

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

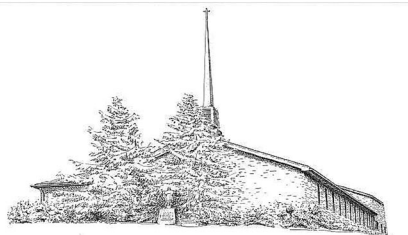
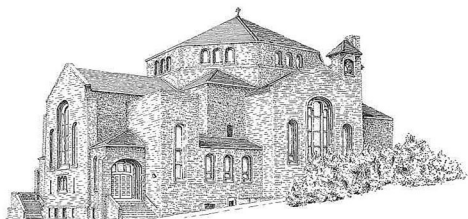
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

February 4, 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
Sr. Judith Stojhovic

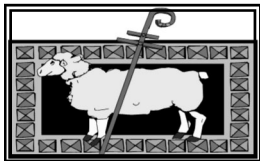
Parish Telephone Numbers

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 tjsjrfhi3@verizon.net

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



February 4, 2018
From the Pastor's Desk

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY TIME**

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Peter's Mom says thank you by doing what the good Jewish woman of her time would do and that is "wait on" whoever graces her door. But she had an extra incentive. When we aren't feeling well we look to someone to make us feel better. Jesus did that in "spades," as some of us say and made her well. "Thank you" is a phrase that is sometimes lacking these days. We all say "thank you" to God for his goodness to us by responding as Peter's mom did by doing good to others.

LENT 2018:

Lent begins next Wednesday, February 14. I will distribute ashes at the 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM Masses. I will also have Mass at 2:00 PM at Brinton Tower and I will distribute ashes there.

PATZUN, GUATEMALA:

Little boxes to put on your table for "Lenten sacrifices" are available in the vestibule. They will support "my" orphanage school in Patzun, Guatemala.

Here's a little idea of what they do:

San Bernadino School: Challenges & Victories

Padre Justiniano formed the school in 1960 because the Cackchiquel (a Mayan ethnic group) were not receiving any formal education. It was the first school in the region to provide a high school education! The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception operate the school, a local orphanage and a hospital.

Father John Gizler, a fellow Pittsburgh Priest and a friend of mine, has a strong connection to the Franciscan missions of Patzun. It was his Great Aunt Sara Merdes who built a clinic, Clinica Corpus Christi, and introduced American support to the region.

Our nickles, dimes and quarters made it possible to send them over \$1,500.00 last year. Any support you can give will be appreciated. I'll collect them during Holy Week and on Easter.

MORE ABOUT LENT:

To help you plan for Lent, let me share that we will have Mass at 7:00 AM Monday through Friday. We will also have Mass on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM to give those a chance to attend Mass who cannot attend in the morning. Deacon Joe will pray the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:00 PM.

I would like to suggest that you attend one daily mass every week.

VACATION: I'll be on vacation this week. I'll still do Mass. I've just planned some "day trips."

INFLUENZA AND THE LITURGY

When cold and flu season approaches, the Department for Liturgy and Worship receives numerous inquiries regarding influenza and the liturgy. Two thoughts are important: using common sense and belief in Jesus Christ. Ours is a tactile religion and contact is inevitable and so common sense should be employed. There often seems to be a greater concern about germs at Mass than anywhere else. Ensuring regular hand washing or use of a non-fragranced hand sanitizer is a good practice without being overly scrupulous about either. Further, our faith and trust in Jesus Christ reminds us that with proper considerations and prudent precautions, our Eucharistic Lord will not be detrimental to our health.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 10-11:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kostyak, J. Hojnacki, T. McAdams, T. Troyan, D. Hrabley, J. Carleton, M. Leicht

Lector: Theodore Schleifer

Server: Stephen & Daniel Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Garritano, P. Koncerak, J. Corbett, B. McDonell, T & D Whyel, M. Giulianelli

