

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

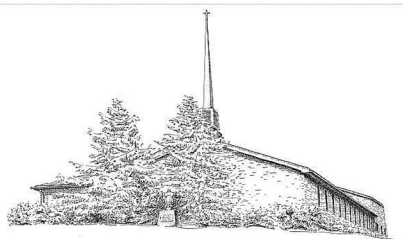
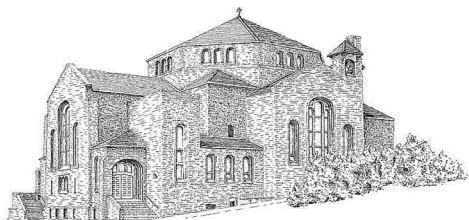
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

February 28, 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

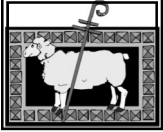
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (micky52@comcast.net)
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance
Sr. Judith Stojhovic

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 28, 2016
From the Pastor's Desk

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

LENT 2016:

As we journey through Lent in this Year of Mercy, I want to share our extended Confession schedule which gives everyone a chance to seek God's MERCY through this Sacrament. I'll be in the Confessional at Sacred Heart (it's in the Chapel by St. John & Paul's picture) on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 to 8:45 AM and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 6:45 PM.

On March 9th when the Diocese has "**The Lights are on for You**" program throughout the Diocese, I will return to the Confessional after Mass until 9:00 PM. Confessions are also heard on Saturday at 3:00 PM in Good Shepherd Church every week.

Four to six Priests will be at St. Maurice Church Tuesday evening, at 7:00 PM for a Penance Service and Confessions. And you can always call me for an appointment.

LIVING STATIONS:

Looking for a way to deepen your Lenten experience this year? Consider attending a performance of "**The Living Stations of the Cross**" at St. Maurice Church, 2001 Ardmore Blvd, Forest Hills on Tuesday, March 15th or at Word of God Church, 7446 McClure Avenue, Swissvale on Sunday, March 20th. The "Living Stations" will be presented by the 6th, 7th and 8th graders, who are members of East Catholic School "Fine Arts Club," under the direction of Miss Mary Beth Koontz. The "Living Stations" is an experiential musical journey through Christ's Passion, as well as a spiritual wake up call that provides a visual realization of what Christ went through on His way to the Cross. The music propels the participants through the story so that each feels present at the foot of the cross, not just as an observer, but as an active participant in salvation history. The Living Stations is an ideal way to grow in love for each other and for Christ. These Stations reflect deeply on the Scriptural accounts of Jesus Christ's Passion to help us prepare for Holy Week.

The presentation is scheduled for Tuesday March 15th at St. Maurice at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM and at St. Anselm Church/Word of God at 3:00 PM on Sunday, March 20th. Admission is free.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL:

We will take up the **Campaign for Human Development Collection** on the weekend of **March 19-20** since we already have a second collection (Monthly Offering) on March 5th and 6th. I will have a write up the week before the collection takes place and you may hold on to your envelope for the collection until then.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

We often think of religious education as something for children. But to be a disciple of Christ is to be a learner. And that learning doesn't stop with the last CCD class of our youth. Every day we should learn and grow in our Catholic faith because discipleship is a lifelong pilgrimage. Adult challenges require an adult faith. Make a pledge today to check on what your parish might offer for education in the faith. Sign up. Take part. And grow in faith.

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

MARCH 5-6:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Hojnacki, M. Colao, F. Szekely, D. Hrabley, P. Humberson, C. Mireni, M. Leicht

Lector: Theodore Schleifer

Server: Andy Connelly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Carleton, L & M Petri, B. McDonell, J. Strednak, M. Giulianelli, C. DiNinno

Lector: Nick Russo

Servers: Josh DiNinno

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: E. Foster, J. Barbuiso, J. Kondas, S. Szatkowski, N. Moucheron, K. Carroll

Lector: Paulette Fazio

Server: Brandon Howell

MARCH 12-13:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kostyak, J. Carleton, J. Kaczmarek, T. Schleifer, C. Mireni, J & M Besseck

Lector: Mary Ann McClain

Server: Steve Yezovich

9:00 AM

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

Lector: Gina Piccolino

Servers: Julia Piccolino, Selah Corbett

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Bakin, P. Fazio, K. Bitkowski, H. Sullivan, M. Nash, J. Kondas

Lector: Rick Stamerra

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,
Father Semler*

LADIES OF CHARITY

Our Ladies of Charity will meet today Sunday, February 28th at 12:15 PM at Sacred Heart Hall.

PRE CANA

Our Pre Cana Class will be held next 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.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next Women's Guild meeting will be on Tuesday March 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. At this time we will be collecting dues and discussing upcoming plans for the new year. *All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend and see what the Women's Guild is all about.*

2016 PARISH SHARE PROGRAM

It is important that those who made a pledge to our 2016 Parish Share Program wait to make payments until you receive your first billing statement. It will be mailed to you around April 18, 2016. The card identifies your donation and will help to keep the bookkeeping straight.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Evan Cuccaro**. We received word from Central Catholic High School that Evan achieved High Honor Roll for the first semester. Keep up the good work Evan!

ST. 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 rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Through your gifts in the month of February, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to "give something for the poor."

