

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

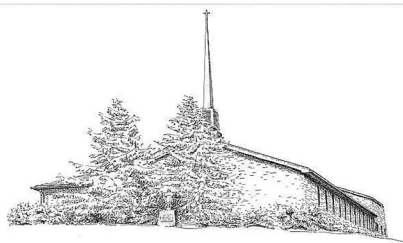
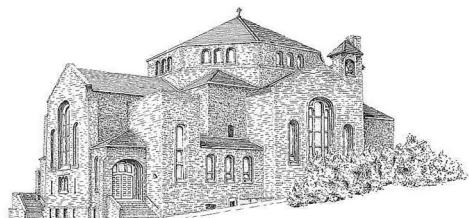
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

March 20, 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

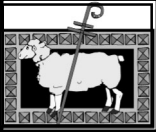
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (micky52@comcast.net)
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance
Sr. Judith Stojhovic

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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 20, 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

**PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

LENT: PALM SUNDAY 2016:

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the most spiritual week of the year. We begin by reading the Passion of Our Lord and Savior and blessed Palm to remind us of His triumphal entrance into Jerusalem.



On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings we will have our usual daily **9:00 AM Mass** in the Sacred Heart Chapel.

Confessions will be heard on Wednesday at 8:00 to 8:45 AM and 6:00 to 6:45 PM. We will also have **Adoration** from 6:00 to 6:55 PM.



On Holy Thursday the **Chrism Mass** will be at Saint Paul Cathedral at 10:00 AM and YES you are invited to attend. At 7:00 PM on Thursday we will celebrate the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** in Good Shepherd Church. The Church will remain

open until 10:00 PM for **Eucharistic Meditation**. I will also be available after Mass until 9:45 PM for **Confession**.

On Good Friday we will celebrate the **Good Friday Liturgy** in Good Shepherd Church at 1:30 PM. I will hear **confessions** from 12:30 to 1:00 PM and after the service until all are heard.

On Holy Saturday, **Easter Baskets** will be blessed in Sacred Heart Church at 12:00 Noon. I will hear **Confessions** at Sacred Heart from 12:15 to 1:00 PM and at 3:00 PM until 3:30 and longer if needed until all are heard.

We are in the Year of Mercy and I am hoping all will take advantage and make a good confession this year. I'll be at a **Confession Service** at Saint Maurice Church on Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM. We will have 5 or 6 confessors there. If none of these times work for you, you can call me for an appointment at 412-812-5275.

On Holy Saturday we will have the **Vigil of Easter Mass** at 7:30 PM at Good Shepherd. This Mass is longer because of all that is contained within it. If you have never attended an Easter Vigil Mass may I suggest you try to do so this year.



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 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 Helminiak
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. Mirenzi, J & M Besseck

Lector: Chester Chorazy
Server: Brianna Skladany

APRIL 2-3:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Hojnacki, M. Colao, F. Szekely, D. Hrabley, P. Humberson, C. Mirenzi, M. Leicht

Lectors: Theodore Schleifer
Server: Andrew Connelly

9:00 AM

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

Lectors: J. McLaughlin
Servers: Stephen, Mark & Chris Yezovich

11:00 AM

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

Lectors: Ken Bitkowski
Server: Michael Nash

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*

LADIES OF CHARITY

The ladies will meet today, **MARCH 20th** at 12:15 PM at Sacred Heart Chapel

CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL:

The second collection today will be taken for the **Campaign for Human Development Collection**. The collection date was rescheduled for today due to our second collections the first two weeks of the month.

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.

LIVING STATIONS AT WORD OF GOD TODAY:

Looking for a way to deepen your Lenten experience this year? The **Living Stations** will be performed at **Word of God Church**, 7446 McClure Avenue, Swissvale today 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.

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).

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

As you give a gift to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who carry their cross of suffering and pain.

St. Vincent de Paul phone: 412-437-8370

ESSENTIAL REDUCTION

All my theology is reduced to this narrow compass:
"Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners."

—Archibald Alexander

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Due to an early deadline for our bulletin the collections will be published as soon as possible.

