

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

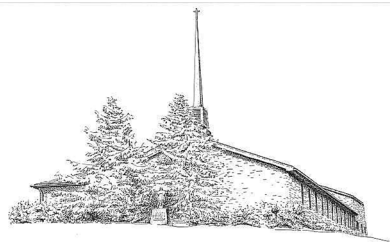
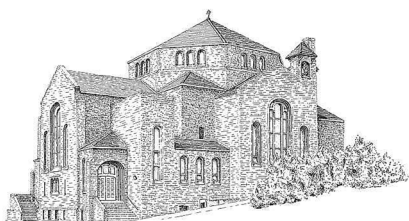
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

June 7, 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

Sacred Heart Church

1600 Brinton Road
Braddock Hills PA 15221-4902

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

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

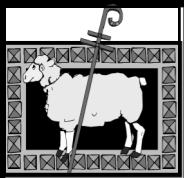
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (*micky52@comcast.net*)
Mr. Herbert A. Dillahunt, Director of Music (*nasard@aol.com*)
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager
Miss Joan Hojnacki, Religious Education
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance
Sr. Judith Stojhovic, RSM, Principal of East Catholic

Parish Telephone Numbers

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Phone: 412-351-3710
Fax.....412-271-1222
Music Ministry..... 412-271-1326
e-mail.....gshepoffice@comcast.net
Religious Education..... 412-271-2630
East Catholic..... 412-351-5403
School Fax:.....412-273-9114

- **Sacrament of Baptism:** Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism Class. Please call Joan at 412-271-2630 to register. 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.

With God All Things Are Possible!



June 7, 2015
From the Pastor's Desk
The Most Holy
Body and Blood Of Christ

WOW! WHAT HAPPENED?

You may have heard by now about the meeting I had with our Finance Council and Pastoral Council last Monday evening. I started by sharing the letter sent to everyone with your financial statements in January. I suggested tithing and the need to have the Sunday collection reach the \$10,000 figure if we wanted to continue as we are. Emphatically, unfortunately, the parish told me that Good Shepherd needs to change direction. So I was left with a decision to stay the course and then close in about two years or to make **drastic decisions**. To do so we must change our way of operating. ***We can no longer pretend to be a "Cadillac" when we cannot even afford the gas.*** So here are our drastic decisions and I cannot thank Herb enough for his understanding and prayers during these days.

We can no longer afford to keep Herb and Joan on payroll; Carol will become part-time effective December 31, 2015; Steve will be 65 on July 29th and I am talking with him about changes as regarding Social Security and Medicare; Frank and Micky will remain as our two full time employees.

Herb has known for over a year about our pending financial problem and as I said has been very understanding. Letting him go is like cutting off my right arm. He has been so very cooperative and does so much. He's a shadow in a sense of Sister Marita. You do not know all the areas that he touches. I marveled more than once of how good he is at affecting people and making them comfortable and welcome. He is part of a team that makes Good Shepherd very special. I regret that I had to make these moves.

The Second Major item is the size of our parish plant of Good Shepherd Church, Good Shepherd School and Sacred Heart Church and Rectory. We cannot afford all of this especially with the upkeep. This is another item I would prefer not to face. But our longevity and financial stability requires it. We are spending to fix up here and there and then fix up there and then here again and there again. Let's identify one and move forward. Each has its charm and reason for keeping. Our finances are saying we cannot afford both.

We continue to actively sell St. William's and St. Helen's Church and Rectory. This is a separate issue and is progressing at this time.

A POINT OF INTEREST:

Later this month it will be six months until my 75th birthday and Diocesan regulations instruct me to write a letter to Bishop Zubik to offer my resignation as Pastor. I will tell him that I am in good health and that I am willing to stay on. He will send two priests to interview me and decide after they report back to him if he would like me to stay. I tell you this in case you hear rumors. You will know that I am here unless I tell you differently. You will know the weekend after, if I am told differently.