St. Vincent de Paul phone: 412-437-8370

DAMAGE

Hatred does more damage to the person in whom it is stored than to the person on whom it is poured.
—Anonymous

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure	
Sunday, February 21st:	\$6,093.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used:313
Loose Offertory:	\$196.00
Votive:	\$ 97.00
May God bless your generosity!	

EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE/

Somewhere Over the Rainbow Story Time

East Catholic School, 2001 Ardmore Boulevard in Forest Hills, Pa will host an informational **Open House** for families who are exploring educational options for their children in grades Pre-K through 8 on Sunday, March 13, from 1:30 – 3:00 pm in School Cafeteria.

As part of "Open House" activities, East Catholic School, is inviting all children (ages 3 through 7) who are ready to begin preschool, kindergarten or first grade in August, 2016 to join us for a "Somewhere Over the Rainbow Story Time" from 1:30 pm –3:00 pm..

We invite all children ages 3—7 along with a parent or guardian to come to our "Somewhere Over the Rainbow Story Time". Walking tours of the school will be available during Story Time. Tour our beautiful campus and discover the wonderful educational opportunities available to your child. See firsthand how "East Catholic School" offers a rich curriculum that fosters a faith-filled, value-centered, quality education for your child in a safe and caring environment that sets us apart. Registration for Story Time is required by calling the East Catholic School Office 412-351-5403 during school hours (8:30 am - 2:00 pm) by Friday, March 11, 2016. An informal program is planned with school tours and an opportunity to discuss grade level curriculum. Admission information will be available including details about tuition, financial aid, after-school care, and extra-curricular activities.

RETROUVAILLE

A lifeline for troubled marriages. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. Please call for confidential information at 412-277-3434 or see

<http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/>

OPEN HOUSE AT La ROCHE COLLEGE

Saturday, April 9

High school sophomores, juniors and seniors are invited to the Spring Open House on Saturday, April 9. There are more than 50 career-focused majors. They'll also learn more about the admissions process, financial aid and the college's merit-based scholarships, based on SAT/ACT and GPA, which make La Roche College one of the most affordable private colleges in Western PA. A tour of the buildings and grounds and a complimentary lunch is included. The event is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., beginning in the Kerr Fitness Center with light refreshments and select faculty table discussions. Registration is online at laroche.edu. (Groups register by calling 412-536-1272.)

Questions? admissions@LaRoche.edu or 412-536-1272. La Roche College is a private, nonprofit, Catholic, co-educational institution in Pittsburgh's North Hills.

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!

SLOVAK MASS AND SLOVAK EASTER CUSTOMS

Saturday, March 19, 2016

The annual celebration of a traditional Slovak Mass and Easter Customs Breakfast will take place on Saturday, March 19, 2016, at St. Adalbert Church, (160 So. 15th Street) South Side. The Holy Rosary, prayed in Slovak, will begin at 10:45 a.m., followed by the Holy Liturgy at 11:00 a.m. Following Mass, guests are invited to gather at the Prince of Peace Parish Center (81 South 13th Street) to sample a traditional Slovak Easter breakfast of sunka (*ham*), kolbasy (*sausage*), pysanky (*dyed eggs*), paska (*sweet bread*), sirek (*cheese made of eggs*), hrin (*beets and horseradish sauce*), and kolace (*sweet cakes*). Cultural displays, craft demonstrations, a "Slovak Auction," and unique gift items will also be available. An Easter basket, full of goodies for your own Slovak Easter breakfast, under a unique hand-embroidered basket cover, will be raffled.

There is **NO CHARGE** for admission, but donations are gratefully accepted. Doors to the breakfast hall open following the Mass (approximately Noon). For more information or to make a donation, call Connie or Paul Zatek at (412) 488-8238.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
February 28-March 6, 2016

Third Sunday of Lent (Jn 4:5-42)
GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
GS: 9:00 AM John Hudak by Wife & Family
SH: 11:00 AM Antoinetta Viselli by Viselli Family

Monday-Lenten Weekday (Lk 4:24-30)
SH: 9:00 AM Kathleen Murtland
by Daughter, Judi and Grandchildren

Tuesday-Lenten Weekday (Mt 18:21-35)
SH: 9:00 AM Renee Burkhardt by Gerry O'Toole

Wednesday-Lenten Weekday (Mt 5:17-19)
SH: 9:00 AM Michael Connelly by Family
SH: 7:00 PM Philip Mariani by Mary Slaminko

Thursday-Lenten Weekday (Lk 11:14-23)
SH: 9:00 AM Catherine Motkowski by Mary Huber

Friday-Lenten Weekday (Mk 12:28-34)
No Morning Mass
SH: 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross/Benediction

Saturday-Lenten Weekday (Lk 15:1-3,11-32)
No Morning Mass

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Jn 11:1-145)
GS: 4:00 PM Joseph Simko
by John Varoscak & Fran Acmovic
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
SH: 11:00 AM Diane Shockling
by Mom, Regina Shockling

REST IN PEACE

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

**Emilia DiLucente, Francine Franzetta,
Joanne Klimko and Amelia Roman.**

*Also, please remember **Dorothy Esquino**,
a long time parishioner who was buried last week..*

May the angels lead you into paradise.

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

Our good wishes go out to **Harry and Kay Lucas** who are celebrating their **73rd** Wedding Anniversary today, February 28th. God bless you Harry and Kay.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Greetings to
Frank Kolano,
who will celebrate his 93rd
Birthday on March 1st.

This bulletin is from
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PRINT COVER, ADS,
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WEEK!!!