

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

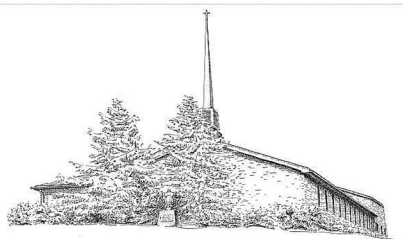
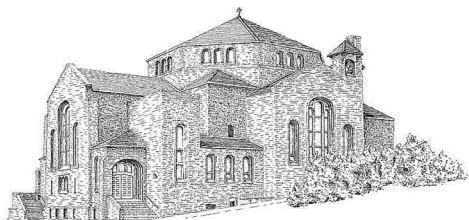
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

March 6, 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

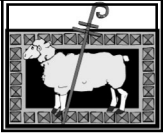
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (micky52@comcast.net)
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance
Sr. Judith Stojhovic

Parish Telephone Numbers

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Fax.....412-271-1222
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- **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.



March 6, 2016

From the Pastor's Desk
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MINISTER SCHEDULE

LENT 2016: LAETARE SUNDAY

That's Latin. The Fourth Sunday of Lent was traditionally known as Laetare Sunday because the introit, Entrance Antiphon, began with the Latin word Laetare which means rejoice as it set a tone of joyful anticipation of the Easter mystery. We are permitted to wear rose colored vestments to signify joyful anticipation and even flowers are permitted. So.....let us rejoice today that Lent is more than half over and Easter is joyfully anticipated.

So here is our Holy Week schedule which begins Sunday, March 20th.

Palm Sunday: Regular Saturday & Sunday Mass Schedule.

Monday & Tuesday: 9:00 AM Masses SH.

Wednesday: 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM Masses SH.

Holy Thursday: 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper GS

Good Friday: 1:30 PM Good Friday Liturgy at GS

Holy Saturday: 12 Noon Blessing of Easter Food SH
7:30 PM Vigil of Easter GS

Easter Sunday: 9:00 AM Mass GS,
11:00 AM Mass SH

CONFESSIONS:

The Lights Will Be On For You this Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 6:45 PM, Mass at 7:00 PM and Confessions again until 9:00 PM.

Confessions will continue during Lent every Wednesday morning from 8:00—8:45 AM, and in the evening from 6:00—6:45 PM and on Saturdays from 3:00—3:30 PM including Holy Saturday in this Year of Mercy.

Also we will have Confessions at St. Maurice on Tuesday, March 22nd at 7:00 PM until all are heard. Five or six priests will be there. And of course, you may always call 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 at 1:00 and 7:00 PM or at **Word of God Church**, 7446 McClure Avenue, Swissvale on Sunday, March 20th at 3:00 PM. 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 ideal way to grow in love for each other and for Christ. These Living Stations help us prepare for Holy Week. Admission is free.

DEACON JOE will be on retreat next weekend. He will give the homilies on Easter this month.

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

MARCH 19-20:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: F. Szekely, D. Hrabley, P. Humberson, M. Leicht, T. Schleifer, J. Hojnacki, T. McAdams

Lectors: Cathy Mireni, Angie Hornick

Server: Andy Connelly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: T & D Whyel, L & M Petri, J. Strednak, M. Giulianelli, B. McDonell

Lectors: Gina Piccolino, Jeff McLaughlin

Servers: Julia Piccolino, Selah Corbett

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Barbusio, E. Foster, N. Moucheron, K. Carroll, S. Szatkowski, R. Stamerra

Lectors: Dorothy Danko, Paulette Fazio

Server: Brandon Howell

MARCH 26-27:

7:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, A. Kostyak, J. Kaczmarek, T. Schleifer, K. Carroll, J. Carleton, C. DiNinno

Lectors: Mary Ann McClain, Eric Helminiac

Server: S. Yezovich, A. Connelly, J. DiNinno, B. Howell

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, M. Leicht, P. Koncerak, R. Russo, J. Strednak, B. McDonell, M. Giulianelli

Lector: Jennifer Miller

Servers: Selah Cobett

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, H. Sullivan, M. Garritano, C. Mireni, J & M Besseck

Lector: 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,
Father Semler*

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.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will meet this 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.*

SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

The Seniors will hold their regular monthly meeting this Wednesday, March 9th at Sacred Heart Hall. Doors open at 11:00 AM; meeting at 12:00 Noon (Depending on the weather). 2016 Dues are payable at this meeting. (You can also celebrate Betty Obecunis' 94th birthday that day!)

Father Al will stop by and will hear confessions. **New members are always welcome.**

HANDBELL CONCERT AND WORKSHOP

Team 1 will be offering a free concert next Sunday, March 13th at 2:30 PM at Good Shepherd Church. The ringers will play a variety of songs as well as explaining all of the equipment and techniques used in each piece. The concert will last about an hour. Afterwards, Kelly and Rob will hold a beginning handbell workshop for anyone who has ever wanted to learn how to ring the bells. The workshop will last about 45 minutes. Join us and learn more about our parish's unique handbell program and get a chance to give the bells a try up close and personal.



