

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

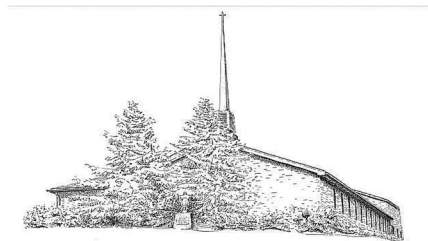
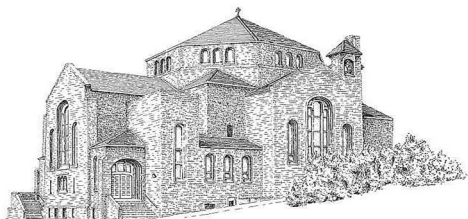
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

March 5, 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

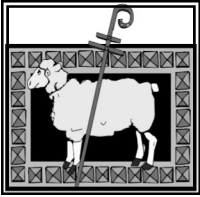
Parish Telephone Numbers

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.



March 5, 2017
From the Pastor's Desk
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

LENT 2017:

We got off to a good start last Wednesday. It's always a spiritual **BOOST** for me to see how many people come for ashes and with a firm purpose to enrich themselves spiritually. My prayer for each of us is that we can keep the **MOMENTUM** going until we celebrate the great feast of Easter.

This weekend we are reminded of the temptations that Jesus received. It also reminds us that Satan never takes a vacation and that is ever present to us to tempt us to participate in wrong doing. Remember that phrase that I remind all of us often **"Get behind me Satan."**

OUR LIGHTS ARE ON FOR YOU:

Our Lights are On For You program will be on Wednesday, March 15 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM in every parish for Confession. **Because we have evening Mass on Wednesdays of Lent, ours will go from 5:45 to 6:30 PM at Sacred Heart Church.** Then after Mass until 9:00 PM. But just to let you know I've heard you, I will also hear Confessions from 3:00 to 3:30 PM at Sacred Heart. I also hear Confessions every Saturday at Good Shepherd from 3:00 to 3:30 PM. And of course, you can always call for an appointment.

WELCOME HOME FOR EASTER:

There are **Welcome Home cards** in the vestibule that you can send to a family member or friend with a personal note to join you at Mass during Lent and again on Easter Sunday. A great gesture would be to make sure they get a weekly bulletin with times and dates. **This would be a great way to do your part to help keep the Church Alive.**

RICE BOWLS:

Because of the kindness of my parishes of the past for the Patzun Mission, we have been able to provide water purification filters for 50 classrooms and for many of the homes that the children come from. We've managed to do many improvements to their buildings especially repairing roofs. Plus we've supplied many personal and school needs. So, please know that if you support our Rice Bowl program, your support will be a **BIG HELP** to many children and passing up that candy bar or can of soda may be good for your health.

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.

ARE YOU REGISTERED? All Catholics need a place of worship to call "home." If you regularly worship with us but are not registered now is the time to make it official. Please complete a confidential census form which is in the Gathering Space and return it to the office. Please call the office at 412-271-1515 if you have any questions.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

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

MARCH 18-19:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Hojnacki, T. Schleifer, P. Humberson, D. Hrabley, J. Kaczmarek, T. McAdams, K. Bitkowski
Lector: Angelina Hornick
Servers: Steven & Daniel Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: T & D Whyel, L & M Petri, P. Koncerak, C. DiNinno, R. Russo
Lector: Jeff McLaughlin
Server: Christopher & Drew Yezovich

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas, C. Suppes, K. Carroll, J & M Besseck
Lector: Chester Chorazy
Server: Olivia Joscak

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*

2017 PARISH SHARE PROGRAM

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.

SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

The Seniors will hold their monthly meeting, Wednesday, March 8th at Sacred Heart Hall. Doors open 11:00 AM. New members are welcome.

2017 dues are payable at this meeting (same as last year). This meeting depends on the weather. If in doubt if the meeting will take place, call Betty at 412-824-8819.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Pastoral Council will hold their first meeting of the year this **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.

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 joedocauto@aol.com or call Joe or Anna Marie at 412-351-3710.

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.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Lent is a call to “give alms 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.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.

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

THE HEAVIEST LOAD

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.

—Anonymous

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, February 26th:	\$ 4,873.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 248
Loose Offertory:	\$260.00
Votive:	\$197.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE

OUR LIFE OF FAITH IS A RELATIONSHIP OF LOVE. We live in relationship with God, and it is an active relationship like a parent and a child, or among friends. We also live in relationship with our sisters and brothers in faith. Baptism calls us to foster and deepen our relationships of love with God and others. Think of a relationship that you can foster this week that will enliven your faith. And visit OnMission-ChurchAlive.org, sign up for e-mail updates and stay active.

BIBLE STUDY WITH A DIFFERENT TWIST

will be sponsored by St. John Fisher Church, Churchill on Thursday evening, March 9th at 7:00 PM. You are invited to attend at the Rectory Meeting Room (near the garages) to watch a movie “Bella.” It is a beautiful story in which the beauty of the Bible surfaces in human beings in the joys and struggles of their lives. Wine and cheese will be served. No cost; just come. Call the Rectory Office at 412-241-4722 to register.

IS SOMEONE YOU LOVE IN A TROUBLED MARRIAGE?

You might suggest that they consider Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille has helped 10's of thousands; it can help them. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 31, 2017, contact Retrouvaille at **412-277-3434**. More information is available at <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/>

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**

LOVE AND DEEDS

God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them. —St. Teresa of Ávila



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 7:00 PM.. 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).

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

The Franciscan Associate program is an engaging way for women and men to pray, serve and share in the mission and spirit of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities without changing their lifestyles. Grow closer to God in the spirit of St. Francis. Orientation sessions begin March 19. For more information, please contact LaVerne Winkowski at 412-481-8113 or Sister Mary Grace Blum at 412-821-1603.

LENT

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Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish March 5-12, 2017

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

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

SH: 9:00 AM Adam Mains by Loretta Yanowich

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

SH: 9:00 AM Casmer R. Iannuzi by Family

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

SH: 9:00 AM James Ward by Ed & Patty Ondovcik

SH: 7:00 PM Diane Shockling by Mom, Regina

Thursday-Lenten Weekday (Mt 7:7-12)

SH: 9:00 AM Jane Schubert by Schubert Family

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

No Morning Mass

SH: 6:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

SH: 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

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

No Morning Mass

Second Sunday of Lent (Mt 17:1-9)

GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

GS: 9:00 AM Donna Hidinger

by Boy Scout Troop #61

SH: 11:00 AM Toni Viselli by Anna & Amedeo Viselli

REST IN PEACE

*In your charity, we remember all those
who have died, especially: Fran (Barbusio) Coyne
and Agnes (Hohman) Wyckoff.
May the angels lead you into paradise.*

MEMORIAL OFFERING THIS WEEK:

Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Altar Candles

And Sanctuary Lamp:

In Memory of Blanche & Stanley Miara

by Donna Miara.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Turtle Creek Center's Meals on Wheels Program. They are in need of volunteers to deliver meals to home-bound seniors who are not able to cook or shop for themselves. Please consider helping these seniors!

Call Jan: 412-824-6880 Eastern Area Adult Services

DAYLIGHT



*Don't forget to
Turn your
Clocks ahead
Sunday, March 12th.*

This bulletin is from
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PRINT COVER, ADS,
AND OUTSIDE TABS
IN CYAN EVERY
WEEK!!!