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST:

All of this is reported to you as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. That mystery whereby Jesus gives us the nourishment, in the form of His Body and Blood to handle all the things of life that come our way. Even those we wish we could avoid. But as just the Body and Blood of Jesus keeps us in communion with Him, He strengthens us to keep being in union with each other. So with His Spirit we will survive if we work together as a team to bring about what is best for us.

BISHOP ZUBIK WRITES:

As we embark ***On Mission for the Church Alive!***, we need to first take time to drop to our knees in prayer and ask the Lord for His guidance and inspiration. Toward that end, I personally invite you and all the faithful entrusted to your care to three dynamic **Evenings of Prayer** that will take place throughout our Diocese. The Secretariat for Evangelization and Catholic Education is organizing the events, which are designed to engage us all in thoughtful prayer. Each evening will conclude with a time for fellowship.

The first event will take in twelve host parishes throughout the diocese. It will be held on the evening of **Wednesday, June 24, 2015**, the Solemnity of the Birth of Saint John the Baptist. This evening will include a Holy Hour evening of reflection with a guided meditation in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Ours will be held at North American Martyrs, Monroeville at 7:00 PM.

The second event will take place in twelve additional host parishes on **Wednesday, July 22, 2015**. This event will be an Evening of Recollection. Members of the clergy, laity and religious will be offering short conference aimed at inspiring the faithful to answer Jesus' call to mission.

Finally, on **Wednesday, August 12, 2015**, we will gather in Saint Paul Cathedral for a Festival of Praise with Sacred Music. For the Festival of Praise, I hope that we can have representation from each of our 200 parishes.



THINK SUMMER FEST 2015

Wednesday, June 24 - Saturday, June 27

Our annual festival is quickly approaching. This is one of our major fund raisers and we will need the help of every able body to do their part to make it a success.

Basket Raffle: We are looking for donations of **COMPLETED** baskets containing only new items, no perishables, please. These will be used for Summer Fest 2015 Basket Raffle. Some examples of baskets are for: baby, house warming, kid's items, gardening, car wash, etc. Larger donated items can be used as well.

****PLEASE NOTE: The next drop-off for the baskets will be Saturday, June 13th from 10:00 AM till 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Garage.**

Soda & Water Donations:

Once again we are asking for your donations of **soda (cans preferred) iced tea and bottled water** to "stock pile" for festival. Your donations last year greatly helped to cut expenses. If possible we ask that you bring them to the Parish Office or to Sacred Heart Church hall on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Baked Goods: We're counting on your **baked goods** once again this year. The Bake Sale has always been a great asset to our festival and we appreciate your donations. All of our festival patrons look for your delicious treats.

Please remember to send in your **volunteer form** to the Parish Office. You may also sign up on our parish web site: goodshepherdbraddock.org.

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, May 31st:	***	\$ 7,815.00
Parishioners receiving env:	652	env used: 338
Loose Offertory:		\$264.00
Votive:		\$193.00
Fifth Sunday Collection:	\$1,322.00	env used: 175
Loose Fifth Sunday Collection:		\$244.00

*****Please Note: Includes a one time donation from the family of John Volcheck in the amount of \$1,500. Many thanks to John's family for their generosity. John's Mass of Resurrection was May 18th.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished and starving.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are hungry. Thank you.

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

WOMEN'S GUILD

Just a reminder Good Shepherd Women's Guild will be having a covered dish dinner on Tuesday, June 9th at 6:00 PM during their regular meeting. The Guild is open to all the women of the parish. Come and join us for Fellowship and see what we are all about.

SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

The Seniors will meet this Wednesday, June 10th at Sacred Heart Hall. Doors open at 11:00 AM. Meeting begins at 12:00 Noon. Father's Day will be celebrated at the meeting.

Tickets will be on sale for the picnic on July 8th at Sacred Heart Hall. The doors will open at 11:00 AM and lunch will be served at 2:00 PM. Lots to do—Bingo, Share the Wealth, Horse Races and Chinese Auction. Anyone wishing to donate a gift for the auction is welcome to do so. Menu: Barbecue, Ribs, Fried Chicken, Hot sausage, Potato Salad, Garden salad, butter, corn on the cob, jello, dessert and beverages. Donation: \$15.00. Deadline for tickets is July 1st. Come join us for a day of fun!