HANDBELL CHOIR EASTER COOKIE WALK

The handbell choir will be sponsoring a Spring Cookie Walk. We will be set up in the parish center at Good Shepherd from 4:30 - 6:00 PM on Saturday, March 19th, and at Sacred Heart Hall on Sunday, March 20th from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Stop by and grab some goodies to put away for Easter baskets or to enjoy after your Lenten fasts. If you would like to help out the Bell Choir by donating baked goods for the event, feel free to let Kelly or Rob know. Call Kelly at (412)728-2404 or Rob at (412)901-1588.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Members of our Pastoral Council will meet this Monday, March 7th at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. If you are unable to attend, please call the Parish Office.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for the May 15th Calendar Party at Good Shepherd Parish Center at 12:00 Noon. If anyone is interested in hosting a table for this popular event, please contact Peg at 412-824-2588.



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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Alison Flora is in the process of scheduling times for the 43 sittings between the days of Saturday, April 2 and Sunday, April 3. If you are unable to make these dates, you can be photographed at another church and you would still be in our directory. For more information, please contact Alison at 412-480-7965 (during the evening hours).

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 next **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 1:30-3:00 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.

School tours are planned 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.

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, February 28th:	\$6,117.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used:307
Loose Offertory:	\$256.00
Votive:	\$162.00

May God Bless your generosity!

MADONNA DEL CASTELLO/WORD OF GOD

PARISH MISSION

New Mercy at Every Dawn

Monday, March 7 – God is Merciful: 7:00 PM - Mass and reception, Madonna

Tuesday, March 8 – God Shows Us His Mercy: 7:00 PM - Talk and reception, Word of God

Wednesday, March 9 – Communal Penance with Individual Confession: 7:00 PM – Madonna

Fr. Jean-Luc will give the homily and join three other priests for confessions.

Thursday, March 10 - We Reflect God's Mercy: 7:00 PM- Talk and reception, Word of God

Mission Leader: Fr. Jean-Luc-Zadroga, OSB, a monk at St. Vincent Archabbey, ordained a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh in 2001. He served as parochial vicar for St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Sebastian, and St. James, Sewickley. He professed his solemn monastic vows in 2012 and served as a chaplain in campus ministry. He currently works with Alumni and Admissions. He has a Master of Arts in Theology from St. Vincent Seminary.

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.

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.

Madonna del Castello, 2021 S. Braddock Avenue, Swissvale
Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday) from Noon—7:00 PM in Dattilo Hall.

Your support will be greatly appreciated!

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

Conversion stories are fascinating. Older generations heard the stories of Knute Rockne of Notre Dame or John Wayne, the movie legend, both famous converts drawn to the friendship of Jesus. Others know of the former Protestant theologian Scott Hahn or Norma McCorvey, the former pro-abortionist activist. But for each of us, every day is a call to conversion, a call to “reform” our lives to Christ, to grow deeper in faith. Our daily pilgrimage of conversion lasts a lifetime. Ask yourself at the end of each day—what was my moment of conversion today?

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.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

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Fourth Sunday of Lent (Jn 9:1-41)
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

Monday-Lenten Weekday (Jn 4:43-54)
SH: 9:00 AM Casimer Ianuzzi
by Jim & Barbara Moening

Tuesday-Lenten Weekday (Jn 5:1-16)
SH: 9:00 AM Jane Schubert by Al Burkhart

Wednesday-Lenten Weekday (Jn 5:17-30)
SH: 9:00 AM John Hudak by Linda Yanowich
SH: 7:00 PM William Adams by McLaughlin Family

Thursday-Lenten Weekday (Jn 5:31-47)
SH: 9:00 AM Madeline Repic by Family

Friday-Lenten Weekday (Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30)
No Morning Mass
SH: 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross/Benediction

Saturday-Lenten Weekday (Jn 7:40-53)
No Morning Mass

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Jn 11:1-45)
GS: 4:00 PM Korotko & Mitnik Families
by Joe & Pauline Korotko
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
SH: 11:00 AM George J. Bandik by Family

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to **Betty Obecunis**, who will celebrate 94 years on Wednesday, March 9th.

Happy Birthday to **Rose Misko**, who celebrated her 92nd Birthday on February 28th.



God bless you Betty and Rose!

CONGRATULATIONS

to our children who made Honor Roll status at East Catholic:

Highest Honor: **Claire Yezovich**
High Honor: **Josephine Cunningham**
Honor: **Olivia Joscak and Ryan Walker**
Keep up the good work!



SPRING AHEAD

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour for Sunday, March 13, 2016

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IN CYAN EVERY
WEEK!!!