

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

November 25, 2018

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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Weekend

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| Saturday | 4:00 pm | St Maurice |
| | 5:30 pm | Madonna del Castello |
| Sunday | 8:00 am | Good Shepherd |
| | 9:00 am | Word of God |
| | 10:00 am | St Maurice |
| | 11:00 am | Sacred Heart |

Weekday

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| Monday | 7:00 pm | St Maurice |
| Tuesday | 9:30 am | Sacred Heart |
| Wednesday | 9:30 am | Sacred Heart |
| Thursday | 9:30 am | Word of God |
| Friday | 9:00 am | St. Maurice (School Mass) |
| | 9:30 am | Madonna del Castello |

Confessions

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| Monday | 7:30 pm | St Maurice (following Mass) |
| Saturday | Noon | Word of God |

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

Parish Staff

Fr. Larry Adams, Administrator
Fr. Jeremy Mohler, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Vince Kolo, Parish Chaplain
Deacon Joseph Dougherty
Deacon Keith Kondrich

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| Mr. David Barr, Principal, East Catholic | East Catholic School | 412-351-5403 |
| Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary | East Catholic Fax | 412-273-9114 |
| Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager | | |
| Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance | | |

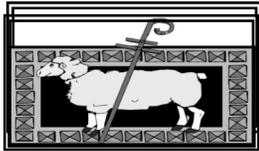
PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM; FRIDAY-9:00 AM—2:00 PM

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 before the date is set. 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



November 25, 2018

Feast of Christ the King

FROM THE DESK OF FR. LARRY:

You've heard of 'Black Friday', right? The day after Thanksgiving? Big sales? The day of the year when retailers expect to make enough sales in order to "go into the black" for the year?

What about 'Cyber Monday'? That's a newer one -- it's the day that on-line retailers offer big discounts, hoping to insert themselves into the holiday sales frenzy.

Here's one for you, though: have you ever heard of *Giving Tuesday*? It's the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (this year, it falls on November 27). 'Black Friday' and 'Cyber Monday' kick off the holiday buying season, but 'Giving Tuesday' kicks off the holiday *giving season*. After spending time with friends and family, and stuffing ourselves full of good food, and then going out and buying lots of gifts... it might just be time to think about sharing our resources with those who don't have the blessings that we enjoy.

There are many ways to help those who are less fortunate, and who need our help in this holiday season! One way that immediately comes to mind are the St Vincent de Paul Society chapters of our four parishes. Some of our parishes already take up a collection on behalf of them, on months that have five Sundays. I've asked that all our four parishes do so. (The next one falls on December 30). But, why wait until then? Call them today (412-321-1071) or visit their website (www.svdppitt.org/donate/donate), and offer your assistance!

Please consider making a donation to one of the many groups who are helping those in need this holiday season. This Tuesday -- *Giving Tuesday* -- is a great time to enter into the holiday spirit by sharing our resources with those who are most vulnerable and in need!

Blessings,

Fr Larry

2019 MASS INTENTIONS

We began taking reservations for Mass intentions for 2019. This year, since we have fewer Masses available, we want to make sure that everyone who wants to reserve a Mass will have the opportunity to do so. Therefore, through December 9, we would ask that each parish family only reserve one Mass intention. Once everyone has had the opportunity to reserve one Mass, we will open the Mass book fully on December 10, for any additional Mass intentions that you might wish to place.

Please pick up a Mass Intention form at the back of church and either mail it in, place it in the collection basket or stop by the parish office. If you have any questions, please call our parish office at 412-271-1515.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS: We now have available low-gluten hosts for those in need of them who have celiac disease. There is a special Pyx that will contain the hosts. **Please report to the Sacristy before Mass to ask that a low-gluten host be prepared for you for this Mass. You may then proceed to the Communion line where the Priest is standing at Communion time.**

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

My Kingdom Does Not Belong to This World – As the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King this weekend, our hearts are fixed on heaven, from where our God reigns. For our King, born in the stable in Bethlehem, son of Mary and Joseph the carpenter, had no political power in the world. He did not command military troops nor consult with court official. Instead, he came as one like us that he might show us the way to love and reign in our hearts as he reigns in heaven. Our benevolent Lord and King, Jesus, has chosen to dwell with us and has promised to prepare a place for us to dwell with him in heaven. So, we must ask ourselves, what kingdom are we choosing to live for? Are we seeking to build up a kingdom for ourselves in this life that is bound to pass away? Or will we work hard now to store up for ourselves treasure in heaven and come to share in the glory of the kingdom to come. On Mission for The Church Alive! seeks to strengthen the Church and increase the opportunities for us and others to grow closer to God and share in the life of his kingdom here and now. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

