

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

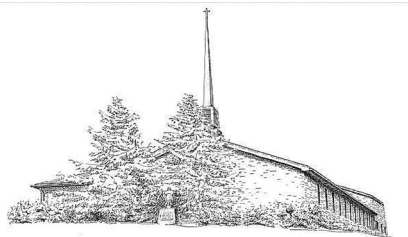
1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

**February 25, 2018**

Parish Office: 412-271-1515  
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Website: [www.goodshepherdbraddock.org](http://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

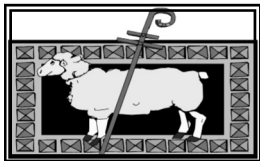
### Parish Telephone Numbers

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**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](mailto:tjsjrfhi3@verizon.net)

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



February 25, 2018  
*From the Pastor's Desk*

**SECOND SUNDAY  
 OF LENT**

**LENT 2018:**

On this Second Sunday of Lent we heard Jesus tell his disciples “not to relate what they had seen to anyone,” except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead.” The disciples wondered “what rising from the dead meant.” Well you and I know once they came to know “what it meant” nothing could hold them back. You and I are now entrusted with proclaiming “what it meant” truly meant and still means. Let us proclaim it by welcoming home someone for Easter and share with them these words from St. Cyprian from his treatise on the Lord’s Prayer.

What prayer could be more a prayer in the spirit than the one given us by Christ, by whom the Holy Spirit was sent upon us? What prayer could be more a prayer in the truth than the one spoken by the lips of the Son, who is truth Himself? It follows that to pray in any other way than the Son has taught us is not only the result of ignorance but of sin. He himself has commanded it, and has said: ***You reject the command of God, to set up your own tradition.***

So, my brothers, let us pray as God our master has taught us, to ask the Father in words his Son has given us, to let him hear the prayer of Christ ringing in his ears, to make our prayer one of friendship, a family prayer. Let the Father recognize the words of his Son. Let the Son who lives in our hearts be also on our lips. Father, when we ask forgiveness for our sins, let us use the words given by our advocate. He tells us: ***Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you.*** What more effective prayer could we then make in the name of Christ than in the words of his own prayer?

**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.

**THE REGIONALIZATION OF CATHOLIC  
 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:**

A good number of people from our Consortium of the six parishes of East Catholic met last Thursday with school officials of the Diocese. We were presented with many statistics concerning East Catholic. The most positive remark I walked away with was that nothing would be changing for us for the 2018-19 school year. However, to be cost effective, we need to recruit more and remain positive about the fact that we have a very good product—a Catholic School education—to offer to Catholics and non-Catholics alike.



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**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:** Stephen & Daniel Yezovich

**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

**MARCH 10-11:**

**4:00 PM**

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

**Lector:** Theodore Schleifer

**Server:** Andy Connelly

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Garritano, T & D Whyel, P. Koncerak, C. DiNinno, M. Giulianelli, B. McDonell

**Lector:** Nick Russo

**Server:** Christopher & Drew Yezovich

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** N. Moucheron, K. Carroll, J & M Besseck, P. Fazio, C. Bakin

**Lector:** Dr. Chester Chorazy

**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*

**LADIES OF CHARITY**

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

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the office bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

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

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

**AREA FISH FRIES**

Here’s some info about our area churches holding Lenten **Fish Fries** during Lent. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Madonna del Castello**

Fridays during Lent (excluding Good Friday) in Dattilo Hall from 12:00 Noon to 7:00 PM. 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. 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. Take out orders must be ordered at the Cafeteria. For info only, you may call the Office at 412-823-2564.

**MUSICAL REFLECTION ON THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The Good Shepherd Bell Choir will be offering a concert on Palm Sunday, March 25th at 2:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Church on Braddock Avenue. The concert will feature music that will help listeners meditate on the Stations of the Cross. Concert will last about an hour. It is free and open to the public. Join us as we reflect on Jesus's final days to prepare for his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

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***Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure***

**Sunday, February 18th:** \$5,837.00  
**Parishioners receiving env:** 563 env used: 228  
**Loose Offertory:** \$301.00  
**Votive:** \$186.00

***Thank you for your generosity!***

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**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](http://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](http://PGHPriest.com) by April 6.

**LEARN ABOUT MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS**

Divorced Catholics and everyone else who may be interested in learning about the annulment process are welcome to attend a free workshop with Jay Conzemius, JCL, judge and moderator of the Diocesan Tribunal. He will speak at three locations. Topics will include: theology of marriage; ministry of the tribunal; marriage annulment types; why, when and how to start the petition for annulment process; and a process overview. Afterward participants can ask questions and/or start the process. No reservations are required, but if you do plan to attend please email [AnnulmentsIntake@diopitt.org](mailto:AnnulmentsIntake@diopitt.org) or call 412-456-3033 so that seating arrangements can be made. The presentations are scheduled on the following dates, times, and locations in the local parish hall: March 6 (Tues), 7:00PM at Saint Bede (Point Breeze); March 7 (Wed), 7:00PM at Saint Peter (Slippery Rock); and March 13 (Tues), 7:00PM at Saint Ann (Waynesburg). All are welcome.

