by M/M Jim Catone

Memorial Offering: Good Shepherd Parish
Altar Bread: In Memory of Ted and Flo Schleifer
By Daughter, Joanne

What's Happening this Week

November 22 -29, 2015

Sunday: 12:15 PM Ladies of Charity SH Hall
Monday: 7:00 PM Scouts GS School
Tuesday: 7:00 PM Holy Name Mtg SH Hall
Wednesday: 9:00 AM MCC SH Church
Thursday: 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass GS Church



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