

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

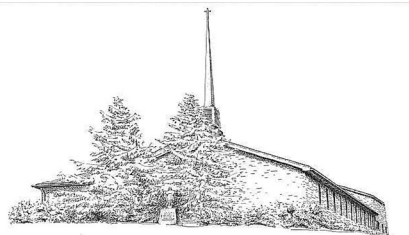
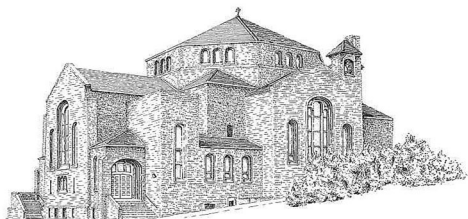
1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

*September 23, 2018*

Parish Office: 412-271-1515  
Fax: 412-271-1222

Website: [www.goodshepherdbraddock.org](http://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—Friday— 7:00 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  
Mr. David Barr, BS, MS Ed.

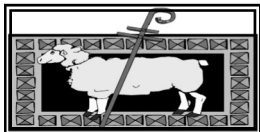
### Parish Telephone Numbers

Parish Office: .....412-271-1515  
Phone: ..... 412-351-3710  
Fax.....412-271-1222  
e-mail.....[gshepoffice@comcast.net](mailto: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 [tjsirfhi3@verizon.net](mailto:tjsirfhi3@verizon.net)

**We are an “On Mission for the Church Alive” Faith Community.**



September 23, 2018  
*From the Pastor's Desk*  
**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY  
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

**LIGHTNING—RAIN:**

First it was lightning and then it was rain. The tree as you enter the upper lot at Sacred Heart Church was hit by lightning about 1 1/2 months ago. Well, the tell-tale and verifying effects are now obvious. SO, the tree must be cut down before it weakens badly and falls and causes damage. We've contacted a Tree Service who will be doing this or may have done it by now.

And then the rains came the weekend of September 8-9. We've had the insurance adjustor come to assess the damage on September 12. But "water" needs time to be completely assessed. We know that rugs will need to be replaced and we'll have a complete picture later. My thanks to the John and June Corbett Family and Phyllis Koncerak for getting us through the 9:00 AM Mass. And then a big thank you to Frank Koncerak for giving up his Sunday to cleaning up as it really escalated. But his UP SIDE was he missed the "Steeler Fiasco."

**QUESTION: Fr., who do we make our checks out to when October 20-21 comes around?**

You will make them out to Good Shepherd Church as we will continue to remain Good Shepherd Parish until a merger is announced in 2019 or 2020 or whenever it is able to merge and be renamed. This will be very well known by the time it is ready to happen and there will probably be a great celebration to mark the occasion.

**STAMPS:**

I'm looking for a stamp collector. So, if your kids or grandkids are into "stamp collecting" let me know.

**DAILY MASS TIMES:**

There is more angst about the daily Mass times than there is about the Sunday Mass times. Father Larry is open to re-looking at the daily Mass times.

**ANOINTING MASS:**

Just as a reminder please remember that Deacon Joe will give the homilies on September 29 & 30 and I will anoint after the Masses. This is because on the weekend of October 6 & 7 there will be small cookie & drink receptions after the 4:00 PM and 9:00 AM Masses at Good Shepherd and a little bigger one at Sacred Heart after the 11:00 Mass. Did you call the Office yet saying you will bake cookies?

**THANK YOU:**

I received a thank you letter from the Mission Office thanking Good Shepherd parishioners for your donation of \$1,149.00 to the 2018 Missionary Cooperation Plan.

**"This heart-felt gift will help the missionary who made the appeal to your parishioners to pass on the message of Christ to those who have not heard it and to serve the poor as Jesus instructed us."**

- P** "P" is for patience. Patience is required to maintain peace.
- E** "E" stands for effort. Remember to continue Putting forth the effort to maintain peace that you have shown during the school year.
- A** "A" is for avoid. Avoid people and situations that cause problems. Sometimes that is the only way to keep peace.
- C** "C" represents courage. It takes courage to avoid conflict.
- E** "E" is for example. Be an example to the people you come in contact with. Demonstrate peaceful ways.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**September 29-30:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Joe, A.M. Dougherty, M. Colao, D. Trasoline, T. Schleifer, J & M Besseck

**Lector:** Eric Helminiak

**Server:** Stephen & Daniel Yezovich

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Joe, M & L Petri, J. Strednak, B. McDonell, J. McLaughlin, C. DiNinno

**Lector:** Nick Russo

**Server:** Christopher & Drew Yezovich

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Joe, J. Barbusio, S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas, E. Foster, R. Stamerra

