

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

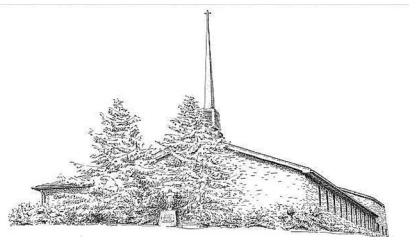
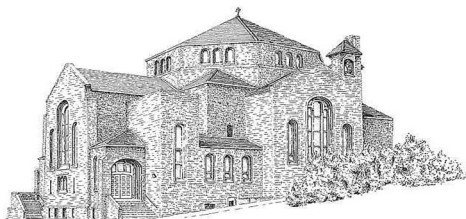
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

April 1, 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

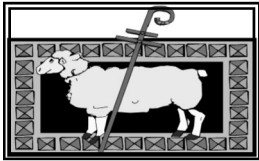
Parish Telephone Numbers

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.



April 1, 2018
 From the Pastor's Desk
 EASTER SUNDAY



EASTER SUNDAY 2018: HAPPY EASTER!

HE IS RISEN. For some reason I have really been anxious to say that this year. My hope and desire is that each of you will have a Great Easter. Knowing that Jesus died for us and then rose from the dead for us to win eternal salvation is a thought that I think of daily. Each of us should wonder why He would do that for me. So Rejoice, spread the good news and have a great day.

A TRIBUTE TO HELEN YURKO:

It is March 19 and I'm meeting an early bulletin deadline so by the time you read this we will have celebrated her Mass of Resurrection. Since her death on Friday, March 16 I've heard one glowing comment of praise after another. The constant praise is *She has gone straight to heaven; and She definitely was a woman of God, Church and Family.* Rest in peace Helen.

DEACON FORMATION PROGRAM

The overall formation program involves at least five years of study, prayer, and pastoral experiences that typically occupy candidates at least one evening a week and occasionally on Saturdays or weekends. Therefore, they must seriously weigh the effects of this time commitment on their family as well as on their career and other responsibilities, especially at this particular point in their lives. Men discerning a call to the diaconate should freely engage their spouse, if married, and other members of their family in this important decision-making process.

What is the process to apply?

After consulting the closest members of his family to determine their support, an inquirer is to meet with his pastor, who is to interview him before submitting a nomination form to the Deacon Formation Program. The pastor's nomination triggers the application process. A packet of application materials along with instructions, deadlines and additional information about how the process will unfold is sent to those who accept their pastor's nomination. A rigorous evaluation based on the application materials, personal interviews, and a psychological evaluation will determine whether an inquirer is accepted into the Propaedeutic Period (extended program of preliminary instruction) and, subsequently, the Deacon Formation Program.

NEXT ANOINTING MASS:

I notice that we have some visitors for our Anointing Mass each month. We are glad to have you join us. Please know that our next Anointing Mass weekend will be on April 7-8 since Easter is the first Sunday of the month. Deacon Joe will also be the homilist on April 7-8.

OBITS ARE PURE GOLD FOR SCAMMERS. I gleaned this from my March 2018 AARP bulletin and want to share it with you because scams are so prevalent today.

Grandparents Scam: Scammers use names published in obits to pose as grandchildren of the deceased, calling grieving survivors with sob stories about being mugged or arrested and needing money. Research shows that with any scam, your vulnerability is highest in the three years after a major stress. Obits are pure gold for scammers, who can target grieving spouses immediately following the death and seem credible by citing names.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

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

APRIL 14-15:

7:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Hojnacki, D. Hrabley, P. Humberson, J. Carleton, T. McAdams, F. Szekely, D. Trasoline

Lector: Angelina Hornick

Server: Stephen and Daniel Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Leicht, J. Strednak, L. Petri, B. McDonell, J. Corbett, P. Koncerak, J. McLaughlin

Lector: Mark Petri

Server: Selah Corbett

11:00 AM

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

Lector: Carolyn Bakin

Server: Olivia Joscak

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



**Alleluia!
 Christ
 is
 risen!**

*Peace and Love,
 Fr. Semler*

EASTER BLESSING OF FAMILIES TODAY

Today, 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 next **Sunday, April 8th**. The 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!

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show the love of the Risen Christ by bringing your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

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

COLOR RUN to Support East Catholic

The inaugural Color Run takes place Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 10 am. The race will begin at Superior Motors in Braddock, PA. This 5k fun run is an event for everyone—you can walk or run (it is not a timed race) and enjoy great music, color blasts and food trucks. Please register your family and tell your friends about this special event to support East Catholic athletics and extra-curricular activities. You can register online at Events.myschoolcolorrun.com Please contact Kim Hammer with questions. kahammer@carlow.edu or 412-596-4073.

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, March 18th: \$ 4,835.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652 env used: 225
Loose Offertory: \$266.00
Human Development Offering \$719.00 env used:73
Loose Human Dev.Offering \$ 144.00
Votive: \$158.00

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH:

Mission Week 2018!

