

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

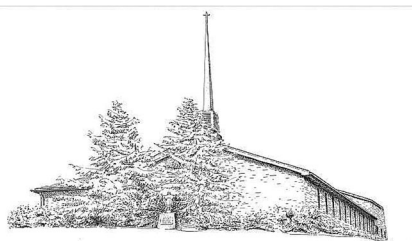
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

March 26, 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

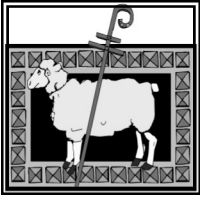
Parish Telephone Numbers

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 26, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LENT 2017:

"Rabbi who sinned, he or his parents, that he was born blind." No that's the question we heard in today's Gospel. Does it matter? This makes me think of the "blame game" we all seem to play so often. The true reality is that we should not always be looking "who to blame" but we should concentrate on "how can we all work together to find a solution. So we see the answer that Jesus gave was that neither was to blame; but my Father is ready to provide a solution.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Here is our schedule for Holy Week. I hope you can make much of it.

Palm Sunday: 4:00 PM Saturday, Good Shepherd
9:00 AM Sunday, Good Shepherd
11:00 AM Sunday, Sacred Heart

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:00 AM Mass,
Sacred Heart

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 PM Mass, Sacred Heart
Holy Thursday: 7:00 PM Mass, Good Shepherd
Good Friday: 1:30 PM Good Friday Liturgy
Good Shepherd

Holy Saturday: 12:00 Noon Blessing of Baskets
Sacred Heart
7:30 PM Easter Vigil
Good Shepherd

Easter Sunday: 9:00 AM Mass, Good Shepherd
11:00 AM Mass, Sacred Heart

HOLY LAND COLLECTION:

The Holy Land collection is usually taken up on Good Friday, which this year falls on Friday, April 14th. As you can see the need is great by the facts. And so if you cannot make it on Good Friday, I invite you to use your envelope on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

For 800 years, the Holy Land Franciscans have served in the land made holy by the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. With your support, the Holy Land Franciscans will continue to nourish Christians in the Holy Land with presence, care and service.

What Has Been Accomplished?

Last Year's Pontifical Good Friday Collection

***Supported 29 parishes, four homes for orphans, three academic institutions**

***Helped keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students**

***Supported 120 men preparing to be priests or Brothers**

***Helped rehabilitate 80 homes for Christian families**

***Provided senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth**

***Created 1,500 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians**

***Preserved 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets**

MINISTER SCHEDULE

APRIL 1-2:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, A.M. Dougherty, M. Leicht, D. Hrabley, P. Humberson, J & M Besseck

Lector: Theodore Schleifer

Servers: Steven & Daniel Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, C. Suppes, P. Koncerak, M & L Petri, B. McDonell, J. Strednak

Lector: Nick Russo

Server: Selah Corbett

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, J. Barbusio, S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas, K. Carroll, C. Bakin

Lector: Dorothy Danko

Server: Brianna Skladany

APRIL 8-9:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kostyak, J. Carleton, M. Colao, M. Leicht, T. Schleifer, J. Kaczmarek, T. McAdams

Lector: Mary Ann McClain

Server: Andy Connelly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Garritano, T & D Whyel, M. Giulianelli, J. Strednak, J. McLaughlin, P. Koncerak

Lector: Gina Piccolino

Server: Christopher & Drew Yezovich

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: N. Moucheron, E. Foster, P. Fazio, K. Bitkowski, C. Suppes, H. Sullivan,

Lector: Rick Stamerra

Server: Olivia Joscak

Please call a sub if you cannot be there or call Father Al at 412-812-5275 for last minute changes.



I
came
so that those who
do not see might see

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 this weekend, 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.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

The second collection will be taken at all Masses for **The Campaign for Human Development.** Please be generous in this yearly appeal.

MONTHLY COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

The MCC for March will be celebrated this **Wednesday, March 29th** at 9:00 AM at Sacred Heart.

The MCC for April will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 26th at 9:00 AM at Sacred Heart. April's donations are to be turned in by Monday, April 24th.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe.

Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is able to assist families, providing food, utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

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

EAST CATHOLIC PRESENTS

33rd Annual Shakespeare Play

The 33rd annual Shakespeare Play at East Catholic School will be "A Midsummer Night's Dream". The play will be presented by the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. This Shakespeare play is under the direction of 8th grade teacher, Mrs. Sue Zitelli.

Plan to attend **Friday April 28** or **Saturday April 29, 2017.** Curtain time is 7:30 PM in Keane Hall (East Catholic School Cafeteria), 2001 Ardmore Blvd. in Forest Hills, Pennsylvania. Tickets can be purchased at the door. The cost is \$4.00/Adult and \$2.00 for Students and Seniors. If you have never seen this Shakespeare classic, mark your calendar so you can come and enjoy our interpretation. Shakespeare wrote for everybody, and 422 years later, people still enjoy his art.

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, March 19th:	\$ 4,815.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 253
Loose Offertory:	\$341.00
Votive:	\$131.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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.



Mark your calendar, Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun and bring all of your friends!

WELCOME HOME FOR EASTER:

Don't forget to welcome a family member, a friend, or a co-worker to join you at Church for Easter.