**Lector:** Rick Stamerra

**Server:** Olivia Joscak

**October 6-7:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** A. Kostyak, J. Hojnacki, D. Hrabley, P. Humberson, D. Trasoline, T. Troyan, F. Szekely

**Lector:** Angelina Hornick

**Server:** Andy Connelly

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Corbett, M. Giulianelli, R. Russo, B. McDonell, J. McLaughlin, C. DiNinno, L. Petri

**Lector:** Mark Petri

**Server:** Selah Corbett

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Saint Thomas Alumni

**Lector:** St. Thomas Alumni

**Server:** Morgan Skladany

**Please call a sub if you cannot be there or call Father Al at 412-812-5275 for last minute changes.**

Be the servant  
 of all



*Peace and Love,  
 Fr. Semler*

**Fr. Al's Thank You Weekend  
October 6 & 7, 2018**

Parishioners, you are invited to a Thank You Weekend for Father Al. Mini celebrations will be held after the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday and after the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday at Good Shepherd Church. The bigger celebration will be after the 11:00 AM Mass in Sacred Heart Social Hall. We would appreciate the help of our parishioners willing to donate home-made cookies for the occasion. Please call the office to let us know.

Remember, Father Al does not want gifts but a "card box" will be available in case you want to write him a note.  
**Good Shepherd Social Committee**



**You are invited to pray the rosary with Deacon Joe each Wednesday through October 10, 2018, 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart.**

**FIFTH SUNDAY COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**

The Fifth Sunday collection for **The St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be taken in the second collection at all masses next weekend, September 29-30. May God bless your generosity for those in need.

**THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

In today's Gospel Jesus called the Twelve, and said to them, *"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."* Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, *"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."*

**Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help hungry children feel the arms of Jesus around them.**

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

B	I	N	G	O
2	17	31	48	63
6	20	38	51	68
7	22	FREE	54	69
12	23	39	57	72
15	27	44	60	75

**SOCIAL CLUB**

will sponsor their next regular bingo on **Sunday, October 14th** at Sacred Heart Hall. Mark your calendar and save the date for an afternoon of fun! Let all of your friends know.

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**Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure**

**Sunday, September 16th:** \$ 4,005.00  
**Parishioners receiving env:** 652 env used: 207  
**Loose Offertory:** \$369.00  
**Votive:** \$154.00

**Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:**

**1-888-808-1235**

**Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan**

**EAST CATHOLIC  
FULL-DAY/HALF DAY PRESCHOOL**

**3 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL (1/2 DAY)  
4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL (Full Day or 1/2 Day)**

Your child can be a part of God's world: by having fun learning, meeting new friends, singing, dancing, exploring computers, having weekly visits to our school library and much more.

Your child can be a part of becoming aware of God's creation, have fun learning, meet new friends, sing, dance, explore computers and much more at East Catholic School Pre-School. For more information call 412-351-5403. **"Become a part of the school of tomorrow where knowledge meets faith and where timeless values and learning evolves."**

**EAST CATHOLIC 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR**

The 2018-2019 East Catholic School Faculty, Staff and Administration:

- Principal: Mr. Dave Barr
- Administrative Assistant: Tracey DeFilippo
- Pre-School: Carley McMackin,
- Kindergarten : Teri McDaniel,
- Grade 1: Donna Chronowski
- Grade 2: Teresa Thompson
- Grade 3: Jennifer Breitreutz
- Grade 4: Amanda Harbay
- Grade 5: Barbara Koszka
- Grade 6: Jackie Fazio
- Grade 7: Beth Zannikos, and Lisa Marchitello
- Grade 8: Angelo Lamanti, and Terry Ward
- Art: Sr. Mary Joan Hopper
- Computer: Lisa North
- Health/Physical Education: Connor Kollar
- Library: Angie Lipchick
- Music: Mary Beth Koontz
- Extended Day: Beth Brucker
- Pre-School Aide: Dawn Reitter
- Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> Grade Aide: Denise Nese

**For all the up to the date information about East Catholic School, call us at 412-351-5403 or check out our website [www.eastcatholicschool.org](http://www.eastcatholicschool.org) or follow us on facebook or twitter.**

**A RETREAT AT ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS**

**RETREAT CENTER** provides the time to spend away from our busy life in order to reconnect with God. **"I Have Chosen You"** is the theme of this year's Men's Retreat and is intended to help us reflect on the life to which God has called us to live. The retreat will be held from Friday, November 9, through Sunday, November 11. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact either Len Stellitano (412-596-7883) or Doug Rishel (412-731-1343).



