

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

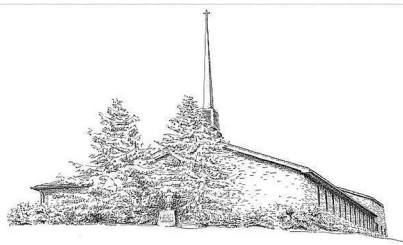
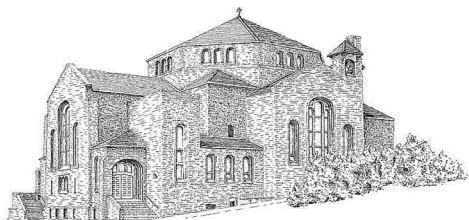
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

February 7, 2016

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—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

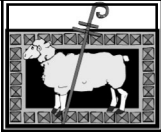
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (micky52@comcast.net)
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Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance
Sr. Judith Stojhovic

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

- **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
- **New Parishioners are always welcome.** Call the Parish Office to register or to notify of a change of address.

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



February 7, 2016
From the Pastor's Desk

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY TIME**

LENT 2016:

Lent begins this Wednesday, February 10th. I will distribute ashes at the 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM masses.



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We will have Mass at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM each Wednesday evening of Lent and Stations of the Cross and Benediction on each Friday at 7:00 PM. These will be held at Sacred Heart Church. **The Lights Are On For You** will be held on

Wednesday, March 9 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. I'll stop at 6:45 for Mass and then continue after Mass till 9:00 PM.

Kindly plan what you are going to do this lent to enhance your spiritual life. Last year we had "Rice Bowls" that went over very good. They are available after Mass today in the vestibule. The sacrifices collected will support an Orphanage that I support in Patzun, Guatemala. Our kindness last year provided many children with a good education. The Rice Bowls will be collected on Easter Sunday.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

- ◆ **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of fast and abstinence. The **Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence in the United States.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

This is the week to call me if you are willing to be numbered among the six people I need to help me move this program forward. If you have questions give me a call. I think you will find having your input a very rewarding experience as we move forward in dealing with the priest shortage which is now moving forward faster than we like. This program gives the "grassroots" a chance to be heard.

WHERE GOD IS

We cannot go where God is not. And where God is, all is well.
 —Anonymous

MINISTER SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 13-14:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: A.Kostyak, Deacon Joe, J. Carleton, J. Kaczmarek, T. Schleifer, C. Mireni, M. Leicht

Lector: Eric Helminiak

Server: Steve Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, M. Garritano, T & D Whyel, R. Russo, C. DiNinno, P. Koncerak

Lector: Jennifer Milko ****Please note change****

Servers: Selah Corbett

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, K. Bitkowski, H. Sullivan, J. Kondas, S. Szatkowski, N. Moucheron,

Lector: Chester Chorazy

Server: Brianna Skladany

FEBRUARY 20-21:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: F. Szekely, M. Colao, P. Humberson, D. Hrabley, J. Hojnacki, K. Carroll, T. McAdams

Lector: Cathy Mireni

Server: Andy Connelly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: T & D. Whyel, M & L Petri, J. Strednak, C. DiNinno, P. Koncerak

Lector: Jeff McLaughlin

Servers: Josh DiNinno

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: J & M Besseck, E. Foster, P. Fazio, J. Barbusio, R. Stamerra

Lector: Carolyn Bakin

Server: Michael Nash

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*

NO MEETINGS are scheduled this week for **Women's Guild** and **Senior Citizens**. The regular schedule of meetings will resume in March.

BELL CHOIR LUNCHEON

The bell choir will be hosting a *"Foods to warm your heart"* luncheon fundraiser on **Sunday, February 14th** from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart. We will have a variety of comfort foods to help you shake off the cold and snow such as chili, ham barbeque sandwiches, haluski, meatball subs, etc. We're still finalizing the menu, but we hope to see many of you there! This will be a **eat in only** event. **No take outs will be available.**

PRE CANA

Our Pre Cana Class will be held Sunday, March 6th from 1:00 to 5:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. Donation per couple is \$40.00. Call Joe or Anna Marie at 412-351-3710 to register.

INFLUENZA and the LITURGY--When cold and flu season approaches, the **Department for 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 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, the disciples decide to leave everything to follow Jesus. We are also called to follow Jesus, who tells us that "whatever you do to the least of mine, you do for me."

Your gift to the poor can bring the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

Vincent de Paul phone: 412-437-8370



Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure	
Sunday, January 31st:	\$6,820.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used:339
Loose Offertory:	\$247.00
St. Vincent de Paul: \$1,206.00	env. used:143
Loose 2nd Collection:	\$ 206.00
Votive:	\$190.00
May God bless your generosity!	

EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL WALKING TOURS
for the 2016-2017 School Year

Choosing the right school for your child is a very intuitive decision. Many parents say that they just know in their gut, while touring a school, which school environment is the best fit for them and their child.

The school tours are conducted during school hours. This will allow parents to observe the children in the classroom, learn about the programs, meet our teachers and find out more about the East Catholic School philosophy. Tours include classroom observation as well as a guided tour of the facility. Parents will receive an application with additional information for them to consider.

To sign up for a tour: Contact the School Office between 8:30 am and 2:00 pm at 412-351-5403.