Mission Week is a week-long overnight experience in Lawrence and Beaver counties for youth currently in grades 9-12. The week is **June 17-22, 2018**. This is a unique and fun opportunity for youth to live out their faith in a transformational way. Please join us by signing up at www.stmauriceparish.org/youth/sign-up, and feel free to contact Jo Ann McLaughlin-Klemencic with any questions: jklemencic@saintmauriceparish.org

ARE YOU REGISTERED? All Catholics need a place of worship to call “home.” If you regularly worship with us but are not registered now is the time to make it official. Please complete a confidential census form which is in the Gathering Space and return it to the office. Please call the office at 412-271-1515 if you have any questions.

THE RETURN OF EASTER

The return of Easter should be to the Christian life the call of a trumpet. It is the news of a great victory. It is the solution of a great perplexity. It is the assurance of a great triumph. —Frederick Temple

Prayer for On Mission for The Church Alive!

Father of Mercy, As we journey On Mission for The Church Alive!, Endow us with your gifts of collaboration, courage and compassion.

Help us to fulfill the mission of Jesus and His Church through vibrant parishes and effective ministries.

Raise up selfless, energetic leaders

to serve the Church in fidelity and with care.

May we, the Church of Pittsburgh in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Greene, Lawrence and Washington Counties, be sustained and strengthened by your grace. Help us to learn Jesus, to love Jesus and to live Jesus. Hear this prayer and grant it through Jesus Christ our Lord, with the help of our dear Blessed Mother, under the mantle of her love, Amen.

PROGRAM FOR GIRLS

I want to share with you two programs that will be available in the near future. The first will be sponsored by Good Shepherd and will become a part of our Scout program already "working." I am still collecting facts and data.

The following is a second choice and has an organizational meeting on Wednesday, April 18th at 7:00 PM at St. John Fisher.

NEW CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR GIRLS

American Heritage Girls (AHG) is a Christ-centered non-profit character development youth ministry program for girls ages 5-18, dedicated to its mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. AHG programming focuses on six program emphases: Life Skill Enhancement, Girl Leadership, Teamwork, Character Development, Social Development, and Spiritual Development.

A new troop in the area is being chartered by St. John Fisher Parish in Churchill. An organizational meeting is being held on **Wednesday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Fisher (33 Lewin Ln, Pittsburgh, PA 15235).** Please contact Mark and Celeste Sullivan if you are interested mark_w_sullivan@yahoo.com.

PASTA FOR A PURPOSE!

Join St. Maurice Parish on **April 7, 2018** for A fundraiser for our sister parish in Ghana and the Diocese of Pittsburgh's mission in Chimbote, Peru. Our evening begins right after 5 PM Mass...head on down to Keane Hall (don't have to make dinner, what a treat) for an evening of fun and fellowship. Enjoy a delicious meal of salad, bread, pasta, meatballs and drinks, all served to you. Peruse the delicacies of our Parish bakers at our Bake Sale. Try your luck at winning an amazing basket in our Chinese Auction and the 50/50...all the while knowing that your donation will help our friends in other countries. **Tickets can be purchased each weekend at all Masses at the Welcome Desk at St. Maurice Church or during the week at their Parish Center Office (\$10 for adults, \$7 for children or \$12 at the door).**

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.



Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
April 1-8, 2018



Easter Sunday (Jn 20:1-9)
GS: 7:30 PM Easter Vigil
Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
SH: 11:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

Monday within Octave of Easter (Mt 28:8-15)
SH: 7:00 AM Joseph Andrejco by Theodore Schleifer
Tuesday within Octave of Easter (Jn 20:11-18)
SH: 7:00 AM Joseph Napolitano by Al Burkhart
Wednesday within Octave of Easter (Lk 24:13-35)
SH: 7:00 AM Theodore J. Bielec by Irene Bielec
Thursday within Octave of Easter (Lk 24:35-48)
SH: 7:00 AM Walter Hebda by Family
Friday within Octave of Easter (Jn 21:1-14)
SH: 7:00 AM Anna Mitnik by Terri Dickerson
Saturday with Octave of Easter (Mk 16:9-15)

No morning Mass
GS: 1:30 PM Wedding
Brandon Lieb and Bianca DiLucente
Second Sunday of Easter (Jn 20:19-31)
GS: 4:00 PM Joseph D. Korotko
by Wife, Pauline & Sons
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
SH: 11:00 AM Erik Schultz by Terry Schultz

REST IN PEACE

*In your charity, we remember all those
who have died, especially:
Rudolph (Rudy) Szekely and Helen Yurko.
May the angels lead you into paradise.*

MEMORIAL OFFERING THIS WEEK:

*Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Altar Candles
And Sanctuary Lamp:
In Memory of John A. & Stephanie Jakiela
by John and Judy*

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*Have a
Blessed
Easter!*

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