

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

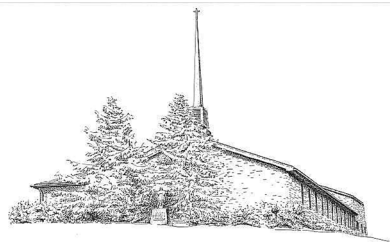
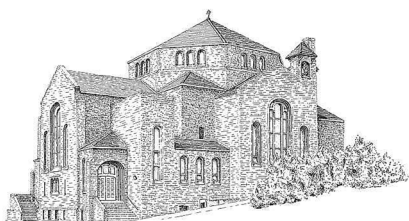
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

June 14, 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	Weekday Mass: Monday—Thursday—	9:00 AM
Sunday Mass:	9:00 AM	Sunday:	11:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:00 PM at Good Shepherd Church or by appointment

Parish Staff

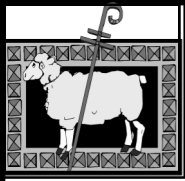
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (*micky52@comcast.net*)
Mr. Herbert A. Dillahunt, Director of Music (*nasard@aol.com*)
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager
Miss Joan Hojnacki, Religious Education
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance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

Parish Telephone Numbers

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Phone: 412-351-3710
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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 14, 2015
From the Pastor's Desk

**Eleventh Sunday In
Ordinary Time**

NOW WHAT?

Hopefully we all have our socks back on after last weekend's announcements. That was one of the toughest weekends I have ever had. But as we all know life is not always easy or fair. And what must be done must be done.

We will be helpful to Herb and Joan as the coming days unfold. Joan is able to obtain health coverage via Medicare and a supplement. For Herb it can only be obtained via another job. As these things are processed and happen we will keep them covered through August 31st if need be. Steve will go on Social Security and Medicare and a supplement, plus he will also work part-time. Carol will eventually go part-time with Medicare and a supplement. As we all know **health care** is a must. These four people have been absolutely faithful and supportive to Good Shepherd. We must see them through until other arrangements "happen."

In September we will begin to explore seriously how we can look into having one worship site. Part of the plan will be to have our two churches assessed for structure and what needs to be done to maintain the buildings for at least the next ten years and hopefully beyond. The bottom line is if we want to keep Good Shepherd Parish we must be financially strong and have enough parishioners to do so. My hope and prayer is that we will pray and work together to that end.

PITTSBURGH MASS MOB:

Next weekend the Pittsburgh Mass Mob will visit Good Shepherd Church for the 9:00 AM Mass. The Pittsburgh Mass Mob is for those interested in the beauty and history of Pittsburgh area's Catholic Churches. This is their chance to gather together as the Universal Church and celebrate Faith together as family. They plan monthly Mass Mobs to meet at a different Catholic Church every month. They are interested in the architectural beauty and history. There will be a tour of the Church after Mass and everyone is invited.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR wrote to thank you for your generous donation of **\$1,259.29** when they were here on May 30th and 31st. You will be remembered in their daily prayers.

A SPRING PROBLEM:

The news airways are warning us that spring is a time when false utility inspectors try to get into our homes to rob us. Please do not allow anyone into your home unless the utility calls you beforehand and shows you proper identification when they come. Scams are **BIG BUSINESS** and those who do them have **NO CONSCIENCE**. So please be careful. I get a call almost weekly about a problem with my credit card asking if I would like their help. Don't be fooled....your credit card company will call you by name and give you your credit card number. I would only hear what they have to say and then call the credit card service center myself to clear it up.

TEN DAYS TO OPENING NIGHT:

Our Summer Fest begins on Wednesday evening, June 24th at 6:00 PM. **Hopefully, you've called or sent in your volunteer slip.** We will try to place you where you requested, but may need you somewhere else. Don't be afraid to say I don't want to do that if you think you can't enjoy yourself there. We continue on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 6:00 PM.

If you are willing to bring a basket, pop, iced tea or water you can still do so this Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM or next Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. We'll be looking for baked goods from Noon on Wednesday through Saturday. I ask our shut ins to pray for good weather.

I HIGHLY RECOMMEND this retreat to all of our young men of the parish.

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.

*Peace & Love,
Fr. Semler*



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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.

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.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Members will meet this Monday evening, June 15th at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. Please call the Parish Office if you cannot attend.

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, June 7th:	\$ 7,018.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 335
Loose Offertory:	\$276.00
Votive:	\$161.00
Monthly Collection: \$1,350.00	env used: 92
Loose Monthly Collection:	\$170.00

May God bless your generosity.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel, Jesus says: "This is how it is with the reign of God. A man scatters seed on the ground. He goes to bed and gets up day after day. Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without his knowing how it happens."

