

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

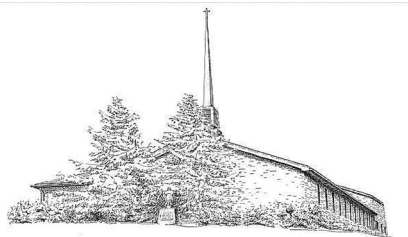
1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

*March 11, 2018*

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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

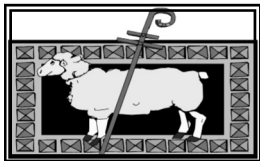
### Parish Telephone Numbers

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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](mailto:tjsjrfhi3@verizon.net)

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



**March 11, 2018**  
*From the Pastor's Desk*

**FOURTH SUNDAY  
 OF LENT**

**LENT 2018:**

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Our Gospel began "Jesus said to Nicodemus: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." I'm sure Nicodemus was scratching his head and wondering what this could possibly mean. However you and I know the rest of the story and so we know, let us continue prayerfully to celebrate this Sacred Event in a few more weeks.

A rose vestment and the word "REJOICE" is part of today's celebration to remind us that Lent is now more than half over and the joyful celebration is getting closer.

**WELCOME HOME:**

Let us welcome someone Home for Holy Week and Easter. Please share this schedule with them.

**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, Blessing of Baskets** at 12 Noon at Sacred Heart Church.

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 LIGHTS ARE ON FOR YOU:**

Confessions will be on Wednesday, March 21st. I'll be at Sacred Heart from 3:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-9:00 PM. I break away for the 7:00 PM Mass at about 6:45 PM. Our usual Saturday Confessions are from 3:00-3:30 every Saturday at Good Shepherd Church and you can always call for an appointment.

**DEACON PROGRAM:**

Bishop Zubik has called for a Deacon Program to begin in the near future. The program was outlined in last week's Pittsburgh Catholic. I have some extra copies. Any man interested should let me know. Deacon Joe and I will be glad to share with you what we know. Deacon Joe could probably share more since he is living the permanent Deacon Program now. If you are married I am sure Joe's wife Anna Marie would be glad to share her experiences with you. Now is the time to have a look. You can decide later if you want to give it a try. I'll list the Diaconate information sessions for April next week.

**ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE**

For God So Loved the World – God the Father's great act of love for us, his children, was sending his only Son, Jesus, into the world. By coming to earth, Christ humbles himself by taking on human flesh, yet he is able to show us a new and vibrant way of life by teaching love without condition but mercy in all circumstances. The ultimate sign of this love comes as Jesus takes our sins, the sins of all the world upon himself and reconciles us to the Father as he suffers and dies on the cross. Then follows the light of the resurrection in which the gates of heaven are flung open so that we can live with God for ever. The love of God endures forever! As we prepare for the changes to come as part of the On Mission for The Church Alive! initiative, we are called to remember that God is always at work for us and through us. While we may face challenges, it is God who will strengthen the Church, so great is his love for us. Let us cooperate with him in the days to come to help the Church grow. Visit [onmissionchurchalive.org](http://onmissionchurchalive.org) to learn more and to stay informed.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**MARCH 17-18:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Joe, J & M Besseck, D. Trasoline, M. Colao, T. Schleifer, C. Mirenzi

**Lector:** Angelina Hornick

**Server:** Stephen & Daniel Yezovich

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** C. Suppes, T & D Whyel, L. Petri, J. Strednak, B. McDonell, R. Russo

**Lector:** Mark Petri

**Server:** Josh DiNinno

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Barbusio, S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas, E. Foster, K. Carroll, P. Fazio

**Lector:** Carolyn Bakin

**Server:** Olivia Joscak

**MARCH 24-25:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** A. Kostyak, J. Hojnacki, T. Schleifer, D. Hrabley, P. Humberson, T. Troyan, J. Carleton

**Lector:** Mary Ann McClain

**Server:** Andy Connelly

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Leicht, J. Corbett, M. Giulianelli, M & L Petri, P. Koncerak, C. DiNinno

**Lector:** Jeff McLaughlin

**Server:** Selah Corbett

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** H. Sullivan, C. Mirenzi, M. Garritano, C. Suppes, N. Moucheron, C. Bakin

**Lector:** Rick Stamerra

**Server:** Morgan 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*

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal/ National Catholic Collection for Black and Indian Missions/ Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

**Our School collection** falls this the weekend of March 10-11, therefore we will do the Diocesan appeals next weekend, **March 17-18.**

**A. Catholic Home Missions Appeal:** The Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports the Home Missions in places like Appalachia, the Deep South, and the Rocky Mountain states where the Catholic Church struggles just to keep parishes open and to educate the children in the faith. **B. National Collection for Black and Indian Missions:** Poor churches and schools greatly depend on these funds to continue their local programs and pastoral activities.

**C. Catholic Campaign for Human Development:** CCHD supports low-income people as they work together to advance education opportunities, create jobs and improve access to services for the disabled.

