

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

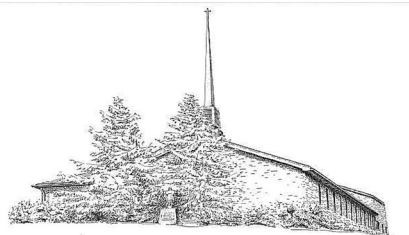
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

September 30, 2018

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—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.

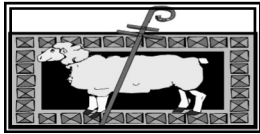
Parish Telephone Numbers

Parish Office:412-271-1515
Phone: 412-351-3710
Fax.....412-271-1222
e-mail.....gshepoffice@comcast.net
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

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



September 30, 2018
From the Pastor's Desk
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

ANOINTING THIS WEEKEND:

This will be my last weekend for Anointing after Mass. However you can always ask me to anoint after any Mass. If you know you are going to the hospital or a nursing home you should ask for an anointing.

R.C.I.A.:

To become a Catholic, a person takes a wonderful spiritual journey through the process called The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We invite anyone who is not baptized, baptized in another Christian faith, and baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation on this journey that begins in October. Please extend an invitation to anyone you know who would like to join us. They may be waiting to be asked. You can call Deacon Joe Dougherty at 412-351-3710 for questions or to register. Or you can call the Office.

I DID IT:

I made a 6 year term. Back in the 80's the Diocese put in the policy that Pastors would be assigned to a 6 year term. It called for an assessment to take place after 4 years or so to see if he should be given a second 6 year term. Well for 6 tries I never made the first one let alone being re-appointed. Well, thanks to you all, I made it on the 7th try. September 17, 2018 was the BIG DAY. Coming out of retirement to be with you turned out to be a real blessing and I am very glad I did. **THANK YOU.**

And now I ask that you give Fathers Larry, Vince and Jeremy all the love and support you gave me. The upcoming transition is a FIRST TIME effort but one that needs to happen. I'll be praying for you.

PET BLESSING:

Our Pet Blessing this year will be next Saturday, October 6 at 12:00 Noon at Sacred Heart grounds. Camels seem to be easily spooked, so we'll strike them off our list for this year.

NEW RUGS FOR THE RECTORY:

The rugs at the rectory at Sacred Heart just will not be cleaned. I've had them done three times over and the same ugly spots keep reappearing. Hope this task will be completed in time for the big changes on October 14-15.

**Whoever gives
 you a cup of water
 to drink because
 of Christ
 will be rewarded**



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LIFE WITHOUT PURPOSE IS BARREN INDEED—

There can't be a harvest unless you plant seed,
 There can't be attainment unless there's a goal,
 And man's but a robot unless there's a soul...
 If we send no ships out, no ships will come in,
 And unless there's a contest, nobody can win...
 For games can't be won unless they are played,
 And PRAYERS can't be ANSWERED unless they are PRAYED...

So whatever is wrong with your life today,
 You'll find a solution if you kneel down and pray
 Not just for pleasure, enjoyment and health,
 Not just for honors and prestige and wealth...
 But PRAY FOR A PURPOSE to MAKE LIFE WORTH LIVING,
 AND PRAY FOR THE JOY of UNSELFISH GIVING,
 For GREAT IS YOUR GLADNESS and RICH YOUR REWARD
 When you make your LIFE'S PURPOSE the choice of the LORD.
 —Anonymous

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

October 6-7:

4:00 PM

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

October 13-14:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, M. Colao, D. Trasoline, T. Schleifer, M. Leicht, D. Hrabley, P. Humberson
Lector: Mary Ann McClain
Server: Stephen & Daniel Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: T & D Whyel, M. Garritano, P. Koncerak, C. DiNinno, R. Russo, B. McDonell
Lector: Jeff McLaughlin
Server: Josh DiNinno

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: M & J Besseck, H. Sullivan, J. Barbusio, S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas
Lector: Rick Stamerra
Server: Brian Kelly

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*

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

Parishioners, next weekend 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.

Cookie Drop Off: Please bring your cookies to Good Shepherd Parish Center on Friday, October 5 between 4:00—6:00 PM or before 4 PM Mass Saturday. Thank you!

Good Shepherd Social Committee

FIFTH SUNDAY COLLECTION TODAY

The Fifth Sunday collection for **The St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be taken in the second collection at all masses this 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 tells his disciples: "Anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to Christ will not, I assure you, go without his reward." On September 27, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are on the front line in laboring for the poor, they are among the first to know their real needs.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families, providing food, and help with utility, rent and other bills. God Bless You!

