

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

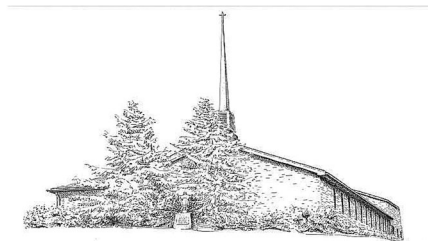
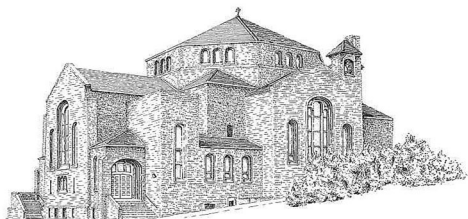
1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

*April 2, 2017*

Parish Office: 412-271-1515  
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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—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

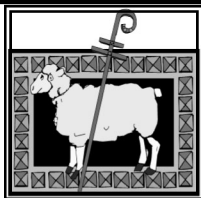
### Parish Telephone Numbers

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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.**



April 2, 2017  
*From the Pastor's Desk*  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**LENT 2017:**

**"Lazarus Come Out!"** Jesus' call to us each day is not as dramatic as His call to Lazarus today although it may be more necessary. I hope not. Jesus calls you and I anew each day. He wants to talk with us. We call this prayer. It may be just when we shower or enjoy breakfast or on our commute to work. As we grow closer to our Easter celebration let us be attentive to His "calls."

**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  
**Church is open for Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Until 10:00 PM.**

**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.

**OPEN OUR GRAVES**

Open our graves, Lord, remove us from the prison of death.

Place your Spirit in us so that we may live in a world of freedom.

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright © 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by WLP, Inc. p.155



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The Bell Choir will be holding a bake sale after all masses next weekend, April 8th and 9th.  
**Stop by and check out our delicious goodies for Easter.**

**MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**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 Stammera

**Server:** Olivia Joscak

**APRIL 15-16:**

**7:30 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Joe, A.M. Dougherty, J. Hojnacki, D. Hrabley, P. Humberson, K. Carroll, T. McAdams

**Lector:** Angelina Hornick and Theodore Schleifer

**Servers:** Steven & Daniel Yezovich, Andy Connelly, Josh DiNinno

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Joe, T & D Whyel, B. McDonell, M & L Petri, C. DiNinno

**Lector:** Jeff McLaughlin

**Server:** Christopher & Drew Yezovich

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Joe, J & M Besseck, J. Barbusio, S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas,

**Lector:** Ken Bitkowski

**Server:** Brian Kelly

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



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*Peace and Love,  
 Father Semler*

**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.**

**SCOUTING FOR FOOD** Thank you for your generosity and may God bless all of you.

**ATTENTION SENIOR CITIZENS**

The regular monthly meeting for has been changed to **Wednesday, April 19th due to Holy Week.** Doors will open that day at 11:00 AM and the meeting will begin at 12:00 Noon. 2017 dues are payable. Tickets (\$10) will be on sale for the Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, May 10th. New members are always welcome.

**MONTHLY COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION**

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

**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). 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!**



**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, **Tuesday April 11, 2017** at 1:00 PM and also at St. Colman Parish 100 Tri Boro Ave. Turtle Creek, PA 15145 on **Sunday, April 9, 2017** at 2:00 PM. The "**Living Stations**" will be presented by the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, 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.

<b>Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure</b>	
<b>Sunday, March 26th:</b>	<b>\$ 4,950.00</b>
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 223
<b>Loose Offertory:</b>	<b>\$317.00</b>
<b>Campaign for Human Dev. \$583.00</b>	env used: 71
<b>Loose/Human Development</b>	<b>\$ 71.00</b>
<b>Votive:</b>	<b>\$163.00</b>
<b>Thank you for your generosity!</b>	

**East Catholic School to Host**

**Middle States Accreditation Team**

East Catholic School, 2001 Ardmore Blvd., Pgh. PA 15221 will welcome "**The Middle States Accreditation Team**" April 4-7, 2017. East Catholic is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

The accreditation was awarded in 2012 after the Schools Consortium was formed merging Good Shepherd, St. Maurice and Word of God Schools into present day East Catholic School. Currently we are seeking re-accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools. We have just completed our 200 page self-study protocol, **Excellence by Design**. **Excellence by Design** leads the school to establish objectives for improving student performance and organizational capacity based on its vision of a preferred future for its students. Therefore, **Excellence by Design** is a future-oriented and visionary process. In addition, the protocol provides for a continuous review of programs, services and of the results of student performance. It also allows diverse constituent groups to participate in charting the future of the institution.

