

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

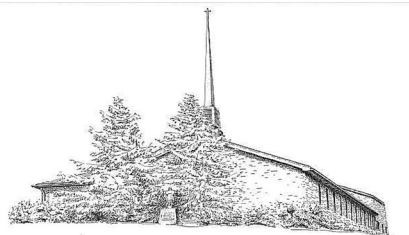
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

March 25, 2018

Parish Office: 412-271-1515
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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—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

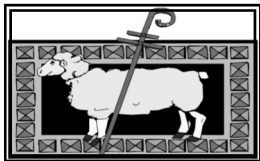
Parish Telephone Numbers

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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 25, 2018
From the Pastor's Desk

PALM SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY 2018:

We enter the most holy week of the year today during which we have the most solemn celebration, the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening. Sometimes our Lent hasn't been all we wanted it to be. Well, Holy Week is a time we can "recharge." Invite someone Home for Easter to a Holy Week celebration and offer to bring them. And then maybe they will come on Easter also. I'll hear Confessions after the Holy Thursday and Good Friday Liturgies. On Holy Thursday I'm there till 10:00 PM. If someone wants to go to Confession after I leave "the box" just ask me and I'll return. And remember, if one of our times does not fit your schedule just call and we can plan a good time. Here's the 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.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:

The Good Friday collection supports our Catholic Church in the Holy Land. Please respond as you are able.

PATZUN:

The mite boxes for the orphanage in Patzun, Guatemala that we have been supporting, can be brought on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Easter. I'll have a collection box by the Podium. Or if you just have an envelope you can put it in the collection in an envelope marked "Patzun."

WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS TO BECOME A DEACON?

In the Diocese of Pittsburgh, the Deacon Formation Program is open to married or single men between the ages of 30 and 59 who have a strong Catholic faith, solid reputation, and authentic character. They must be in full communion with the Church. Converts to the faith, those who have returned to the Church after a prolonged period

of absence, and recently married men should wait at least three years before applying; a recent widower, likewise should wait at least two years.

Applicants are to have at least a bachelor's degree, a secure job and/or source of income, and, if married, a solid, well-established home life.

As servant-leaders in the Church, deacons must be responsible, prudent, and self-directed. They must work well with others, interact comfortably with a diversity of people, and be willing to selflessly contribute to the mission of the Church.

Once ordained, deacons cannot marry or remarry. A married applicant must be in a very stable relationship with his wife; in addition, she must consent to his participation in the program and be willing to participate herself in various aspects of formation. An unmarried applicant must be capable of living a celibate life—as must any deacon, should his wife predecease him following ordination.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

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

April 7-8:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, A. Kostyak, D. Trasoline, T. Schleifer, C. Mirenzi, M. Colao, T. Troyan
Lector: Eric Helminiak
Server: Andy Connelly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, M. Garritano, T & D Whyel, R. Russo, J. McLaughlin, M. Giulianelli
Lector: Gina Piccolino
Server: Josh DiNinno

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, P. Fazio, C. Bakin, N. Moucheron, J & M Besseck
Lector: Dr. 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,
 Fr. Semler*



MUSICAL REFLECTION ON THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Good Shepherd Bell Choir will be offering a concert today, 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.

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 8th 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.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

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.

During Lent, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor, by assisting families, with food, and help with utility and rent bills.

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



SUFFERING

Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.

—Paul Claudel

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Due to an early bulletin deadline, the March 18th collections will be published in the next bulletin.

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.

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!

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

Blessed Is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord – Today we celebrant the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The crowds waved palm and olive branches as Jesus rode into the city on a colt. They welcomed him as royalty, so moved were their hearts in faith and trust of God. Yet, while Christ’s procession into the city is a moment of joy, the joy is fleeting as the coming days lead to the passion and death of Jesus. The central mysteries of our faith that we celebrate this week highlight for us the lengths to which God will go out of love for us. It is appropriate to ask ourselves, then, what lengths will we go to for God. As we journey On Mission for The Church Alive! it is not just our parishes that we should hope to be transformed. We should also hope that our hearts and transformed in love and service of God and others. How are we called to ambassadors of Christ, coming in his name to share the life and light of God with everyone we meet? As we await the On Mission announcements one month from now may we prepare our hearts to share the love of God in all we say and do. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

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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.

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** 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**.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The ladies are celebrating the 98th year at the 2018 Convention in Pittsburgh, PA August 29 – September 1 -- Join with Council sisters from across the country to pray, laugh and learn together. The Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown is located at 600 Commonwealth Place, only 18 miles from the Pittsburgh International Airport, with taxi service available. For those driving to Convention, there is discounted parking of \$15 per day with in and out privileges. There are many optional tours available as well. Keynote speakers include the Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, bishop of Bridgeport; Holly Joy McIlwain; Gina Loehr; and Bob Rice. The Friday night Fundraiser is with the Tamburitzans. For more information, please call the office at 703-224-0990 or go to **https://www.nccw.org/nccw-convention/Keynote address** by Holly McIlwain, Secretariat for Leadership Development and Evangelization.

GIFT

What I am is God's gift to me. What I become is my gift back to God.
—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 25-April 1, 2018



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 Stammera by Children

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

SH: 7:00 AM James Holub by Denise Bracalilly

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

SH: 7:00 AM Beth Bitkowski
by Mike & Danette Yezovich & Family

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

SH: 7:00 AM Fran Mehalic by Kathie Blazina
SH: 7:00 PM Adam Mains by Loretta Yanowich



Holy Thursday (Jn 13:1-15)

GS: 7:00 PM Patricia Flora by Anita Cioppa

Good Friday (Jn 18:1--19-42)

GS: 1:30 PM Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday (Mk 16:1-7)

SH: 12:00 PM Blessing of Baskets
GS: 7:30 PM Easter Vigil
Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

Easter Sunday (Jn 20:1-9)

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
SH: 11:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

PADRE PIO'S RELICS at Saint Paul Cathedral --
On Wednesday, April 4 and Thursday, April 5, a number of relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) will be at Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland for veneration by the faithful. The relics will be on display beginning with the 12:05 p.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Zubik on April 4 and will conclude that day at 8:00 p.m. The time of veneration will continue on April 5 at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude that day at 8:00 p.m. Saint Pio was a Capuchin Franciscan priest in Italy who received the stigmata, the wounds of Christ, and devoted himself to healing in the name of Jesus. Please consider visiting the cathedral as we commemorate the 50th anniversary of Saint Pio's death.



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WEEK!!!