

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

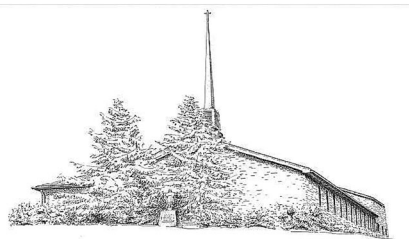
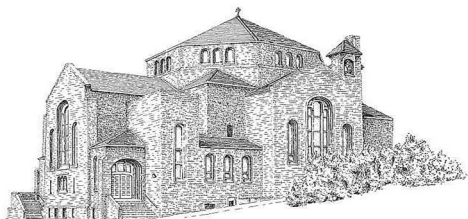
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

February 18, 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

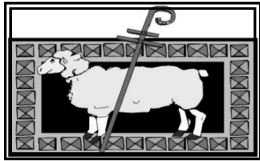
Parish Telephone Numbers

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 18, 2018
 From the Pastor's Desk

**FIRST SUNDAY
 OF LENT**

LENT 2018:

Mark reminded us on January 21, 2018, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time that Jesus said **"This is the time of fulfillment. Repent and believe in the Gospel"** and he does so again this week as we celebrate the First Sunday of Lent. So if you would like to repent during this Lenten Season I offer the following. Call me anytime for an appointment: 412-812-5275. Take advantage of the Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 PM Confession schedule at Good Shepherd Church. Or take advantage of "Our Lights are on For You" on Wednesday, March 21 from 3:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon and from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at Sacred Heart Chapel. However, I will break at 6:45 for the 7:00 PM Mass and then return till 9:00. Let's do all we can to make it a "Good Lent" and grow closer to God.

WELCOME HOME:

Welcome Home cards are again in the two vestibules. Kindly send one to someone who you think should be welcomed Home for Easter. Our Holy Week and East schedule follows. Please share it with them. But as I always say **"a personal invitation goes a long way."**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Monday, Tuesday March 26-27, 7:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart.

Wednesday, March 28, 7:00 AM Mass and 7:00 PM Mass at Sacred Heart.

Holy Thursday: March 29, 7:00 PM Good Shepherd Church. Church will be open till 10:00 PM.

Good Friday: March 30, Good Friday Liturgy at 1:30 PM at Good Shepherd Church.

Holy Saturday: March 31, Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM at Good Shepherd Church.

Easter Sunday: April 1, 9:00 AM Mass at Good Shepherd and 11:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart.

SEVEN CHURCH WALK:

Our **On Mission for the Church Alive** parishes will be open for the Seven Church Walk on Holy Thursday evening. We can car pool it, take our bus or join a neighbor on their bus depending upon your interest. Call the Office by **February 23 at 3:00 PM** and we'll know how to proceed. I may have more information next week to share. This way you can see the seven churches proposed for our grouping.

GOD'S POWER:

We are not in our power, but in the power of God.
 —St. Perpetua

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

This Is the Time of Fulfillment – The season of Lent is our yearly spiritual journey with Jesus through his passion, death and resurrection. As a community of faith we mark those important moments along the road to Calvary where Jesus revealed the immense depth of God's love for us. Individually, we choose to immerse ourselves in deeper prayer, the suffering of fasting and increased good works so that we might have our hearts transformed and made ever more like God's so that we can continue to reflect his great love in the world. This is a task that cannot wait. While we hope that heaven awaits us at a time still to come, we are called to ready ourselves now and be firmly set on the path to salvation. On Mission for The Church Alive! seeks to strengthen our communities of faith so that we might have every help and opportunity to be prepared for the Kingdom of God. May we be prepared during this time of fulfillment for all that God will work for us and through us. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 24-25:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kostyak, J. Hojnacki, T. Schleifer, D. Hrabley, J. Carleton, T. Troyan, K. Carroll

Lector: Mary Ann McClain

Server: Stephen & Daniel Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Leicht, C. DiNinno, P. Koncerak, J. Corbett, B. McDonell, M. Giulianelli, R. Russo

Lector: J. McLaughlin

Server: Josh DiNinno

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: H. Sullivan, C. Mirenyi, M. Garritano, C. Suppes, P. Fazio, C. Bakin

Lector: Rick Stamerra

Server: Morgan Skladany

MARCH 3-4:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, A.M. Dougherty, D. Trasoline, M. Colao, T. Schleifer, M. Leicht, P. Koncerak

Lector: Eric Helminiak

Server: Andy Connelly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, M & L Petri, J. Strednak, C. Suppes, J. McLaughlin, J. Carleton

Lector: Gina Piccolino

Server: Selah Corbett

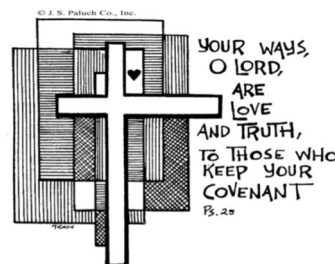
11:00 AM

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

Lector: Dorothy Danko

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*

LENTEN REGULATIONS

**Lent begins this week
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.

LADIES OF CHARITY

The ladies will meet next Sunday, February 25 at 12:15 PM at Sacred Heart Church Hall.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, Jesus encourages us to repent and believe in the Gospel. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Your almsgiving to the St. Vincent de Paul Society will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

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



Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, February 11th:	\$4,694.00
Parishioners receiving env: 563	env used: 214
Loose Offertory:	\$217.00
School Offering \$470.00	env used: 61
Loose School Offering	\$ 70.00
Votive:	\$195.00

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.

