

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

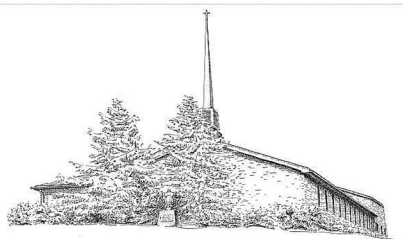
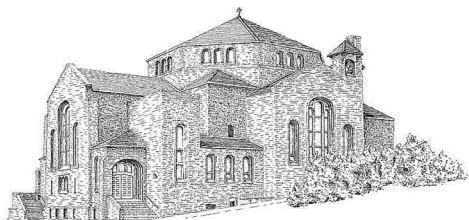
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

February 14, 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

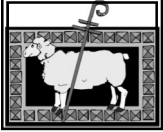
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (micky52@comcast.net)
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance
Sr. Judith Stojhovic

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

- **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 14, 2016
From the Pastor's Desk

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

THE WORKS OF MERCY

We have **SPIRITUAL** and **CORPORAL** Works of Mercy, 7 of each. This week we will consider the 7 Spiritual Works of Mercy.

- 1) ***Counseling the Doubtful:*** This calls us to speak optimistically and enthusiastically about the goodness of God and our practice of the faith. We try to help those who are experiencing doubt in God's goodness because they see sickness and/or death as a punishment from God. Let us share that our good and benevolent God does NOT operate in such a fashion.
- 2) ***Instructing the Ignorant:*** Share your knowledge both when asked and sometimes when you are not asked. Be polite and courageous when you hear someone saying the wrong "stuff" about our faith. Example: **"You know Catholics worship Mary."** Don't be afraid to speak up and say **"we do not."** We honor Mary for saying yes and for becoming the Mother of God.
- 3) ***Admonishing Sinners:*** This just may be the toughest one, as sometimes we hear **"mind your own business"** or **"you're no saint either"** and even worse sometimes it can sever a relationship. Again I say be polite and courageous.
- 4) ***Forgiving Offenses:*** Forgive as the Lord forgives you. **"Ha!! You say it's easier for Him."** And you are right but do you know why? It's because He loves the sinner and wants to forgive. And that does make it easier.
- 5) ***Comfort the Afflicted:*** It's about time we have an easy one. It's second nature to most of us to comfort one who is suffering for a great variety of reasons. We can even do it long range by putting something in your Rice Bowl.
- 6) ***Bearing Wrongs Patiently:*** Not easy unless we plan ahead. A good attitude is a very positive way to shield off offenses. A good self-esteem and a non-combative nature adds to our protection and patience.
- 7) ***Praying for the Living and the Dead:*** This is definitely the easiest and one we are constantly doing for our loved ones and hopefully for all.

SERVE THE POOR

Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself. —St. Louise de Marillac

LENTEN CONFESSIONS:

In this year of Mercy I want to make Confession available to everyone. Confessions will be heard before both Masses on Wednesdays from 8:00 to 8:45 AM and from 6:00 to 6:45 PM. The Masses will be at Sacred Heart Church at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. On Wednesday evenings after Mass I will return to the confessional until all are heard.

On March 9th when "The Lights are On For You" I will stay till 9:00 PM. Saturday Confessions are from 3:00 to 3:30 in Good Shepherd Church. And as usual you may always call for a time that fits your schedule.

RICE BOWLS: *You can pick up a Rice Bowl in the vestibule to support an orphanage in Patzan, Guatemala or our St. Vincent de Paul Society.*

MINISTER SCHEDULE

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

FEBRUARY 27-28:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: J & M Besseck, A. Kostyak, J. Kaczmarek, F. Szekely, M. Colao, J. Carleton

Lector: Angelina Hornick

Server: Steve Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Leicht, B. McDonell, M. Giulianelli, M & L Petri, N. Russo, J. Strednak

Lector: Jennifer Milko

Servers: Julia Piccolino, Selah Corbett

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Hope Sullivan, C. Mireni, M. Garritano, C. Bakin, J. Kondas, K. Bitkowski

Lector: Dorothy Danko

Server: Brianna Skladany

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*

BELL CHOIR LUNCHEON TODAY

The bell choir will be hosting a *"Foods to Warm your Heart"* luncheon fundraiser **TODAY, Sunday, February 14th** from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. 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. This will be an **eat in only** event. **No take outs** will be available. *We hope to see many of you there!*

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us by saying "Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap..."

**When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts and into our lives.
St. Vincent de Paul phone: 412-437-8370**

CONGRATULATIONS to **Andy Connelly** for achieving High Honor Roll for the 2nd Grading Period at Woodland Hills High School. Keep up the good work Andy!