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.**

East Catholic School's "LIVING STATIONS"

Looking for a way to deepen your Lenten experience this year? "*The Living Stations of the Cross*" will take place at St. Maurice Church, 2001 Ardmore Blvd., Forest Hills, PA, on **Tuesday April 11, 2017** and also at St. Colman Parish 100 Tri Boro Ave. Turtle Creek, PA 15145 on **Sunday, April 9, 2017.** The "Living Stations" will be presented by the 6th, 7th and 8th graders, who are members of the East Catholic School "Fine Arts Club", under the direction of Miss Mary Beth Koontz. We hope you can join us as we proceed on our Lenten journey. Admission is free.

LENTEN FISH FRIES

Madonna del Costello: Datillo Hall, 2021 S. Braddock Avenue, Swissvale. Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday) from Noon till 7:00 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. 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. Take-out available, call 412-723-1200.

OFFICE OF THE TRIBUNAL: ADULT EDUCATION INVITATION

Please plan to join Jay Conzemius, JCL, Judge and Moderator of the Diocesan Tribunal, at one of the four upcoming presentations where he explains **marriage annulments and Pope Francis' recently issued new norms which govern the process.** If you do plan to attend, contact the Tribunal at (412)456-3033 so that seating arrangements can be made. **The presentations will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall of Saint Paul Cathedral (Oakland) on March 28, and Saint Bernadette (Monroeville) on April 5.** All are welcome.

TEACHING MASS at ST. MAURICE PARISH

“Why do we make the sign of the Cross at the beginning of Mass?” “What’s with all those prayers the priest says before Communion?” “Did the apostles read from the Bible at the Last Supper? Why do we read from it every week?”

If you don’t know the answers to these questions about the Mass, or have others, then come to the Teaching Mass to learn more about the prayer that is “source and summit” of our faith. Join us at St. Maurice Parish for this special Mass on **Sunday, April 2 at 6:00 PM**. This Mass will count as your regular Sunday obligation.

ST JOHN FISHER NEWS:

A **Lenten Taize Prayer Service** will be held Monday evening, April 3rd at 7:00 PM at St. John Fisher Church, Churchill. The prayer service includes the reading of the Passion and singing. This event is organized by the National Pastoral Musicians local chapter in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. All are welcome. Please call the church office at 412-241-4722 for more information.

University of Pittsburgh Men’s Glee Club under the direction of Richard E. Teaster, will come to St. John Fisher Church on Good Friday evening, April 14th at 7:30 PM with a repertoire of inspiring music. This is a beautiful way to mark Good Friday.

Easter Egg Hunt/April 15, 2017

Children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday, April 15th on the church grounds at St. John Fisher Church, 33 Lewin Lane, Churchill at 1:00 PM. Registration is required (no cost) and must be in no later than Wednesday, April 12th. Please call the church office at 412-241-4722.

BISHOP CANEVIN HIGH SCHOOL

The High School will present performances of **Wizard of Oz** on the following dates: Thursday, April 20, Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22. Showtime is 7:30 PM. For tickets call 412-922-7400 ext 0. The donation is \$10.00/\$7.00).

SINGLES ONLY

Join hundreds of single Catholics of all ages at the National Catholic Singles Conference, May 19th-21st, 2017 held at the DoubleTree Pittsburgh-Green Tree in Pittsburgh, PA. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, prayer, food, fellowship and more! Space is limited so register now!

For more information and to register visit www.NationalCatholicSingles.com. Use promo code NCSCPA to receive a special discount. (Can’t find your question answered on the website? Call 888.267.8885 x4.)

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
March 26-April 2, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Jn 9:1-41)
GS: 4:00 PM Kerry Miller Brady by Mother
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
SH: 11:00 AM Paul Getsy by Margaret & Marlene

Monday-Lenten Weekday (Jn 4: 43-54)
SH: 9:00 AM John Badar by Wife, Margaret

Tuesday-Lenten Weekday (Jn 5:1-16)
SH: 9:00 AM Rosa Pacella by Family

Wednesday-Lenten Wednesday (Jn 5:17-30)
SH: 9:00 AM Monthly Commemorative Celebration
SH: 7:00 PM Sophia Serbak by Family & Friends

Thursday-Lenten Weekday (Jn 5:31-47)
SH: 9:00 AM James Holub by Ed & Janet Peretic

Friday-Lenten Weekday (Jn 7:1-2,10, 25-30)
No Morning Mass
SH: 6:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
SH: 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday-Lenten Weekday (Jn 7:40-53)
No Morning Mass

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Jn 11:1-45)
GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
GS: 9:00 AM Mary Catherine Haski by Family
SH: 11:00 AM George J. Bandik by Family

REST IN PEACE

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

*Our condolences go out to Father Al
on the death of his Sister-in-law, **Gloria Semler.**
May the angels lead you into paradise.*

MEMORIAL OFFERING THIS WEEK:

*Sanctuary Lamp:
In Memory of Rosa Pacella
by Family*

HACKSAW RIDGE

Do you feel like God is calling you to do something great with your life? What does it mean to discern that call? These questions are central to Mel Gibson's critically-acclaimed new film, *Hacksaw Ridge*.

Join them on **Thursday, April 6, 6:30 PM** at St. Paul Seminary as they watch this true story of a WWII soldier who saved the lives of 75 men without firing a rifle. We will have Chipotle for dinner, watch the movie, and discuss the movie afterwards. *All college and post-college men welcome.*



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