December 2:

8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, M. Giulianelli, L. Petri, P. Koncerak, B. McDonell, M. Leicht

Lector: Mark Petri

Server: Christopher & Drew Yezovich

11:00AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Kondrich, J. McLaughlin, R. Stamerra,

Lector: Carolyn Bakin

Server: Briana Skladany

December 9:

8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Kondrich, M. Leicht, B. McDonell, P. Koncerak, C. DiNinno M. Garritano

Lector: Nick Russo

Server: Josh DiNinno

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: H. Sullivan, J. Kondas, S. Szatkowski

Lector: Rick Stamerra

Server: Brian Kelly



Whoever hears
my voice
hears the truth

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 to see all the wonderful gifts that come in and go out. Thanks for your kindness.

CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2019:

Your box sets of church envelopes will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 2 after Mass at Good Shepherd Church. They will remain there until December 9. After the 8:00 AM Mass on December 9 they will be taken up to Sacred Heart for the 11:00 AM Mass. They will stay there until after the Mass on December 16. Then they will be in the Office beginning Monday, December 17.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS also called Oplatky are available at the Parish Office. Each envelope contains 3 white and one pink wafer and the donation is \$2.00 per envelope.

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DECEMBER BINGO

Our Social Club will sponsor our next bingo on **Sunday, December 9th** at Sacred Heart Hall at 1:00 PM. 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. For more information, call Peggy at 412-824-2588.

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

ANOINTING

There will not be Anointing after the Masses next weekend. Parishioners in need of anointing are asked to call **Fr. Vince Kolo, our Parish Chaplain at 412-737-3350.**

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

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 kingdom of love and mercy to families in need, providing help with food, utilities and other expenses. God bless you!

If you need help, call: 412-437-8370

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

The collection for November 18th will be published in the December 2nd bulletin due to an early deadline.

Thank You for your generosity!

COME TO DINNER

Dinners and Cookies can be purchased after the Saturday 5:30 pm. Mass at **Madonna del Castello Church** in the hall, 2021 S. Braddock Ave., Swissvale, PA 15218. Dinners are in containers and include: Egg Plant, Stuffed Shells, Plain Sauce, Rollatini and Meatballs. Everything is homemade. For more information call 412-271-5666.

WORD OF GOD PARISH

An **Advent/Christmas Open House** will be held on **Sunday, November 25, from 9:00-11:00am.** The Gift Shop will feature Advent wreaths and candles, Advent calendars, boxed Christmas cards, and other religious gift items. Regular hours for the Library and Gift Shop: **every Thursday morning following the 9:30am Mass at Word of God until Noon and Sundays, 9:00-11:00 am.** The Gift Shop and Library are located on the first floor of the Parish Center at 7436 McClure Avenue in Swissvale. For more information, call 412-271-4830 or 412-243-1078.

MOVIE NIGHT AT ST. MAURICE PARISH:

Save the date for our November Movie Night- **Wednesday, November 28 at 6:30 PM in the St. Maurice Parish Center.** We will be viewing *The Fourth Wise Man* starring Martin Sheen, Alan Arkin and Eileen Brennan. Based on Henry Van Dyke's classic, "The Story of the Other Wise Man," is a fictional story set in Biblical times. Join us as a great way to begin your Advent journey.

LOOKING FOR SINGERS!

We are excited to announce the return of the Inter-generational Contemporary Ensemble to St. Maurice for the Advent & Christmas Seasons! We are looking for singers and instrumentalists of all ages: *guitars, keyboards, percussion, winds, brass and strings* from all of our grouping parishes! Rehearsals will be held immediately before mass, *so it's one stop shopping!* Here's our schedule:

- December 1, Rehearsal at 2:30pm, Mass at 4:00pm
- December 15, Rehearsal at 2:30pm, Mass at 4:00pm
- December 29, Rehearsal at 2:30pm, Mass at 4:00pm

I hope that you will be able to join us for all of these rehearsals and masses, but if you can't, that's okay too! Just come and sing when you can! Email Norm at nchapman@saintmauriceparish.org to sign up or for details.