East Catholic School Walking Tour Dates are as follows: February 9 and 23 at 9:30 am and March 2 at 9:30 am. A special tour will be on Sunday March 13, 2016 (at Story Time) scheduled for 2:00 pm.

FREE STORY TIME SESSIONS

East Catholic School Library

Wednesday, February 17, 2016 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 "Fairytale." 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 15, 2016.

EAST CATHOLIC GALA

We are again planning to have our **East Catholic Gala** this school year. Please save the date of Saturday, February 27, 2016 for an evening of fun, great prizes, and good food and dancing. It will be held at Stratigos Banquet Facility. This is an over 21 event. Ticket price is \$85.00 per person and they are now on sale. Included in the price are: hors d'oeuvres and sit down dinner, complimentary beer and wine table, music and dancing, featuring "The Soul Searchers" with Father John.

There will also be live and silent auctions, games of chance and \$1,000 raffle and ten \$100 prizes.

Any questions, please contact: Amie & Kenny Cooley at 412-260-2989, or you may email them to **amie4dance@msn.com**, or Laurie & Lou Del Rosso, 412-841-8767 or email **ldelrosso3@gmail.com**

MAGNIFICAT PRAYER BREAKFAST

Ladies, you are invited to the Magnificat Pittsburgh Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 6 from 9:00 AM to Noon at the Marriott in Cranberry Twp. Hear speaker Lisa Mladinich share her journey from a new York City actress who became bitter at God and left the church, to unexpected encounters and a dramatic conversion, which led her back to her faith, and to healing and reconciliation with God. Come and hear her fantastic story of a broken life made whole through the sacraments and the Holy Rosary. Cost of the breakfast is \$20. To register, please call Kay at 724-772-6749 or Pam at 412-461-8906, or you may also go online for more information to www.magnificatpittsburgh.org. Registration deadline is January 29th.

CATHOLIC SINGLES, 21 & OVER

The Catholic Alumni Club offers a variety of social opportunities including league athletics, parties, picnics, dances, dinners, hiking, volleyball, scripture study, trips, etc. For info, check www.capittsburgh.org. Young adults and singles of all ages can check out Catholicthrive.com.

DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH WOMEN ALIVE! In God's Mercy Conference

Starting this Friday, January 15, Catholic women can register for the 2016 conference at womentalivepgh.eventbrite.com. This day of renewal on Saturday, April 16, at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School in Cranberry Township will include dynamic speakers such as Helen Alvaré, a George Mason University law professor and founder of WomenSpeakforThemselves.com, Sr. Rosemary Nyirumbe, a CNN hero award winner and director of Saint Monica School in Gulu, Uganda, and Rebecca Dussault, a 2006 Winter Olympian, 2010 World Champion, wife, and mother. The day also features Mass with Bishop Zubik and the Sacrament of reconciliation. Cost is \$45 and free transportation will be available from 12 locations throughout the Diocese. For more information, visit womentalivepgh.org or follow Women Alive Pittsburgh! on social media.

LENTEN RETREAT

Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, Pa. will hold a Lenten retreat entitled *Seeking and Finding God in the Ordinary*. The retreat will be held February 26-27 from 7:00 PM Friday to 4:00 PM Saturday. The retreat will be presented by Sister Margaret Marszal, HM. For more information go to vmesc.org or call 724-964-8886.

A FORETASTE

Faith is the foretaste of that knowledge which hereafter will make us happy. —St. Thomas Aquinas

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:
1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
February 7-14, 2016

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Lk 5:1-11)

GS: 4:00 PM William Rolinski

by Joe & Ruth Punturi

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Gerry Novotny by Larry Trasky

Monday-Weekday (Mk 6:53-56)

SH: 9:00 AM Mitnik & Korotko Families

by Joe & Pauline Korotko

Tuesday-Weekday (Mk 7:1-13)

SH: 9:00 AM In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus

Wednesday-ASH WEDNESDAY (Mk 6:1-6,16-18)

SH: 9:00 AM Betty Jane Payne

By Lori and Andy Frunceck

SH: 7:00 PM Bryan Keough by Parents

Thursday after Ash Wednesday (Lk 9:22-25)

SH: 9:00 AM Frank Gamrat by Wife

Friday after Ash Wednesday (Mt 9:14-15)

No Morning Mass

SH: 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross/Benediction

Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Lk 5:27-32)

No Morning Mass

First Sunday of Lent (Lk 5:1-11)

GS: 4:00 PM Mary Rita Sorokacs

by Michael Sorokacs

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Mary & Joseph Andrews

by Camille Molina

Rest In Peace

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

Charles Bobuk and Ronald Savko.

May the angels lead you into paradise.

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE

For Youth/Young Adults

All high school teens and college students are invited to attend the diocesan wide pilgrimage to the Jubilee Year of Mercy Holy Door at St. Paul Cathedral **on Saturday, February 20, 2016 from 7:15 pm to 9:45 pm.** The evening will include a procession through the Holy Door with **Bishop Zubik**, confession, Eucharistic Adoration, a witness from **Nick Sciarappa**, praise and worship with **Katy Blythe**, and a social afterwards. Online registration is available at tinyurl.com/pittvom If you have questions about this event, please contact Angela Gaughn at (412)561-6021 or you may email them at stbernardyouth@gmail.com.

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IN CYAN EVERY
WEEK!!!