Lector: Nick Russo

Server: Selah Corbett

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Stamerra, K. Carroll, J & M Besseck, P. Fazio, C. Bakin

Lector: Dr. Chester Chorazy

Server: Brianna Skladany

FEBRUARY 17-18:

4:00 PM

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

Lector: Angelina Hornick

Server: Andy Connelly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Suppes, R. Russo, T & D Whyel, L. Petri, J. Strednak, J. McLaughlin

Lector: Mark Petri

Server: Christopher & Drew Yezovich

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Barbusio, S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas, H. Sullivan, E. Foster, N. Moucheron

Lector: Carolyn Bakin

Server: Olivia Joscak

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



**He
 healed
 many**

*Peace and Love,
 Fr. Semler*

LENTEN REGULATIONS

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday,
February 14, 2018**

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.
2. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18-59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.
3. Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.
4. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.
5. All members of the Christian Faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by the law.
6. As a general rule, a request for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions, or funeral wakes are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.

IN THE MAIL

Micky was very busy this past week mailing out your 2017 Contribution Statements and also your 2018 Parish Share Program Pledge/Gift cards this past week. The 2018 PSP begins next Sunday, February 11th. If for some reason you did not receive them, please call the Office.

BINGO

Good Shepherd Social Club will sponsor a Bingo next **Sunday, February 11th**, starting at 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. 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. Children can attend, however must be 18 years of age to play. For more info, call Peggy at 412-824-2588. ***Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun and bring all of your friends.***



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then he went out to preach and to heal. **Please pray for the poor and suffering, knowing that You are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.**

St. Vincent de Paul Society Phone: 412-437-8370

PIROGI FUNDRAISER

The Bell Choir will have your pirogi orders ready for pick up after masses the weekend of February 10-11 in time for Lent!

**“TEDDY BEAR PICNIC” Free Story time Session
at East Catholic School Library**

Wednesday, February 21, 2018 is the next “Perfect for Preschoolers Story-time” at East Catholic School, 2001 Ardmore Blvd., Forest Hills, PA 15221. This is a free story, rhyme, song and craft program designed to entertain and engage young children. The program is designed to provide a positive introduction to books and the habit of reading for children 2 ½ to 5 years old. Each program features appealing books, favorite stories, and lively activities. The theme of this Story-time is “Teddy Bears Picnic.” Children should bring their “Teddy Bears” to the picnic. There will be one session from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

We invite all children, along with their parent or guardian, to come and visit Story time at East Catholic Library. Registration is required by calling the East Catholic School Office (412-351-5403) during school hours (8:30 am until 2:00 pm). Final date for registration is Monday, February 19, 2018. Join us for “Teddy Bear Picnic” fun!

East Catholic follows Woodland Hills School District Weather cancellation.

EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL GALA

Each year the East Catholic School community comes together for its annual gala to celebrate the students and to further enhance the school. Last year over \$50,000 was raised. This year our special East Catholic School Annual Gala will be held at the beautiful Doubletree Hotel in Monroeville, Pennsylvania on Saturday, March 3, 2018. The Gala will feature: Hors D’oeuvres, and dinner. The entertainment will include a DJ for dancing, raffles, silent and live auction plus much more!

East Catholic School was established in 2012 by the mergers of Good Shepherd, St. Maurice and Word of God Schools. Our School is supported by a consortium of Parishes: Good Shepherd, Madonna del Castello, St. Colman, St. John Fisher, St. Maurice and Word of God. East Catholic has a ministry to serve the students and families of the consortium parishes as well as those from the surrounding area.

For information about the Gala, tickets, or to make a donation please contact the School Office during business hours Monday –Friday 8:30 am – 2:00 at 412-351-5403.

HINDSIGHT

God’s presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.

