

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

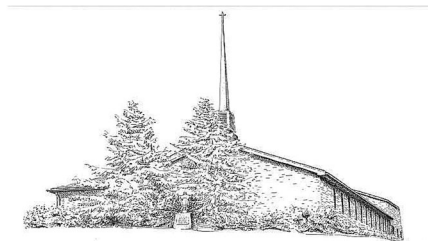
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

March 12, 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

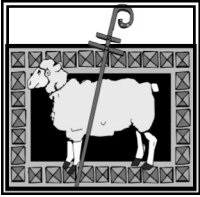
Parish Telephone Numbers

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 12, 2017
From the Pastor's Desk
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

LENT 2017:

In today's Gospel we heard Peter say "Lord it is good that we are here." Well we can repeat those same words today as we worship our God at this mass. It is not only good that we are here but it is even better because while here we can also receive His Body and Blood. And, as a bigger and better bonus we also know the "rest of the story." So as we continue to move towards Easter may our spiritual lives continue to be enhanced.

OUR LIGHTS ARE ON FOR YOU:

This Wednesday is **Our Lights are On For You** celebration. I'll have the lights on for you for Confession at Sacred Heart Church from 3:00 to 3:30 PM, 5:45 to 6:30, then I'll break for Mass at 7:00 PM and return after Mass until 9:00 PM.

As a reminder, Confessions are heard every Saturday from 3:00 to 3:30 PM at Good Shepherd Church and you can call for an appointment at 412-812-5275 if these times do not fit your schedule.

WELCOME HOME FOR EASTER:

And don't forget to welcome a family member, a friend, or a co-worker to join you at Church for Easter. We will have our Saturday evening Mass at 7:30 PM at Good Shepherd Church because it's extra special and starts at a later time. Easter Sunday Masses will be as usual, 9:00 AM at Good Shepherd Church and 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Church.

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. **This would be a great way to do your part to help keep the Church Alive.**

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The Pastoral Council met last Monday evening. Father Al reported that he thought the Cluster Meeting (the six parishes that make up East Catholic School is our cluster) went well and was very positive. Our cluster seems to understand that the On Mission for the Church Alive! is very much needed. A suggestion came up that it might be good for everyone to visit other parish churches to get a better knowledge of their size, condition, and parking situations. Please know you can offer thoughts and suggestions at any time using the information given weekly in the Pittsburgh Catholic. I am happy to see that most of our extra copies "go" every week. And once again I say if you want a copy mailed to your house every week just call the office and we'll see that you get one.

Father Al also mentioned that the Festival will NOT be held this year. Volunteer sign ups were a real problem. So he hopes that you will put the money you spent on

donations in your Monthly Envelope to help "make up" the short fall. This is called a Silent Festival. I'll give more on this later. Some people are working on other events to help us enjoy fun and fellowship. Stay tuned. One event is Bingo. Our next Bingo will be held Sunday, April 23rd.

We continue to show St. Helen's but don't have any offers at this point. As of now we are trying to keep the Church and Rectory together.

East Catholic School is in the process of upgrading it's technology. The Pastors and the Principal, Sr. Judith, have agreed that we should set up a separate Technology account. If you are willing and able to support this project, you can send your donation to me. I'll credit it on your church donations and put it into this account.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

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

MARCH 25-26:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Colao, J. Carleton, A. Kostyak, K. Carroll, T. McAdams, J. Kaczmarek, F. Szekely

Lector: Theodore Schleifer

Server: Andy Connelly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Leicht, J. Strednak, J. McLaughlin, L. Petri, B. McDonell, M. Giulianelli, C. DiNinno

Lector: Mark Petri

Server: Josh DiNinno

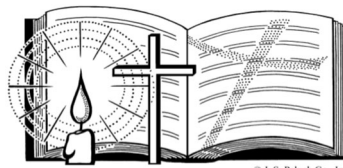
11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: N. Moucheron, H. Sullivan, M. Garritano, C. Mirenzi, E. Foster, P. Fazio

Lector: Carolyn Bakin

Server: Brian Kelly

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*

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

This marks the 31st year of the Boy Scouts doing "Scouting for Food." We appreciate all the support that you, the members of Good Shepherd have provided over the years to help out our community. This year we are asking again for your assistance in providing help to our local food banks. Our troop tries to keep the donations we collect in our community.

The Scouts will pass out bags on the weekend of March 25-26 at all the Masses. They will collect the food on the weekend of April 1-2.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and may God bless all of you.

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. **Your first pledge payment reminder card will not be issued until April 24. Please wait until you receive the first reminder card to pay on the pledge you made.** 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.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to him."

Do we listen to Jesus when he asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering? Your gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

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

BINGO

Good Shepherd Social Club will sponsor their next Bingo on Sunday, **April 23rd** starting at 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. Admission is \$20.00 paid at the door (no ticket pre sale). There will be 16 regular games and 4 specials. Refreshments will be available for purchase.



EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE/

"Down By the Pond" 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 19, 2017** from 1:30 pm – 3:00 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 **"Down by the Pond" Story Time from 1:30 pm-3:00 pm.** Children will enjoy a "Down by the Pond" 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 "Down by the Pond" 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. 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 17, 2017.**

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 fagiole, 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, 2:30 to 7:00 PM.. Dinner: your choice of fried fish, baked fish or shrimp basket (includes 2 sides and dinner roll \$8.50; Pierogies (sold by dozen for take out only) choice of potato & cheese or sauerkraut \$7.00; Pasta dinner w/ marinara \$5.00; fish sandwiches-baked or fried \$6.00, some of the sides are coleslaw, haluski, french fries, pizza. Take-out available, call 412-723-1200.

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, March 5th:	\$ 7,556.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 290
Loose Offertory:	\$282.00
Monthly Offering: \$ 1,512.00	env used: 77
Loose Monthly Offering	\$112.00
Votive:	\$223.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY POT OF GOLD BINGO:

ST. MAURICE will hold the bingo Friday, March 17, following the Fish Fry. Games start promptly at 7:00 PM. Benefits Sacred Heart of Jesus Sister Parish Program in Atassi, Ghana. Refreshments. 20 Games for \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. For more information contact Liz Kostandinu at 412-418-2687 or Mary Porco at 412-951-0879. Cash Prizes.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

The Catholic Daughters of the America, Court Westinhouse #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 Triboro 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).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL #4210

Enjoy a Night of Irish Food and Fun, St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance at Holy Trinity Church Hall, 529 Grant Avenue Ext., West Mifflin on Saturday, March 18, 2017, Advance Ticket Price \$20 Single / \$35 Couple and Ticket prices after March 11th \$25 Single / \$45 Couple, Doors open @ 7:00 pm, For Ticket information Contact: George Wagner, Chairman (412) 823-8011 or Tim Richards, GK (412) 414-4919, BYOB, Beer and mixers provided. Proceeds benefit the Duquesne / West Mifflin Knights of Columbus Council #4210 to purchase Coats for Kids Project.

SACRED ARTS EXHIBITION/FESTIVAL: Call

for Artists--Our Lady of Grace Church, Scott Township, is seeking artists to participate in an exhibition of their work(s) in the Pentecost Sacred Arts Festival May 31 thru June 4, 2017. Artworks submitted for this juried exhibition are required to be in the Judeo-Christian Tradition. Rev. Vincent de Paul Crosby, O.S.B., a monk at St. Vincent's Archabbey, award-winning artist and consultant, is the juror for this event. \$1200 in cash prizes will be awarded. Deadline for entries is March 31, 2017. You may download the event brochure with the prospectus for the exhibition and entry form on the Parish website at **http://www.olgscott.org/apps/bbmessages/** To receive a brochure by mail, call (412) 279-7070.

IS SOMEONE YOU LOVE IN A TROUBLED

MARRIAGE? You might suggest that they consider Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille has helped 10's of thousands. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 31, 2017, contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434.

TRUE FRIENDSHIP

A true friend can hear a tear drop.

—Anonymous

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish March 12-19, 2017

Second Sunday of Lent (Mt 17:1-9)
GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
GS: 9:00 AM Donna Hidingner
by Boy Scout Troop #61
SH: 11:00 AM Toni Viselli by Anna & Amedeo Viselli

Monday-Lenten Weekday (Lk 6:36-38)
SH: 9:00 AM Sissy Parsons
by John Kogut & John Fier

Tuesday-Lenten Weekday (Mt 23:1-12)
SH: 9:00 AM Philip Mariani by Mary Slaminko

Wednesday-Lenten Wednesday (Mt 20:17-28)
SH: 9:00 AM Lenny Yurko
by Elaine Pacella & Janet Peretic

SH: 7:00 PM
Thursday-Lenten Weekday (Lk 16:19-31)
SH: 9:00 AM Adam Mains
by John, Becky & Alex Vahosky

Friday-Lenten Weekday (Mt 21:33-43,45-46)
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

Third Sunday of Lent (Jn 4:5-42)
GS: 4:00 PM Mary Alice Laird
by Friends at the Beauty Shop
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
SH: 11:00 AM Dolores Barbusio by Husband, Guigno

REST IN PEACE

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

MEMORIAL OFFERING THIS WEEK:

*Sanctuary Lamp:
In Memory of **George J. Bandik**
by Family.*

Birthday



Wishes

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Our good wishes go out to
Leona Zolnierzak who celebrat-
ed her 92nd birthday on March
10th.

Happy Birthday to **Betty Kolano**
who will celebrate 90 years on
March 16th.

God bless you Leona and Betty!

This bulletin is from
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IN CYAN EVERY
WEEK!!!