

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

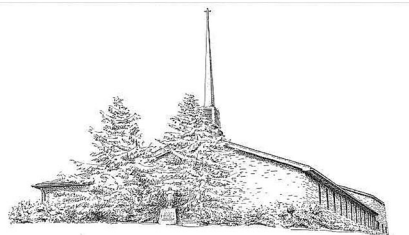
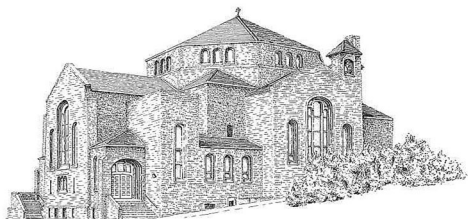
1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

*March 18, 2018*

Parish Office: 412-271-1515  
Fax: 412-271-1222

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

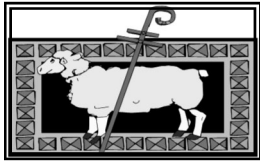
### Parish Telephone Numbers

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Phone: ..... 412-351-3710  
Fax.....412-271-1222  
e-mail.....[gshepoffice@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:tjsjrfhi3@verizon.net)

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



**March 18, 2018**  
*From the Pastor's Desk*

**FIFTH SUNDAY  
 OF LENT**

**LENT 2018:**

Today we celebrate the 5TH Sunday of Lent. Philip hears the request **"We would like to see Jesus."** And we will if we put our heart and soul into our Holy Week Celebrations beginning next week with Palm Sunday. Hopefully you have been successful in inviting someone "Home for Easter." Our Holy Week schedule follows:

**Palm Sunday, March 25,** Saturday, 4:00 PM Mass at Good Shepherd, Sunday, 9:00 AM Mass at Good Shepherd and 11:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart.

**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 this 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 Confessions are scheduled from 3:00-3:30 every Saturday at Good Shepherd Church and you can always call for an appointment.

**BISHOP ZUBIK CALLS FOR  
 NEW CLASS OF DEACONS:**

I need to send in my nominations by May 15. I will continue to share information about the program with you. Posters, brochures and Inquiry postcards are in the vestibules of each church. One may nominate themselves to me or one may suggest to me someone who they feel would be a good Deacon. As they begin the process they need to be between 30 and 59 years of age. Here are 4 informational meetings and wives are also invited to attend.

All four sessions will take place in Domenec Hall at St. Paul Seminary, 2900 Noblestown Road in Crafton:

- Monday, April 9, 7:00—9:00 PM**
- Saturday, April 14, 9:00-11:00 AM**
- Wednesday, April 18, 7:00-9:00 PM**
- Wednesday, April 25, 7:00-9:00 PM**

These sessions are a good opportunity for someone who thinks he might have a vocation to the diaconate to learn about the program, ask any questions he might have, and meet some of our deacons.

**ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE**

**We Would Like to See Jesus** – To see Jesus is our ultimate goal in life. Yes, there are many ways that Jesus shows himself to us – in the Eucharist and the other sacraments, in the hearts of those who love and serve in his name – but to meet him in heaven is what we desire most. Each day, not just during Lent, we should seek to follow the path that leads to him by living virtuous lives and drawing near to God in prayer. Yet, we know that we can't do this alone. In fact, it is the Church that Christ himself established that is to be our support on this journey through life to the glory of heaven. As the Church of Pittsburgh is On Mission for The Church Alive! we pray that this initiative will result in a stronger, more vibrant Church. And while we may wonder if that will mean a difference in our lives, we should be assured that it will! A stronger local Church means that we will be better supported on our journey with Jesus to eternal life.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**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

**MARCH 31-APRIL 1:**

**7:30 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Eucharistic Volunteers

**Lector:** Theodore Schleifer, Jeff McLaughlin

**Server:** Assigned

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Leicht, L & M Petri, B. McDonell, J. Strednak, C. DiNinno, P. Koncerak

**Lector:** Nick Russo

**Server:** Christopher & Drew Yezovich

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Barbusio, S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas, E. Foster, K. Carroll, R. Stamerra

**Lector:** Dorothy Danko

**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,  
 Fr. Semler*



**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

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

*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 (started March 4th and ends 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.**

**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.

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***Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure***

**Sunday, March 11th: \$3,805.00**  
**Parishioners receiving env: 563 env used: 226**  
**Loose Offertory: \$255.00**  
**School Offering: \$364.00 env used: 38**  
**Loose School Offering: \$ 80.00**  
**Votive: \$129.00**

***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 PM 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.

**BINGO**

Our next Bingo will be held at Sacred Heart Hall on **Sunday, April 8th**. Bingo starts 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. For more information, call Peggy at 412-824-2588.



