

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

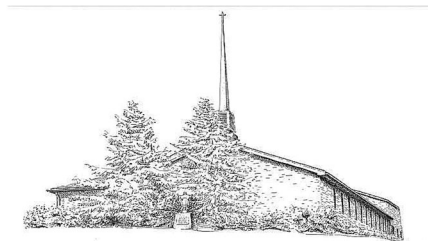
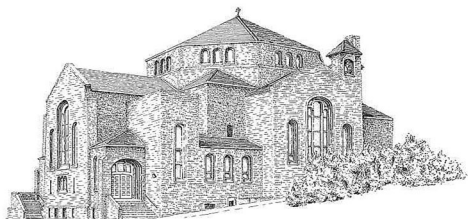
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

February 26, 2017

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

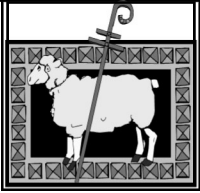
Parish Telephone Numbers

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

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 26, 2017
From the Pastor's Desk
**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY TIME**

ASH WEDNESDAY:

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday March 1st. We will have mass at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church. We will do the same on each Wednesday of Lent. Stations of the Cross will be on Friday evenings at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart. My prayer for each of you this Lent will be that you grow closer to God and to your loved ones. On Wednesday, March 15th we will also have Confessions from 6:00 to 6:30 PM and after Mass until 9:00 PM. Our regular Confessions are on Saturday afternoons at Good Shepherd Church from 3:00 to 3:30 PM. And you can always call me for an appointment if these times are not convenient for you.



**Ash
 Wednesday**

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PATZUN GUATEMALA:

As we use our Rice Bowls we will be supporting San Bernardino School in Patzun, Guatemala. I gleaned this from a brochure put out at Holy Sepulcher Parish at which I also supported San Bernardino School so the figures therein may not be exact but they are close.

Our Mission: As manifestation of our love for Jesus Christ and in cooperation with the Holy Spirit, Good Shepherd Parish is helping the people of Patzun, Guatemala to help themselves.

Our support focuses on San Bernardino School. The top academic institution in the state of Chimaltenango (population 448,000), the school has operated on little more than faith since the 1997 death of its founder, Padre Justiniano, and subsequent embezzlement of its endowment.

Good Shepherd is helping San Bernardino to stand on its own in serving 1,100 students. San Bernardino is the stairway out of poverty and boasting seven recent ordinations, a path to the priesthood.

Perhaps God is calling you to offer your labor and love to help his children in this remote and beautiful land. If so, you can help by using the Rice Bowl or just send a donation. You can support a needy child by providing a half-scholarship to San Bernardino School (\$50).

San Bernardino 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.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

I'm hoping you didn't lose sleep because of your joyful expectation of **what is Fr. Al going to invite us to?** It's a program called "**Called by Name.**" It's for you and your Youth Minister (that's me). It will be on Sunday, April 30th from 4:00 to 8:30 PM. See the sign on the bulletin board. Plan to attend and meet some other good Christian young men and women. Sing a bit, pray a bit, and answer a call to holiness. This will help you to be prepared for your leadership role to help keep the Church Alive in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

MARCH 4-5:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, Anna M. Dougherty, P. Humberson, D. Hrabley, T. Schleifer, J. Kaczmarek, M. Leicht
Lector: Eric Helminiak
Servers: Steven & Daniel Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, L & M Petri, M. Giulianelli, C. DiNinno, P. Koncerak, J. McLaughlin
Lector: Gina Piccolino
Server: Josh DiNinno

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, C. Suppes, P. Fazio, S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas, K. Carroll
Lector: Ken Bitkowski
Server: Brian Kelly

MARCH 11-12:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kostyak, J & M Besseck, J. Carleton, M. Leicht, J. Hojnacki, M. Colao
Lector: Jeff McLaughlin
Server: Andrew Connelly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Garritano, D & T Whyel, B. McDonell, J. Strednak, T. Schleifer, M. Giulianelli
Lector: Nick Russo
Server: Selah Corbett

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Barbusio, E. Foster, C. Bakin, K. Bitkowski, R. Stamerra, H. Sullivan
Lector: Paulette Fazio
Server: Brianna Skladany

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



*Not even Solomon
 in all his splendor
 was arrayed like
 one of these.*

*Peace and Love,
 Father Semler*

2017 PARISH SHARE PROGRAM

The new campaign begins this weekend, February 25-26. Please use your pledge cards that have been mailed out to you if you are making a one time gift or a pledge. If you prefer, you may instead use the monthly envelope provided in your contribution packet to donate to the campaign. As always, your participation in the program is greatly appreciated.

MONTHLY COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

The MCC for March will be celebrated **Wednesday, March 29th** at 9:00 AM at Sacred Heart. Please send in your intentions by Monday, March 27th.

LADIES OF CHARITY

Our ladies meet today, Sunday, February 26th at 12:00 Noon at Sacred Heart Hall.

BELL CHOIR FUND RAISER

The Bell Choir is holding a Penny Drive after masses this weekend, so find those loose pennies or other coins and drop them off with members of the bell choir in the back of the church or you may send them to the Parish Office.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Pastoral Council will hold their first meeting of the year on **Monday, March 6th** at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. Please call the Parish Office 412-271-1515 if you cannot attend or let another member know if you cannot attend.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Jesus tells us that our heavenly Father knows all that we need, and so we need to let tomorrow take care of itself as today has troubles enough of its own.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families providing food and utility bills, etc. Thank You!

