

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

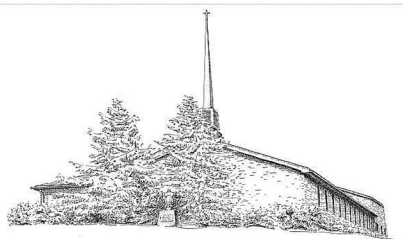
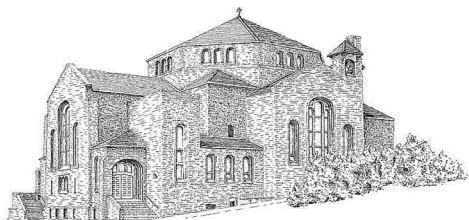
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

March 13, 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

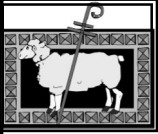
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (*micky52@comcast.net*)
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance
Sr. Judith Stojhovic

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.



March 13, 2016
From the Pastor's Desk
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LENT 2016:

Office of the Readings

From a sermon by Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop

There are three things, my brethren, by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant, and virtue endures. They are prayer, fasting and mercy. Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, mercy and fasting: these three are one, and they give life to each other.

Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. Let no one try to separate them; they cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing. So, if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others you open God's ear to yourself.

When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny others, your asking is a mockery.

Let this be the pattern for all men when they practice mercy: show mercy to others in the same way, with the same generosity, with the same promptness, as you want others to show mercy to you.

Therefore, let prayer, mercy and fasting be one single plea to God on our behalf, one speech in our defense, a threefold united prayer in our favor.

Let us use fasting to make up for what we have lost by despising others. Let us offer our souls in sacrifice by means of fasting. There is nothing more pleasing that we can offer to God, as the psalmist said in prophecy: ***A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; God does not despise a bruised and humbled heart.***

Offer your soul to God, make him an oblation of your fasting, so that your soul may be a pure offering, a holy sacrifice, a living victim, remaining your own and at the same time made over to God. Whoever fails to give this to God will not be excused, for if you are to give him yourself you are never without the means of giving.

To make these acceptable, mercy must be added. Fasting bears no fruit unless it is watered by mercy. Fasting dries up when mercy dries up. Mercy is to fasting as rain is to the earth. However much you may cultivate, sow virtues, if you do not release the springs of mercy, your fasting will bear no fruit.

When you fast, if your mercy is thin your harvest will be thin; when you fast, what you pour out in mercy overflows into your barn. Therefore, do not lose by saving, but gather in by scattering. Give to the poor, and you give to yourself. You will not be allowed to keep what you have refused to give to others.

HOLY WEEK—WOW!

Holy Week is a very important time for our Diocese and our county. On Monday at 7:00 PM at St. Paul Cathedral, Bishop Zubik will have a **Service of Apology**. You are invited to attend.

And then he will travel to Washington, D.C. to testify before the Supreme Court concerning the HHH Mandate on Wednesday. He has requested that every parish hold Eucharistic Adoration as we pray for a victory for religious freedom. **Our parish will be holding Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, March 23rd from 6:00—7:00 PM.** Please come and spend some time in the presence of Jesus, praying for religious freedom.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

MARCH 19-20:

4:00 PM

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

Lectors: Cathy Mirenyi, 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. Mirenyi, 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** next weekend **March 19-20**. The collection date was rescheduled due to our second collections the first two weeks of the month.

HANDBELL CONCERT AND WORKSHOP TODAY

Team 1 will be offering a free concert today, **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.

LADIES OF CHARITY

The ladies will meet next Sunday, **MARCH 20th** at 12:15 PM at Sacred Heart Chapel. The date is changed because the last Sunday of the month is Easter.

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).

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.

GORZKIE ZALE, (Polish Lenten Lamentations), will be held at the Immaculate Heart of Mary church in Polish Hill today, Sunday, March 13, at 3:00 PM. Bishop Zubik will be celebrant.



SCHEDULE

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

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure	
Sunday, March 6th:	\$7,027.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used:307
Loose Offertory:	\$224.00
Monthly Offering: \$1,327.00	env used: 75
Loose Monthly:	\$ 54.00
Votive:	\$162.00
May God Bless your generosity!	



March 17
Happy St. Patrick's Day!

CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC

On Good Friday evening, March 25, at 7:30 PM, the University of Pittsburgh Men's Glee Club under the direction of Richard Teaster will present "A Concert of Sacred Music" at St. John Fisher Church, 33 Lewin Lane, Churchill. All are invited to this sacred and uplifting evening of music marking the death of Jesus Christ. A free will offering will be taken.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday, March 26, 2016 on the church grounds at St. John Fisher Church, Churchill. This fun-filled experience for the children will be their "special way" to begin the celebration of Easter. Registration is required (no cost) and must be in no later than Wednesday, March 23rd. For more information, please call the Church Office at 412-241-4722.

SUPER BINGO

The bingo will take place at St. Jude the Apostle Church Hall on Saturday, April 2nd at 6:45 PM. St. Jude is located at 405 Westinghouse Avenue, Wilmerding, PA 15148. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Package includes 18 cards, 3 specials are included in pack for a donation of \$25.00. The hall is handicap accessible. Good food will be available. For more information, please call the office at 412-823-8390. All are invited.

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!

CENTRAL CATHOLIC "GOLF BASH"

The "Golf Bash" will benefit the upcoming 2016 football program. The event will be held May 7th at the Westview Banquet Hall, 398 Perry Highway, Pgh, PA 15229 from 1:00 to 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$25.00 which includes 2 chances to win a golf prize every 15 minutes, free buffet and refreshments. There will be a 50/50 raffle and other raffles during the event. For more info or to purchase tickets, contact Jason 412-600-3877 or Beth at 412-848-1524.

Email: lizzy23t@hotmail.com

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
March 13-20, 2016

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
Monday-Lenten Weekday	(Jn 8:12-20)
SH: 9:00 AM Edward Jendeski	by Margie Yurko
Tuesday-Lenten Weekday	(Jn 8:21-30)
SH: 9:00 AM Ricky Foster	by Vahosky Family
Wednesday-Lenten Weekday	(Jn 8:31-42)
SH: 9:00 AM Mary Cinciripini	
	by Linda Linsenbigler
SH: 7:00 PM Helen Martincevic	
	by Daughter, Helena Ambroffi
Thursday-Lenten Weekday	(Jn 8:51-59)
SH: 9:00 AM Linda Snyder	
	by Dave & Barbara Ferguson
Friday-Lenten Weekday	(Jn 10:31-42)
No Morning Mass	
SH: 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross/Benediction	
Saturday-St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary	
	(Mt 1:16,18-21)
No Morning Mass	
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	
	(Lk 22:14-23.56)
GS: 4:00 PM Paul Getsy	by Margaret & Marlene
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish	
SH: 11:00 AM Dolores Barbusio	by Husband

REST IN PEACE

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

**Dolores Curry, Thomas Barno, Robert Lloyd, Robert
'Mal' Garritano, Mike Chervenak, Karl Quinten.**
May the angels lead you into paradise.

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH MEMORIAL OFFERING:

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



Happy Birthday!

Birthday wishes go out to:

Leona Zolnierzak who turned 91
on March 10th.

Winnie Clougherty who will
celebrate her 97th
birthday on March 17th.

God bless you Leona and Winnie!

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IN CYAN EVERY
WEEK!!!