**OKTOBERFEST 2018-Saturday, Sept. 29th, 7:00 - 10:30 p.m.**, at Word of God Parish on the church grounds, 7446 McClure Ave., Swissvale, PA 15218. Come join us for good food (catered by Veltre's), music by DJ Donny DooWop (aka "Dink" McCann), plus several small games of chance. Ticket cost of \$25 includes food, entertainment, and soft drinks; \$35 includes the previous plus beer and wine. All proceeds benefit Word of God Parish. Over 21 years old ONLY; no tickets sold at the door. For more information and tickets contact the parish office, 412-241-1372. *Come out and enjoy getting together with old friends and making new ones!*

### **FAITH AFLOAT**

What would your life look like if it was free from fear? Learn how the love of God transforms your life through Faith Afloat, a cruise for high school men and women on the Gateway Clipper Empress, held **Sunday, October 14 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm**. The cruise will include dinner; a talk by Father Adam Potter; a witness by Sister Mary Gianna, DLJC; praise and worship led by the Holy Apostles Praise Band; and a dance party. Bishop Zubik will lead prayer and Vocations Director Father Mike Ackerman will emcee the event. Tickets cost \$20. **Visit PGHPriest.com by October 1 to register.**

### **2018 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE**

***OVERFLOW: Live in the Abundance of Grace*** will be held on October 27th, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Pittsburgh Int'l Airport. Join speakers Barbara Heil, Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB, Andrea Thomas, and Sr. Bernadette, DLJC for a day full of inspiring talks, building community with other women, and Mass with Bishop David Zubik! Come and reflect on how God calls us to cultivate a space in our lives where He can pour His love into us, where He empowers us to operate not out of an empty tank, but out of the OVERFLOW of His Holy Spirit and His grace! Register today at **[www.cwfpitt.org/register](http://www.cwfpitt.org/register)**.

### **ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE**

***Be the Last of All and the Servant of All*** – Jesus offers this command connected with the announcement of his passion and death to his disciples. They didn't understand what Jesus meant when he said that he would suffer and die, and instead argued about who was the greatest among them. Yet, the Lord continues to work to prepare their hearts so that they might be ready for the suffering of the cross, and ultimately the glory of the resurrection. By putting others first and being the servant of all we are called to sacrifice, to be compassionate, literally to suffer with, and to open ourselves to others who will seek to do the same for us. All of this is rooted in the call to love others as if THEY are Christ and to love others as if WE are Christ. The On Mission for The Church Alive! initiative as a whole, and the implementation of the Interim Mass Schedule on October 15th, in particular, are opportunities for us to welcome and serve others with whom we are united in faith, hope and love. It may take sacrifice and a change of routine, but it can also bring about an increase of the love of Christ at work in us. Visit [onmissionchurchalive.org](http://onmissionchurchalive.org) to learn more and to stay informed.

# MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish  
September 23-30, 2018

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Mk 9:30-37)

GS: 4:00 PM Ruth Gipperich  
by Daughters & Grandchildren  
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish  
SH: 11:00 AM Joseph & Julie Ochal  
by Gene & Sophie Szatkowski

**Monday-Weekday** (Lk 8:16-18)

SH: 7:00 AM Rose Danile by Theodore Schleifer

**Tuesday-Weekday** (Lk 8:19-21)

SH: 7:00 AM Nicola & Maria Rosa Filia  
by Daughter, Fortunata & Family

**Wednesday-Weekday** (Lk 9:1-6)

SH: 7:00 AM Lois Jean Haugh  
by Bill & Dorothy Metzgar

**Thursday-St. Vincent de Paul** (Lk 9:7-9)

SH: 7:00 AM John & Mary Harcarik  
by Daughter, Betty

**Friday-Weekday** (Lk 9:18-22)

SH: 7:00 AM Edward W. Marshall III  
by Theodore Schleifer

**Saturday-SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael** (Jn 1:47-51)

No morning Mass

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

(Mk 9:38-43,45, 47-48)

GS: 4:00 PM Cecilia Trybus by Daughter Ceil  
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish  
SH: 11:00 AM Patricia Gaida by Family

## Birthday



Wishes  
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Happy Birthday to **Kay Lucas**,  
who will celebrate her 95th Birthday  
On September 26. If you would like to  
send a card, her new address is: The  
Palm, 1 Glenshire Lane #206,  
White Oak, PA 15132.

Happy Birthday wishes also go out to  
**Michael Connelly** who will celebrate  
his 90th birthday On September 28.  
**God bless you Kay and Michael!**



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*Hard to believe but summer is over and  
Autumn begins Saturday, August 22nd.*

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**IN CYAN EVERY**  
**WEEK!!!**