At the start of the 2015-2016 school year, a Middle States Planning Team Committee was formed to begin the **Excellence by Design** self-study process. This team met regularly during the 2015-2016 school year to review and revise the school system's foundational documents which included the Mission Statement, School Beliefs and Student Profile. These documents speak to the core values and goals East Catholic has embraced for the students.

Over the course of the 2016-2017 school year, the Middle States Planning Team continued collecting and reviewing data for the purpose of developing meaningful goals and objectives that will positively shape the future of East Catholic. In addition, action plans will be and have been put into place to ensure proper implementation. **The culminating event, the Middle States visit, is planned for April 4-7, 2017. At this point, we will showcase the dedication and commitment of East Catholic School has for its students, and in turn, receive accreditation once again.**

The MSCES is a professional association whose purpose is to encourage, advance, assist and sustain educational quality as well as the integrity of education at all levels, from elementary through university. This non-government volunteer institution establishes criteria to measure (directly and indirectly) educational excellence and effectiveness through accreditation. Accreditation is their means of self-regulation and peer review, geared toward strengthening the quality and integrity of education, making it worthy of public confidence and minimizing external government control. These standards are qualitative statements that reflect research-based best practices in schools, and are primarily measured through self-study.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

The Gospel today, challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness.

**Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.**

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

### **DAY OF REFLECTION**

Recognizing and responding to the Voice of God is the title of the Day of Reflection to be held on Saturday, April 22 at the St. Maurice Parish Center. The day will be designed to help you learn to recognize how God speaks to us and what we can learn from these experiences, as well as discerning or learning how to recognize the signs that do not come from God.

The day will have teaching times, prayer and small group discussion. Mimka Garaesche, an experienced spiritual director, will be the leader. She is presently serving as the director of spiritual formation for leaders in the diocese. The day will begin with a light breakfast after the 9:00 AM Mass and finish at 3:00 PM. Lunch will be provided. Please call the St. Maurice parish office at 412-271-0809 to register. The cost of the day is \$15.

### **LENTEN FISH FRIES**

**Madonna del Costello:** Datillo Hall, 2021 S. Brad-dock 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

### **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. 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.

### **EASTER BLESSING OF FAMILIES**

On Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017, 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.

***Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:***

***1-888-808-1235***

***Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan***

# MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish  
April 2-9, 2017

**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

**Monday-Lenten Weekday** (Jn 8:1-11)  
SH: 9:00 AM Mary Alice Laird  
by Gloria's Secret Beauty Shop

**Tuesday-Lenten Weekday** (Jn 8:21-30)  
SH: 9:00 AM James Ward by Larry Trasky

**Wednesday-Lenten Wednesday** (Jn 8:31-42)  
SH: 9:00 AM Paul W. Bulik by Wife, Gen  
SH: 7:00 PM Margaret Banish  
by Richard & Catherine Litz

**Thursday-Lenten Weekday** (Jn 8:51-59)  
SH: 9:00 AM Michael Connelly by Family

**Friday-Lenten Weekday** (Jn 10:31-42)  
No Morning Mass  
SH: 6:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
SH: 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**Saturday-Lenten Weekday** (Jn 11:44-56)  
No Morning Mass

**Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord**  
(Mt 26:14 – 27.66)  
GS: 4:00 PM Stanley & Josephine Kajder  
by Bernice Lacey  
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish  
SH: 11:00 AM Erik Schultz by Mother & Brother

## **REST IN PEACE**

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

**Joseph Chuba, Stephen (Mike) Lovas  
and John Fatula.**

*May the angels lead you into paradise.*

## **MEMORIAL OFFERING THIS WEEK:**

*Sanctuary Lamp:*

**In Memory of George J. Bandik**  
by Family

Baptism  
in  
Christ



Baptized last Sunday was **Made-  
lyn Jayme Coles**, daughter of  
Mark and Candice Coles. God  
bless our newest little parishion-  
er, Madelyn and her parents.

## **LOOK**

**Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, faith  
looks up.**

—Anonymous

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**WEEK!!!**