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

ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1968

St. Thomas High Class of 1968 will celebrate their 50th reunion next Sunday, October 7 and will participate in the 11:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

KNOW THE ANGELS

Make yourself familiar with the angels, and behold them frequently in spirit. Without being seen, they are present with you. —St. Francis de Sales

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, September 23rd: \$ 3,871.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652 env used: 197
Loose Offertory: \$199.00
Votive: \$182.00

Thank You for your generosity!

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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

OUR 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.

ROSARY RALLY-Sat., Oct. 13th, Noon to 1:00 p.m., Madonna del Castello Parish, 2021 S. Braddock Ave., Swissvale, PA 15218, by the statue of Mary on the corner of So. Braddock and Westmoreland. Join in prayers for God's blessing and mercy on our nation through the intercession of our Blessed Mother. Sponsored by America Needs Fatima and our local Legion of Mary. For more information call Mary Anne at 412-823-0533.

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).

THE ST. MAURICE CHOIR will be joined by singers from Sacred Heart (Shadyside) and Temple David Synagogue for a performance of **Jubilate Deo** on **October 21 at 7:00 PM** in Church. The Good Shepherd Ringers will also be featured at this performance!

Jubilate Deo, by composer Dan Forrest, is an exciting choral work based on Psalm 100. It is sung in seven languages (*Latin, Hebrew, Arabic, Mandarin, Zulu, Spanish and English*) with each movement reflecting the diversity of the language in which it is sung. The performance will be accompanied by a 35 piece orchestra, under the direction of St. Maurice Director of Music Ministries, Norman Chapman. This will be a truly memorable night, and it serves as a wonderful beginning of our new *On Mission* parish alignment. Tickets are available by calling 412-271-6265 or emailing nchapman@saintmauriceparish.org. A donation of \$10 is suggested (\$5 for students)

COLLEGE DISCERNMENT NIGHT-- Come to discern how the Lord is calling you to serve Him and to learn more about the priesthood at the College Discernment Night, held Monday, October 15 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at St. Paul Seminary. The evening will include Evening Prayer and dinner with the seminarians, a talk by Father Mike Ackerman, adoration, and a bonfire. All college and post-college men are welcome. To register, email tsullivan@diopitt.org.

CLASSES OF 2023, 2024, 2025

Students and Parents
please join us for the

Serra Catholic High School OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Meet our faculty, parents, and students, Refreshments,
prizes and more.

Looking forward to seeing you.

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.

28th ANNUAL LOVE WALK FOR THE POOR

All are invited to participate in Catholic Charities 28th Annual Love Walk for the Poor on Sunday, November 4, 2018. **New location:** This year's event will begin at St. Peter's Catholic Church on Pittsburgh's North Shore, with Mass at 2:00 PM with Reverend Michael Ackerman, followed by a one-mile walk to the streets of downtown Pittsburgh, arriving at Catholic Charities in the Cultural District. While the event focuses on youth, all ages are encouraged to attend. Participants are asked to donate winter outdoor wear and non-perishable foods to Catholic Charities for distribution to those escaping the cold. For more information, please visit www.ccpgh.org or contact Brendan Avila at 412-456-6969 or email him at bavila@ccpgh.org.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
September 30-October 7, 2018

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

Monday-St. Therese of the Child Jesus (Lk 9:46-50)

SH: 7:00 AM Leo Obecunis & Sandee Melocchi
by Betty Obecunis

Tuesday-The Holy Guardian Angels (Mt 18:1-5)

SH: 7:00 AM Pauline Oros by Joseph & Veronica

Wednesday-Weekday (Lk 9:57-62)

SH: 7:00 AM Marion 'Pete' Pietrzak by Wife, Helen

Thursday-St. Francis of Assisi (Lk 10:1-12)

SH: 7:00 AM Helen Yurko by Elaine Foster

Friday-Weekday (Lk 10:13-16)

SH: 7:00 AM Walter & Sophie Gaida by Family

Saturday-Weekday (Jn 1:47-51)

No morning Mass

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Mk 10:2-16)

GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
GS: 9:00 AM James Ward by Evelyn & Family
SH: 11:00 AM Bordogna & Perry Family
by Joy & Angelo Bordogna



BAPTISM

Baptized September 22, 2018 was
Gabriel Alexander Freeman, Son
of Paul Allen Freeman and Sharon
Mains. God bless Gabriel and his
parents!

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

Father of Mercy,

During this time of transition

Help us to grow in unity with

Madonna del Castello, St. Maurice

& Word of God.

Grant us the wisdom and willingness

to understand how our

parishes will become stronger and

more vibrant in fulfilling

the mission of the Church.

Assist us in opening our arms to welcome

others as we continue to journey

On Mission for The Church Alive!

Help us, O Lord, to trust in the future

You have planned for us. is we ask through Christ, our
Lord.

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