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

Pope Paul VI named the New Evangelization. Pope John Paul II called for it. Pope Benedict then clearly defined it. And now Pope Francis shows us how to live it daily. The heart of the New Evangelization is sharing your faith with others—former believers and those with no belief at all. The goal is to introduce them to the friendship and mercy of Jesus. And when that is accomplished, you have done something else—welcomed new disciples of Christ who are capable of witnessing to others in word and deed.

To read more, check out "On Mission for the Church Alive!" on page 5 of this week's Pittsburgh Catholic and visit www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org.

MAKE A WISH

When you love someone all your saved-up wishes start coming out. —Elizabeth Bowen

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 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.

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**

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, February 7th:	\$6,563.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used:318
Loose Offertory:	\$259.00
Monthly Offering: \$1,560.00	env used: 93
Loose 2nd Collection:	\$ 96.00
Votive:	\$216.00

May God bless your generosity!

AREA FISH FRIES

St. Maurice, 2001 Ardmore Boulevard, Forest Hills

Every Friday during Lent including Good Friday from 2:30—7:00 PM in Keane Hall.

Menu includes: Fried and baked Fish, Shrimp, Cole-slaw, Mac & cheese, Haluski, French fries, Pizza, Sandwiches and Pasta. Eat-in or take-out. Potato and cheese and Sauerkraut pierogies are available for purchase by the dozen for take-out only.

St. Colman, 100 Tri Boro Avenue, Turtle Creek

Every Friday during Lent including Good Friday in the School Cafeteria from 3:00—7:00 PM.

Hand-dipped fried or baked Cod Fish Dinner, Fish Sandwich, Haluski, Pierogies, Mac-n-cheese, French fries, cole slaw, Boston Clam Chowder, Crab Cakes, and Baked Goods.

Madonna del Castello, 2021 S. Braddock Avenue, Swissvale

Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday) from Noon—7:00 PM in Dattilo Hall.

Baked or fried Cod Dinners, Eggplant, shrimp basket, sandwiches, Haluski, Macaroni & Cheese, applesauce-Pasta e Fagiole, bread and butter and beverages. Children's menu, baked goods and take-out orders will also be available.

Your support will be greatly appreciated!

HOLY FAMILY INSTITUTE

Parent-Child Interaction Therapy is a service of Holy Family Institute. If you are a parent-or know of a parent - with a child ages 2 ½ -7 who exhibits any of the following behaviors: doesn't listen to adults, has temper tantrums, takes or breaks others' things, hits or kicks others, has difficulty taking turns – then Parent-Child Interaction Therapy could be helpful. To learn more about Parent-Child Interaction Therapy contact 412-766-9020 ext. 222

ST. JOSEPH SPIRITUALITY CENTER, Baden, is

offering Doorways into Our Deeper Hearts: A Retreat for Women on the weekend of March 11- 13 (Friday, 7:00 pm-Sunday, 12:00 noon). This retreat will explore what we hunger for in our relationship with God - in the secret places of our hearts. We explore how God invites each of us to swim in the ocean of God's great mercy! This weekend is led by Sister Diane McCalley, Cathy Ciccone, Chris Didio and Judy Lewis. A fee of \$120 includes meals, lodging, and program materials. To register, call 724-869-6587 by February 29.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
February 14-21, 2016

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

Monday-Lenten Weekday (Mt 25:31-46)
SH: 9:00 AM Linda Snyder
by Vesely & McManas Families

Tuesday-Lenten Weekday (Mt 6:7-15)
SH: 9:00 AM Jane Schubert
by Antonio & Fortunata DeCaria

Wednesday-Lenten Weekday (Lk 11:29-32)
SH: 9:00 AM Bernice Mazur by Family
SH: 7:00 PM William Adams by Dolly Fusca

Thursday-Lenten Weekday (Mt 7:7-12)
SH: 9:00 AM Marie Holtzapfel by John Kogut

Friday-Lenten Weekday (Mt 5:20-26)
No Morning Mass
SH: 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross/Benediction

Saturday-Lenten Weekday (Mt 5:43-48)
No Morning Mass

Second Sunday of Lent (Lk 5:1-11)
GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
GS: 9:00 AM Mike Connelly by Family
SH: 11:00 AM George Cassidy by Colleen Miller

REST IN PEACE

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

*Olga (Vincunas) Vincent and Sophia Serbak.
May the angels lead you into paradise.*

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

You are invited to join Bishop David Zubik, Katy Blythe, and Nick Sciarappa and other youth from the Diocese as they celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy and enter the Holy Door of St. Paul Cathedral.

PRAISE..WORSHIP..ADORATION..CONFESSION

The event takes place on Saturday, February 20, 2016 from 7:30 to 9:45 PM. Go to TINYURL.COM/PITTYOM to register.



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