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

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE

BE RENEWED IN YOUR BAPTISM THIS LENT. Each year Lent offers us a time to reflect on our **Baptism**. At Baptism we are welcomed into the community of faith, the Church. In the waters of Baptism we are made like Christ and become beloved sons and daughters of the Father. Through Baptism the Holy Spirit sends us forth as disciples to use our gifts to help others learn, love and live Jesus. This is the call of **ALL** the baptized, not just a few.

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, February 19th:	\$ 4,359.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 231
Loose Offertory:	\$249.00
Votive:	\$160.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Here is a reminder of Lenten Regulations

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. Additionally, the optional memorial of Saint Patrick falls on a Friday this year and its celebration would not be considered sufficient reason as it is not a Solemnity of the liturgical calendar.

PRE CANA CLASS

Our Pre Cana class will be held on Sunday, March 12th at Sacred Heart Hall from 1:00—5:00 PM. The donation per couple is \$40.00. You may register by email at jloedocauto@aol.com or call Joe or Anna Marie at 412-351-3710.

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

LENTEN FISH FRIES

Madonna del Costello: Datillo Hall, 2021 S. Brad-dock Avenue, Swissvale. Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday) from Noon till 7:00 PM. Baked or fried cod dinners, eggplant, shrimp basket, sandwiches, haluski, macaroni & cheese, pasta e fagioli, applesauce, baked goods and beverages. There is a children's menu and takeout orders; deliveries made within a reasonable distance until 2:00 PM. For orders/information please call 412-271-3959.

St. Colman: School Cafeteria, 100 TriBoro Avenue, Ash Wednesday, Fridays of Lent (including Good Friday) from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. Hand-dipped Fried or Baked Cod, Sides: Fish Sandwich \$7.00, Mix or match 2 Sides-\$4.00. Sides include: haluski, pierogis, macaroni and cheese, french fries, cole slaw, Boston clam chowder, crab cake and bake sale. There is an ATM on the premises.

St. Maurice: Centurion Hall, 2001 Ardmore Boulevard, Forest Hills. Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday, 3:30 to 7 p.m., Centurion Hall. Baked or fried fish, shrimp, macaroni and cheese, sandwiches, coleslaw, haluski, french fries, pizza, pierogies. Adults, \$6; children, \$3.75; sandwiches, \$3.50. Also take-outs.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

The Catholic Daughters of the America, Court Westin-house #759 extends an invitation to all interested Catholic women, age 18 and older to an informational social being held Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria Meeting Room of St. Colman Parish, 100 Tri-boro Avenue, Turtle Creek. Contact Lisa McCann at 412-519-8762. The organization's web sites are: www.catholicdaughters.org (National Organization) and www.cdapa.com (State Organization).

POLISH PISANKI WORKSHOP

(Decorating Easter eggs)

Sunday, March 5th - 12 to 5 p.m.

University of Pittsburgh - Posvar Hall, Oakland
(Behind Hillman Library), FREE ADMISSION

Sisters of Divine Providence, an equal opportunity employer, caring for geriatric members of the religious community in North Hills, has immediate openings for: Nurse Aides/Med Techs. Part-time, all shifts. Submit resume to eburkarth@larochel.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 26-March 5, 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mt 6:24-34)

GS: 4:00 PM John Hudak by Wife & Family
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
SH: 11:00 AM Vittorio Colucci by Family

Monday-Weekday (Mk 10:17-27)

SH: 9:00 AM Philip Mariani by Vince Dougherty
Tuesday-Weekday (Mk 10:28-31)
SH: 9:00 AM Holy Face of Jesus
by Jacob & Carolyn Peternel

Ash Wednesday (Mt 6:1-6,16-18)

SH: 9:00 AM Betty & Eleanore Latsko
by Larry Trasky
SH: 7:00 PM Jimmy & Marianne Renda
by Ed & Karen Carroll

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

SH: 9:00 AM Josephine Caban by Sister, Gen

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

No Morning Mass
SH: 6:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
SH: 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Lk 5:27-32)
No Morning Mass

First Sunday of Lent (Mt 4:1-11)

GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
GS: 9:00 AM Beth Bitkowski by McLaughlin Family
SH: 11:00 AM Frank & Bessie Ribich
by Frank Ribich

REST IN PEACE

*In your charity, we remember all those
who have died, especially: **Margaret Banish.**
May the angels lead you into paradise.*

MEMORIAL OFFERING THIS WEEK:

*Altar Wine:
In Memory of **Ernest Ambrose Kristopaitis**
by Toni Pels.*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Happy Anniversary wishes to **Harry and Kay Lucas.**
They will celebrate their **74th** Wedding Anniversary on
Tuesday, February 28th. *God bless you Harry & Kay!*



Happy Birthday to
Rose (Chickie) Misko who will
celebrate her 93rd birthday on
February 28th.

Birthday Wishes also go out to
Frank Kolano who will celebrate his 94th Birthday
on March 1st.

God bless you Rose and Frank!

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