To register, email [tsullivan@diopitt.org](mailto:tsullivan@diopitt.org) by March 12.

**MEMORIAL OFFERING LAST WEEK:**

*Altar Bread, Altar Candles, Altar Wine,  
And Sanctuary Lamp:  
In Memory of Joseph Korotko  
by Wife, Pauline*

**IMPRESSION**

When we try to make an impression, that's the impression we make. —Anonymous

**Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:**  
**1-888-808-1235**  
**Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan**

### **WORD OF GOD PARISH**

Hand made religious articles by the Sisters of Saint Elisabeth Convent in Belarus, Russia will be available at the Parish Center at Word of God Church, 7436 McClure Ave., Swissvale on **Tues., Feb. 27, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.** The Sisterhood of Saint Elisabeth was founded in 1966 and they render spiritual, social, and financial support to the sick and suffering at the National Psychiatric Clinic, boarding home for children with special needs and mentally challenged adults, and a TB Clinic. To help these people, workshops were established on the grounds of the convent. Working together with the nuns and sisters they make beautiful articles (hand painted icons, crosses, crucifixes, woodcarvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, and vestments). You will support many people in need by purchasing items of devotion for yourselves and your loved ones.

### **SERRA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

**Serra Catholic's Placement Test** for incoming freshmen will be held on **Saturday, March 3rd from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.** Please contact Mrs. Lyons at **412-751-2020** to register.

**Meet Our Students Evening: Thursday, March 8th 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.** Incoming Freshmen, spend time with current students and find your place in our clubs, activities, and sports. Parents, attend workshops and find answers to all of your questions. about our Serra Catholic community! Please contact Mrs. Lyons at **412-751-2020** for more information.

### **EGG DECORATING FESTIVAL**

**Sunday, March 4, 2018..12 Noon—5:00 PM**

**Pitt Alumni Hall, 1st Floor**

**4227 5th Avenue, Oakland**

**(across from Cathedral of Learning)**

You are invited to enjoy this family oriented event and making your own designed Easter eggs (pisanki), palm weaving and Origami & flower making. Special children's activities, ethnic bake sale and more. Free admission and is sponsored by Nationality Rooms at University of Pittsburgh.

### **HOMESTEAD KNIGHTS OFCOLUMBUS**

**Council #2201**

YOU ARE INVITED! Join us on **Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**, in Saint Therese School Cafeteria for A Knight at the Races. Doors open at 6 P.M. The event features ten horse races and an Auction Race to end the evening. Your \$10 in advance admission ticket includes: Dinner buffet, beer, soft drinks, refreshments, and program of the evening's races. Advanced purchase of horses are \$10 and can be made by phone to **George Wagner (412) 823-8011**, or you may send an e-mail to **timmy1825@aol.com**. The deadline to have your money in is March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Admission tickets at the door will be \$20. This is an adults only, **B.Y.O.B.**, event. Proceeds go to the Coats for Kids Program, and our goal for 2018 is to provide over 200 new coats to kids in St. Therese Parish community.

# MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish  
February 25-March 4, 2018

## 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

## Monday-Lenten Weekday (Lk 6:36-38)

SH: 7:00 AM George & Florence Pastirik  
by Evelyn Ward

## Tuesday-Lenten Weekday (Mt 23:1-12)

SH: 7:00 AM John Hudak by Wife & Family

## Wednesday-Lenten Weekday (Mt 20:17-28)

SH: 7:00 AM Dolores Curry by Theodore Schleifer

SH: 7:00 PM Kerry Miller Brady  
by Jerry & Janet Taylor

## Thursday-Lenten Weekday (Lk 16:19-31)

SH: 7:00 AM Sophia Serbak by Family & Friends

## Friday-Lenten Weekday (Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)

SH: 7:00 AM Anna Melko  
by Ben & Mary Ann Peticca & Family

SH: 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

## Saturday-Lenten Weekday (Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)

No Morning Mass

## Third Sunday of Lent (Jn 4:5-42)

GS: 4:00 PM Joseph Napolitano, Sr.  
by John Vahosky & Family

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Frances Walther by Daughter, Fran

### REST IN PEACE

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

*Catherine Benton, William F. (Bill) Hallinan, and  
Edna Marie Walter.*

*May the angels lead you into paradise.*



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Happy 75th Wedding  
Anniversary to  
Harry and Kay Lucas!"  
They will celebrate this  
wonderful occasion on  
February 28th.  
God bless you Harry & Kay!

## Birthday



Wishes

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Our Birthday wishes go out to  
Frank Kolano  
Who will celebrate his 95th  
Birthday Thursday, March 1st.  
God bless you Frank!

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**WEEK!!!**