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

**AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION TODAY  
Holy Trinity Church, West Mifflin  
529 Grant Ave Ext  
West Mifflin, PA 15122**

The Knights of Columbus, Council 4210 will be sponsoring **An Afternoon of Lenten Reflection** today, March 18, 2018 at **3:00 PM**. The service will include Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Lenten Meditations and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Refreshments will follow in the Church Hall. All are welcome!

**SAM – SUBSTANCE ADDICTION MINISTRY**

The next Substance Addiction Ministry Rosary for Recovery will be **Wednesday, March 21, 2018** at St. Januarius, 1450 Renton Rd. Plum, PA 15239. They will meet at 7:00 PM for the Rosary followed by an informal gathering for all who are afflicted or affected by addiction. It will be a safe, confidential place for people to seek education, referral and support. For more information please contact Noreen at 412-296-1709

**EASTER BLESSING OF FAMILIES**—On Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018, Bishop David Zubik together with his brothers Auxiliary Bishop William Waltersheid and Retired Auxiliary Bishop William Winter will welcome families of the Diocese of Pittsburgh to the Annual Blessing of Families at Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland at 2:00 pm. All are welcome to the Cathedral to receive this special Blessing imparted by our bishops as they also take the opportunity to thank families for the beautiful witness of love and faith that they share with us.

**NOT ENOUGH**

It is not enough for me to love God, if my neighbor does not love God.  
—St. Vincent de Paul

### **GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT**

St. John Fisher Church, 33 Lewin Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15235 will hold this special event on Good Friday, March 30th at 7:30 PM. The University of Pittsburgh Men's Glee Club will present the concert under the direction of Richard E. Teaster. A free will offering will be appreciated.

### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

**St. John Fisher, March 31, 2018**

Children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday on the church grounds of St. John Fisher, 33 Lewin Lane, Churchill at 1:00 PM. Registration is required (no cost) and must be in no later than Monday, March 26th. For more information or to register please call the church office at 412-241-4722.

### **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. . 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.

**CANDLE LIGHT MASS**-- Join your friends and neighbors for a monthly Candlelight Mass at Saint Stanislaus Church in the Strip District. The next Mass will be on Friday, April 6, 2018 at 8:00pm. with Father Mike Ackerman as celebrant. If you can't make it this month, join us every First Friday at 8:00pm. For more information, visit [facebook.com/ beholdpittsburgh](https://facebook.com/ beholdpittsburgh).

### **BE AWARE**

We need to be aware that happiness can sometimes sneak in through the door we didn't know we had left open.

—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 18-25, 2018

**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

**Monday-St. Joseph** (Mt 1:16,18-21)  
SH: 7:00 AM Mitnik & Korotko Families  
by Pauline Korotko

**Tuesday-Lenten Weekday** (Jn 8:21-30)  
SH: 7:00 AM Greg and Tom Martincevic  
by Sister, Bootsie

**Wednesday-Lenten Weekday** (Jn 8:31-42)  
SH: 7:00 AM Frances Mehalic by Marchitello Family  
The Light is on For You 6:00-9:00 PM Confession  
SH: 7:00 PM Rick Blazina by Wife & Family

**Thursday-Lenten Weekday** (Jn 8:51-59)  
SH: 7:00 AM Michael Yazvac  
by Sam & Tammy Bonnoni

**Friday-Lenten Weekday** (Jn 10:31-42)  
SH: 7:00 AM Ann Jurica by Jim & Andrea Anglin  
SH: 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**Saturday-Lenten Weekday** (Jn 11:45-56)  
No Morning Mass

**Palm Sunday** (Mk 15:1-39)  
GS: 4:00 PM Paul Getsy by Margaret & Marlene  
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish  
SH: 11:00 AM Edward Stamerra by Children

## **REST IN PEACE**

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

***Dolores Nese.***

*May the angels lead you into paradise.*

## **East Catholic School's "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, PA, on **Tuesday, March 27, 2018**. The "Living Stations" will be presented by the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, who are members of the East Catholic School "Fine Arts Club", under the direction of Miss Mary Beth Koontz. These Stations reflect deeply on the Scriptural accounts of Jesus Christ's Passion to help us prepare for Holy Week. The presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27 at St. Maurice Church at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Admission is free.

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