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Make Sundays complete for someone who can't get to church because of age, illness or weather conditions. Sunday TV Mass will be shown at 6:30 AM on:

- WINP (ION) channel 46
- Comcast Cable, channel 4
- Verizon Fios, channel 16
- Dish Network, channel 16 or 216
- DirecTV, Channel 305
- EWTN-12:00 Noon everyday

FESTIVAL CAROLS AND PRAISE

An overture to the Advent & Christmas seasons

St. Paul Cathedral

Sunday, December 9, 2018 2:30 – 4:30 PM

Bring your family and friends to join the choirs of the Diocese, under the direction of Kevin Maurer, in joyful song. Bishop David Zubik, Presider, and Father Levi Hartle, Praise & Worship Leader (along with the Holy Apostles Praise Band), welcome you to this festive celebration. The program includes adoration, a Eucharistic procession, Christmas carols, hymns, contemporary music and a reflection. A light reception will follow the celebration. Questions: contact Jim Zern, 412-818-3226, jim.zern@yahoo.com

SERRA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

The **Placement Test** for incoming freshmen will be held on **Saturday, December 1st from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**. Please contact Mrs. Lyons at **412-751-2020 x134** to register or for more information

OAKLAND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL is offering the Scholarship Entrance Exam on **Saturday, December 1, 2018**. 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.

CANDLELIGHT MASS-- Join your friends and neighbors for the monthly Candlelight Mass at Saint Stanislaus Church in the Strip District. The next Mass will be on the vigil of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Saturday, December 7, 2018 at 8:00 pm. Confessions and music start at 7:00 pm and fellowship follows the Mass. For more information, visit [facebook.com/beholdpittsburgh](https://www.facebook.com/ beholdpittsburgh).

FROM “NONE” TO “NUN”-

Sister Mary Gianna never imaged God would call her to religious life. She was not raised Catholic, or any religion. After surviving the tragedy that took the lives of twelve fellow students and one teacher at Columbine High School in 1999, she came to believe in God and that He had a plan for her life. Everyone is welcome to come and listen to Sr. Mary Gianna tell her compelling story of going from “none” to “nun” on Thursday, December 6 at 6:30 pm at Assumption Church, Bellevue. (A free will offering will be taken)

12 HOURS OF GIVEMAS-- The Extra Mile Education Foundation is looking to engage 1,200 donors in twelve hours on 12/12. Go the extra mile this holiday season by supporting Catholic education for urban students. Visit extramilefdn.org or find Extra Mile on Facebook for more information and ways to get involved.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

MASSSES for the **WEEK**

Good Shepherd Parish
November 25-December 2, 2018

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

(Jn 18:33b-37)

GS: 8:00 AM People of Good Shepherd,
Madonna del Castello, St. Maurice
and Word of God

SH: 11:00 AM +Frances Walther by Daughter

Tuesday-Weekday

(Lk 21:5-11)

SH: 9:30 AM +Helen Bulkowski by Carol Bolkosky

Wednesday-Weekday

(Lk 21:12-19)

SH: 9:30AM +James Ward
by Alice & Chester Lanowitz

First Sunday of Advent

(Lk 21:25-28,34-36)

GS: 8:00 AM +Catherine (Kay) Anderchak by Family

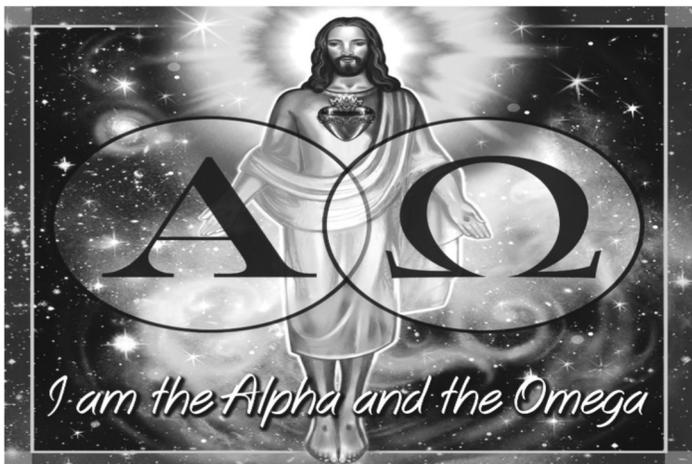
SH: 11:00 AM +Deceased Members of Joyce Family

CHRIST IS KING

On the final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It's easy to understand today's scriptures as events that happened long ago and far away, or predictions that will come true somewhere, some day. But they invite us to claim Christ as our King here and now. Jesus' words to Pilate in the Gospel remind us that his kingdom transcends time and place. And the prophecies from Daniel and Revelation give us reason to be faithful to Christ our King right here and right now.

By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only King over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation. No matter what nation we belong to or what language we speak, he "has made us into a kingdom" (Revelation 1:6)—one people united in love and peace for all eternity.

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