Through your almsgiving you are sowing seeds that grow far greater than you know. Your gift placed in the St. Vincent de Paul collection brings Christ's love and compassion to the poor.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST. JOHN FISHER

Monday, June 22—Friday, June 26, 2015

All children from the community, ages 4 through those completing 4th grade are welcome to St. John Fisher Church, 33 Lewin Lane, Churchill. Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, Cost: \$20/family. Please call the Church Office for more information and/or registration form at 412-241-4722. Registration forms are also available to print on their web site: www.stjohnfisherparish.org.

ON MISSION FOR CHURCH ALIVE!

PRAYER EVENT

Bishop Zubik is inviting all Catholics to take part in a dynamic planning initiative called **On Mission for the Church Alive!** Three evenings are planned for this summer. The first session **Evening of Adoration** with the theme **What Am I to Do?** The nearest session will be held at North American Martyrs, Monroeville on June 24th at 7:00 PM. You may also visit OnMission-ChurchAlive.org for entire schedule.

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**

VIKING YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

The Camp is for boys entering grades 4 through 9 and will be held at Central Catholic on Monday, July 20th and Tuesday, July 21st from 6:00 to 8:45 PM. For more information contact Virg Palumbo at 724-816-0108.

OPEN YOUR HEART TO A SENIOR

Several partner agencies of United Way's **Open Your Heart to a Senior** initiative need volunteer drivers for various programs, including Free Rides for Seniors, shuttle drivers in the route 28 area, Meals on Wheels, and drivers who can transport seniors to medical appointments in the volunteer's own vehicle. For more information on program locations, or to register as a volunteer with OYHS, please call the United Way helpline at 2-1-1 or you may email them at alleghe-ny@openyourhearttoasenior.org.

Warming weather has prompted many seniors county-wide to call Open Your Heart to a Senior seeking help with light yard work. Volunteers are needed in all neighborhoods of Allegheny County to help clear yard debris, plant flowers and mow seniors' lawns if possible. This is a great volunteer opportunity for teens and groups. To register as a volunteer with OYHS, please call the United Way helpline at 2-1-1 or email alleghe-ny@openyourhearttoasenior.org.

*If you know the eternal Love
Who created you,
You also know that there is
An immortal soul with you.
There are various seasons of life;
If by chance you feel
Winter approaching,
I want you to know
That it is not the last season,
Because the last one will be spring:
The springtime of the Resurrection.
Your whole life extends
Infinitely beyond its earthly limits:
Heaven awaits you.*

**Saint John Paul II, To the Sick in Fatima,
May 13, 2000**

THE CHURCH AND THE SPIRIT

Where the Church is, there is the Spirit of God;
and where the Spirit of God is, there is the Church and
all grace, and the Spirit is truth.

—St. Irenaeus

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
June 14-21, 2015

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

Monday-Weekday (Mt 5:38-42)

SH: 9:00 AM Antoinette Balombiny by Husband

Tuesday-Weekday (Mt 5:43-48)

SH: 9:00 AM Andrew Milko by Robert Baiska

Wednesday-Weekday (Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)

SH: 9:00 AM Patrick Emrock by Wife, Fran

Thursday-Weekday (Mt 6:7-15)

SH: 9:00 AM Peter Paul by Wife, Dolores

Friday-Weekday (Mt 6:19-23)

No Morning Mass

Saturday-Weekday (Mt 6:19-23)

No Morning Mass

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mt 6:24-34)

GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

GS: 9:00 AM Jack O'Masta by June & Children

SH: 11:00 AM Frances Butela by Parents

Memorial Offering: Good Shepherd Parish

Altar Bread:

In Memory of Michael Caroccia

By Jennie Caroccia

Altar Wine, Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp:

In Memory of Patrick Emrock

By Wife, Fran

Happy Birthday

Our good wishes go out to Margaret Badar, who will celebrate her 93rd birthday on June 17th. God bless you.

HEARTFELT

I would rather say five words devoutly with my heart than five thousand which my soul does not relish with affection and understanding.

—St. Edmund the Martyr

What's Happening this Week

June 14-21, 2015

Monday:	7:00 PM Scouts	GS School
	7:00 PM Finance Council	SH Hall
Thursday:	7:00 PM Prayer Group	SH Chapel
Sunday:	9:00 AM Mass Mob	GS Church

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