2015 Dues payable. New members always welcome.

ON MISSION FOR

THE CHURCH ALIVE!

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 parishes 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**

What's Happening this Week

June 7-14, 2015

Monday: 7:00 PM Scouts GS School
Tuesday: 7:00 PM Women's Guild Pot Luck
SH Hall
Wednesday: 12:00 Noon Seniors Mtg SH Hall
Thursday: 7:00 PM Prayer Group SH Chapel
Saturday: 10 AM—1 PM Drop Off Baskets/Festival
SH Garage

Retreat/Camp for High School Guys --Fr. Joe Freedy, Fr. Nick Vaskov and the seminarians are sponsoring the 3rd annual Quo Vadis Days Retreat this July 12-15 for young men entering, in or just graduated from High School. This three day retreat is formed around learning what it means to be a Catholic Christian Man and discerning ones vocation. It includes prayer, sports, talks, hikes, outdoor team games and much more. Please visit www.pghpriest.com for more info and to register.

Summer Conference – Steubenville Where would you be willing to go if it promised to change your life forever....how about STEUBENVILLE? Attend a summer conference at **Franciscan University** and encounter Christ in new ways through dynamic worship, inspired preaching, the sacraments, and more. Grow in faith with thousands of other Catholics and come away forever changed. For dates or more information you may go to www.steubenvilleconferences.com or call 740-283-6315.

Attention: Women Ages 18 to 45 --You are invited to join the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities as we travel to David, Kentucky June 21 – 28 to repair homes for people in need through our Franciscans in Actions service retreat. While giving of your time and talent, you'll also experience personal and spiritual growth in the Franciscan tradition. To register, please contact Sister Karen Krebs, OSF, at 412.965.1247 or kkrebs@sosf.org. More information: www.sosf.org.

Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services is in need of teenage volunteers for its summer youth program, from July 6 to Aug. 7, which helps young adults who are blind or vision impaired prepare for college or a career. Teenage volunteers accompany students to places like Kennywood, Pirate baseball games, and Camp Kon-O-Kwee, or just spend time with them in the evening. Volunteer schedules are flexible, training is provided. More information, contact Nancy Schepis, coordinator, at 412-368-4400 ext. 3430 or nschepis@pghvis.org.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
June 7-14, 2015

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

(Mk 14:12-16,22-26)

GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

GS: 9:00 AM Patrick Miller

by Dennis & Denise Miller

SH: 11:00 AM Carmen R. Grande

by Daughter, Theresa McCarron
(Good Shepherd Singers)

Monday-Weekday (Mt 5:1-12)

SH: 9:00 AM Patrick McCaffrey

by Catherine Barclay

Tuesday-Weekday (Mt 5:13-16)

SH: 9:00 AM Bulik & Germanoski Family

by Genevieve Bulik

Wednesday-Weekday (Mt 5:17-19)

SH: 9:00 AM Ralph Troper

by Barry & Cheryl Horner

Thursday-St. Barnabas, Apostle (Mt 5:20-26)

SH: 9:00 AM In Honor of St. Anthony of Padua

Friday-The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Jn 19:31-37)

No Morning Mass

Saturday-Weekday (Mt 5:33-37)

No Morning Mass

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mk 4:26-34)

GS: 4:00 PM Dorothy 'Flo' Buehner

by Sister, Agnes Kearney

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Michael Caroccia by Wife, Jennie

Memorial Offering: Good Shepherd Parish

(Sacred Heart Church)

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

In Memory of Julian & Mary Stecki

by Daughter, Natalie

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary

To Pat and Carol Conroy.

*May God bless you with happiness
and good health.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

God bless **Mildred Tkach** who celebrated her 88th birthday on June 5th. We wish you many more!

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AND OUTSIDE TABS
IN CYAN EVERY
WEEK!!!