—John Henry Newman

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, January 28th:	\$4,366.00
Parishioners receiving env: 563	env used: 237
Loose Offertory:	\$356.00
Votive:	\$156.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Here's some info about our area churches holding Lenten **Fish Fries** during Lent:

Madonna del Castello

Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent (excluding Good Friday) in Dattilo Hall from 12:00 Noon to 7:00 PM. Menu: Baked or fried cod dinners/sandwiches, eggplant parmesan, shrimp baskets, haluski, macaroni and cheese, pasta e fagiole, applesauce, cole slaw and of course baked goods. Beverages and children's menu available. Delivery available until 2:00 PM (limited area). For more info, call the Parish Office at 412-271-5666.

St. Maurice

Every Friday during Lent (including Good Friday) from 2:30—7:00 PM in Keane Hall. Menu: Fried or baked fish, shrimp, coleslaw, mac & cheese, haluski, French fries, pizza, sandwiches, pasta and baked goods. Potato and Cheese and sauerkraut pierogis will be available for purchase by the dozen for take-out only. For all take-out orders and info, please call Keane Hall at 412-723-1200 between 1:00 and 6:30 PM.

St. Colman

Ash Wednesday and every Friday of Lent (including Good Friday) in the Cafeteria from 3:00—7:00 PM. Menu: Fried or baked cod, fish sandwiches, pierogi, haluski, mac & cheese, fries, cole slaw, Boston clam chowder, crab cakes. They will also have a bake sale and soft serve ice cream. Take out orders must be ordered at the Cafeteria. For info only, you may call the Office at 412-823-2564.

SAM – Substance Addiction Ministry

The next Substance Addiction Ministry Rosary for Recovery will be Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at St. Colman, 100 Tri-Boro Ave, Turtle Creek, PA 15145. We will meet at 7:00 PM for the Rosary followed by an informal gathering for all who are afflicted or affected by addiction. It will be a safe, confidential place for people to seek education, referral and support. For more information please contact Noreen at 412-296-1709.

SUMMER PROGRAM FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH

Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, will host the 8th annual Faith and Reason summer program from Sunday, June 10 to Friday, June 15, 2018. Students age 15 and older are invited to apply for admission to the program which is designed to prepare students for college-level education. Housing in a college residence hall and three daily meals in the college dining hall are included in the cost (\$495). information is available by contacting Dr. Michael Krom at 724-805-2844 or michael.krom@stvincent.edu.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
February 4-11, 2018

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mk 1:29-39)
GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
GS: 9:00 AM Helen Greca by Terry & Pat Germanoski
SH: 11:00 AM Dave Millerschoen
by Sue & John Millerschoen

Monday-St. Agatha (Mk 6:53-56)
SH: 7:00 AM Hopta, Yanchik & Kondas Families
by Alan & Janet Kondas

Tuesday-St. Paul Miki & Companions (Mk 7:1-13)
SH: 7:00 AM Joseph Napolitano by Mary Chuckro

Wednesday – Weekday (Mk 7:14-23)
SH: 7:00 AM Michael Yazvac by Lorraine Novak

Thursday-Weekday (Mk 7:24-30)
SH: 7:00 AM Louis Trybus by Dolly & Dan Hudak

Friday-Weekday (Mk 7:31-37)
SH: 7:00 AM Irene Cotter by Theodore Schleifer

Saturday-St. Scholastica (Mk 8:1-10)
No Morning Mass

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mk 1:40-45)
GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
GS: 9:00 AM William Wagner by Sister, Bernadette
SH: 11:00 AM George J. & Eleanore Bandik by Family

REST IN PEACE

*In your charity, we remember all those
who have died, especially:*

Joseph D. Korotko and Nathaniel (Nate) R. Smart.
May the angels lead you into paradise.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE AND HEALING

Join Bishop David Zubik as he celebrates Mass to remember and pray for those who have died from drug addiction and to seek healing for those who have survived the death of a loved one due to drug addiction.

The mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 2:30 PM** at Saint Paul Cathedral, 108 N. Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.



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