*Your support, as always, would be greatly appreciated.*

**"OUR FAITH IN ACTION:"**

**Today's Society of St Vincent de Paul**

Have you considered becoming a member but did not know what you would be getting into? Wondered what it is the Society does? Tune in to **EWTN** for a 10-episode network TV series featuring the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Please consider watching any or all of these 10 episodes on the dates and times listed here: Sundays (starting March 4th and ending May 6th) at 6:30 am and also 4:30 pm --or-- Saturdays (starting March 10 and ending May 12th) at 6:00 pm. If you become intrigued and would like to join our conference or if you have further questions, please call our phone line at 412-437-8370 and leave your name and number and one of our members will contact you.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Our next Bingo will be held at Sacred Heart Hall on **Sunday, April 8th.**

*Plan for an afternoon of fun and prizes and tell all of your friends!*



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**Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure**

<b>Sunday, March 4th:</b>	<b>\$6,128.00</b>
<b>Parishioners receiving env: 563</b>	env used: 266
<b>Loose Offertory:</b>	<b>\$290.00</b>
<b>Monthly Offering: \$1,160.00</b>	env used: 65
<b>Loose Monthly Offering:</b>	<b>\$146.00</b>
<b>Votive:</b>	<b>\$233.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**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. 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.

**EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2018-2019 School Year**

**East Catholic School** –welcomes prospective new families who are interested in learning about our programs from 3year old Preschool through the 8<sup>th</sup> grad. Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is now open. Please call the office at 412-351-5403 from 8:30 am–2:00 pm to schedule a tour of the school, to request information or to discuss registration requirements. We provide Pre –K, and full day kindergarten through grade 8 programs.

Tour our beautiful campus and discover the wonderful educational opportunities available to your child. Meet parents, students, teachers and administration and 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. Come join us and be a part of “East Catholic School” at 2001 Ardmore Blvd., Forest Hills, PA 15221. Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2018 to be eligible for Kindergarten.

**East Catholic School Open House/ Easter Parade” 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 eight. The Open House will be held on **Sunday, March 18, 2018** from 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm in Keane Hall ( 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, 2017 to join us for a “Easter Parade” from 1:30 pm –2:30 pm. Children may wear an Easter bonnet or hat and enjoy a “Easter Parade” story time with singing, thinking, playing and some crafts.

We invite all children ages 3 through 7 along with a parent or guardian to come to our “Easter Parade”. 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. Meet parents, students, teachers and administration and 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 and can be made by calling the East Catholic School Office 412-351-5403 during school hours (8:30 am until 2:00 pm). **Last day for registration is Friday, March 16, 2018.**

## **TODAY IS GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY**

Spiritual traditions give girls a sense of history and unity as they aspire to be their best selves. For Girl Scouts, religious recognition programs reinforce many of the values they learn through Girl Scouting and help them grow stronger in and learn more about their chosen faith. You can learn about faith-based programs and recognitions for Girl Scouts at [gswpa.org](http://gswpa.org).

Girl Scout volunteers come from all walks of life; they're men, women, young professionals, retirees, college students and more. Learn about becoming a Girl Scout troop leader at [gswpa.org](http://gswpa.org) or call them at 800-248-3355.

## **SUPPORT FOR PA DOWN SYNDROME PROTECTION LEGISLATION**

As many as 90 percent of unborn children diagnosed in utero with Down Syndrome in the United States are aborted, according to the findings of some studies. Legislation that will be introduced into the Pennsylvania House of Representatives would enact a ban on aborting an unborn child as a result of a Down Syndrome diagnosis. It is imperative to protect the sanctity of life at every stage, and this bill would protect Down Syndrome children in the womb. At this time, the lawmakers introducing the bill are requesting fellow state representatives to support this bill. Tell your state representative to support this bill by sending them a message today! Please share this link with the faithful so that they can support this endeavor: <https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/x3ZcfQBKX19zikYjgIArkg>.

**CALLED BY NAME** -- 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.

## **AREA FISH FRIES**

### **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.

# MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish  
March 11-18, 2018

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

GS: 4:00 PM John Badar by Wife, Margaret  
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish  
SH: 11:00 AM Dolores Barbusio by Husband, Guigno

**Monday-Lenten Weekday** (Jn 4:43-54)

SH: 7:00 AM Helen Greca  
by Connie & Joe Germanoski

**Tuesday-Lenten Weekday** (Jn 5:1-16)

SH: 7:00 AM Genevieve "Jen" Bulik  
by Karen Knaresborough

**Wednesday-Lenten Weekday** (Jn 5:17-30)

SH: 7:00 AM Raymond Yuhas by Mary Carney  
SH: 7:00 PM Edward Stamerra by Dolly Fusca

**Thursday-Lenten Weekday** (Jn 5:31-47)

SH: 7:00 AM Edward Adams by Helen Yurko

**Friday-Lenten Weekday** (Jn 7:1-2,10, 25-30)

SH: 7:00 AM Theresa Connelly by Mulkerrin Family  
SH: 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**Saturday-Lenten Weekday** (Jn 7:40-53)

No Morning Mass

**Fifth Sunday of Lent** (Jn 9:1-41)

GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish  
GS: 9:00 AM Janet Venditti by Bob & Ginny Reeder  
SH: 11:00 AM Kathleen Sullivan  
by M/M Andrew Skladany

**REST IN PEACE**

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

**Barbara Zagorac.**

*May the angels lead you into paradise.*

**Birthday**

**Our Birthday wishes go out to**

**Betty Obecunis** who celebrated her  
95th Birthday on March 9th.

**Margaret Joschak**, celebrating her  
92nd birthday this weekend (March 10).

**Betty Kolano** who will celebrate her  
91st birthday on March 16.

**God bless you Betty, Margaret and Betty!**



**Wishes**

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**BAPTIZED LAST WEEKEND**

was **Samantha Jean Coats**,  
daughter of

Ricky D. Coats and Jackilynn N. Nash.

God bless **Samantha Jean**  
and her parents!

**Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:**

**1-888-808-1235**

**Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan**

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**IN CYAN EVERY**  
**WEEK!!!**