BISHOP CANEVIN HIGH SCHOOL

Scholarships and Financial Aid -- **How can I afford a Catholic high school education?** Applications are now being accepted for all 45 Bishop Canevin High School Scholarships, as well as the 2018-19 FACTS financial aid application, for students entering in fall. Applications scholarships and financial aid may be found on the school website at www.bishopcanevin.org. Scholarship applications are due March 1st. Financial Aid applications are due March 15th.

CALLED BY NAME

-- We're all called to holiness, but what does that mean? How does God invite us to holiness through His perfect plan for our lives? High school men and women: don't miss Called by Name, Sunday, April 15, 2018 from 4:00 pm – 8:30 pm at St. Paul Seminary! Come to explore our universal call to holiness as well as the particular vocations to priesthood and the religious life. This event features Father Rick Martignetti, OFM, and Katrina Buchko as speakers. Father Levi Hartle will lead praise and Father Mike Ackerman, Vocations Director, will emcee the night. The evening includes Mass, dinner, dynamic talks, and a time of adoration. No cost. To register, visit PGHPriest.com by April 6.

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.

LENTEN RENEWAL– St. Therese Parish--All are welcome to St. Therese Parish, 1 St. Therese Ct., Munhall, PA for their Lenten Renewal, **“Light-Life-Love: The Johannine Trilogy,”** with Fr. John Marcucci from Sun.-Wed., March 4 – 7, 2018. Presentations: March 4, 6 p.m., **“Overview of the Johannine Trilogy”**; March 5, 7 p.m., **“The Light of Christ Abolishes the Darkness of Sin”**; March 6, 7 p.m., **“The Life of Christ Conquers Death Itself”** (Reconciliation available afterward); March 7, 7 p.m., **“The Love of Christ Reveals the Divine Mystery”**; March 7, 1 p.m., Talk to Senior Citizens, **“Growing into an Ageless Spirituality.”** Meager Meal: Mon.-Wed. at 6 p.m. in Club Room (below church). For questions email sttherese@st-therese.net or call 412-462-8161. We hope you can join us!

DIVORCED, WIDOWED OR SEPARATED?

The loss of a spouse through separation, divorce, or death is a traumatic experience. The Beginning Experience weekend is intended to help widowed, divorced, or separated people who would like to pass through the grief and begin to move forward with their lives. Come to a safe place. The next retreat weekend will be March 9-11, 2018 at the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center, 5244 Clarwin Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229 which is located in West View/Ross Township. Payment arrangements and possible financial assistance are available. For more information, visit www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com or make a confidential call to Mary at 412-523-2405 or Rob at 412-584-5575

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish

February 18-25, 2018

First Sunday of Lent (Mk 1:12-15)

GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

GS: 9:00 AM Franni Mehalic

by Bob & Toni Burkovich

SH: 11:00 AM Stephen 'Mike' Lovas by Anita Cioppa

Monday-Lenten Weekday (Mt 25:31-46)

SH: 7:00 AM Dorothy Esquino by Theodore Schleifer

Tuesday-Lenten Weekday (Mt 6:7-15)

SH: 7:00 AM Janet Venditti by Husband

Wednesday-Lenten Weekday (Lk 11:29-32)

SH: 7:00 AM Catherine Motkowski by Irene Bielec

SH: 7:00 PM Raymond Yuhas

by Sophie & Gene Szatkowski

Thursday-The Chair of St. Peter (Mt 16:13-19)

SH: 7:00 AM Frank Fusca by Family

Friday-Lenten Weekday (Mt 5:20-26)

SH: 7:00 AM Edward Jendeski by Family & Friends

Saturday-Lenten Weekday (Mt 5:43-48)

No Morning Mass

Second Sunday of Lent (Mk 9:2-10)

GS: 4:00 PM Frank Trybus by Daughter, Ceil

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Genevieve Bulik by Family

REST IN PEACE

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

Bernard Thiem.

May the angels lead you into paradise.



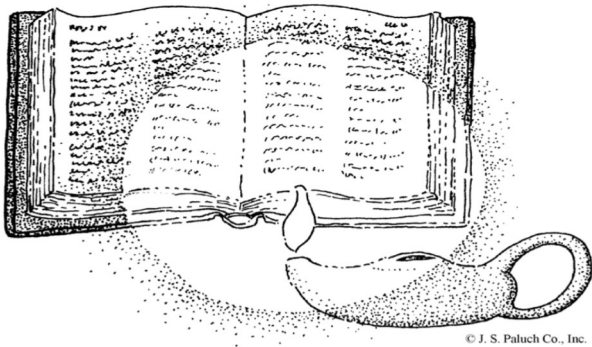
BAPTIZED LAST WEEKEND

Was **Skylar Elizabeth Ann Gross**,

Daughter of

Charles E. and Jennifer Petty Gross.

God bless **Skylar** and her parents!



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