MEN'S CLUB

Our men will meet Tuesday evening, March 29th at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. All men of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

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.



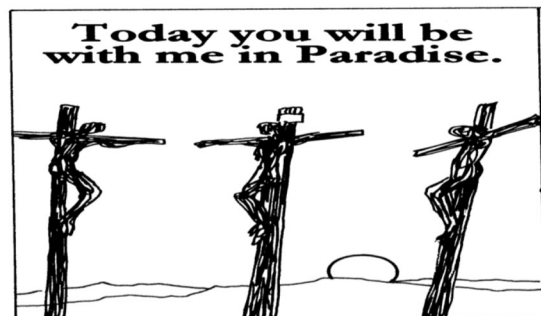
ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

In the midst of the presidential primaries, one word on everyone's lips, no matter what their political affiliation, is "leadership." We are collectively searching out the candidate who can provide gifted leadership. In the Church and in our parishes we need servant leadership. And that doesn't just mean "leadership" that comes with a collar. We need leaders in our parishes—young and old, male and female—who can guide and serve the community. Look around you today for potential leaders. And think what you can do to call them forward.

To read more, check out "On Mission for The Church Alive!" on page 5 of this week's Pittsburgh Catholic and visit www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org.

DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH 2016 CONFERENCE FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN In God's Mercy Conference

Catholic women can register for the 2016 conference at womenalivepgh.eventbrite.com. This day of renewal on Saturday, April 16, at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School in Cranberry Township will include dynamic speakers such as Helen Alvaré, a George Mason University law professor and founder of **Women-SpeakforThemselves.com**, Sr. Rosemary Nyirumbe, a CNN hero award winner and director of Saint Monica School in Gulu, Uganda, and Rebecca Dussault, a 2006 Winter Olympian, 2010 World Champion, wife, and mother. The day also features Mass with Bishop Zubik and the Sacrament of reconciliation. Cost is \$45 and free transportation will be available from 12 locations throughout the Diocese. For more information, visit womenalivepgh.org or follow **Women Alive Pittsburgh!** on social media.



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.

Your support will be greatly appreciated!

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.

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

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1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
March 20-27, 2016

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

Monday of Holy Week (Jn 12:1-11)

SH: 9:00 AM David I. Kubicko by Mother & Father

Tuesday of Holy Week (Jn 13:21-33,36-38)

SH: 9:00 AM Catherine Motkowski

by Sophie & Gene Szatkowski

Wednesday of Holy Week (Mt 26:14-25)

SH: 9:00 AM Toni Balombiny by Husband

SH: 7:00 PM Louis Wally by Mary Jo Cartwright

Holy Thursday (Jn13:1-15)

No Morning Mass

GS: 7:00 PM William Adams by McLaughlin Family

Good Friday (Jn 18:1-19.42)

No Morning Mass

GS: 1:30 PM Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday (Mt 1:16,18-21)

No Morning Mass

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

(Jn 20:1-9)

GS: 7:30 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

REST IN PEACE

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

Happy Birthday!

Birthday wishes go out to:

Francis Balombiny who turned 90
on March 5th.

Frances Walther who celebrates
her 90th birthday on March 20th.

God bless you Francis and Frances!



APRIL FOOLS (Friends of our Library!) DINNER/ DANCE Friday, April 1, 2016 7:00 PM TILL ???

East Pittsburgh VFW, 401 Draper St., East Pittsburgh
PA 15112. \$30 ticket includes Buffet Dinner, Cash Bar,
Auctions, 50/50 Raffles, & Live Entertainment. PRO-
CEEDS BENEFIT THE BRADDOCK CARNEGIE LI-
BRARY No tickets sold at door! Tickets can be pur-
chased at the Braddock Carnegie Library with cash or check
payable to the BCLA (Braddock Carnegie Library Associa-
tion). Library hours are Mon & Fri 10 am-5 pm, Tue-Thu 11
am-7 pm, Sat 9 am-4 pm. You can also send your check with
a self-addressed stamped envelope to Braddock Carnegie Li-
brary (412-351-5356), 419 Library St., Braddock, PA
15104 and your ticket(s) will be mailed to you.

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