

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

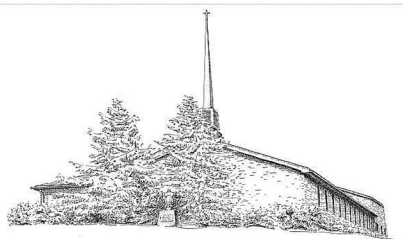
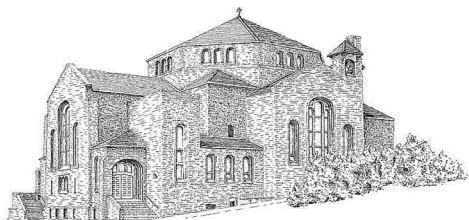
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

April 3, 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

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

- **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.



April 3, 2016

From the Pastor's Desk
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Here's a bunch of *Thank Yous* for the many "nice happenings" for our Good Shepherd Community. Thanks to those who helped make our Churches so beautiful. Thanks to those who provided the Music that added the "joyful noise" to each Liturgy for Holy Week and Easter. Thanks to our maintenance staff for all they do to keep our grounds and Churches "looking good." And finally, thanks to all who sent cards, gifts and goodies to me for Easter. What a joy it is for me to be in your midst.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

A public recitation of the Divine Mercy Novena has been conducted at Madonna and Word of God that began on Good Friday and continues until today, the Second Sunday of Easter-*Divine Mercy Sunday*. The final Novena prayers will be recited after the 11:00 Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday at Madonna del Castello Church, Swissvale.

Three times within her diary, Saint Faustina records our Lord's promise to grant complete forgiveness on the Feast of Mercy. He says:

"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls That will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy." (1109)

"Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on This day will be granted complete forgiveness Of sins and punishment" (300)

"The soul that will go to Confession and Receive Holy Communion will obtain complete Forgiveness of sins and punishment" (699)

Thus, to fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should:

1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter
2. Sincerely repent of all our sins
3. Place our complete trust in Jesus
4. Go to Confession, preferably before that Sunday
5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast
6. Venerate the Image of the Divine Mercy
7. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

It is a word that is shot through the Gospels and Acts – disciples. Jesus is walking with his disciples, talking with his disciples. And he is always teaching his disciples. They are his closest followers after the Apostles. There is the Commission of the 70 when Jesus sends them out in pairs "like lambs among the wolves" to prepare the way for him (Luke 10: 1-24). Just as in Scripture, we are called to this discipleship. We need to seek out what this means to us today in how we live out our faith.

To read more, check out "On Mission for The Church Alive!" on page 5 of this week's Pittsburgh Catholic and you may visit:

www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org

MINISTER SCHEDULE

APRIL 9-10:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kostyak, J. Carleton, J. Kaczmarek, T. Schleifer, C. Mireni, J & M Besseck

Lectors: Mary Ann McClain

Server: Steve Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Garritano, T & D Whyel, R. Russo, P. Koncerak, C. DiNinno, M. Giulianelli

Lector: Gina Piccolino

Servers: Julia Piccolino, Selah Cobett

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: P. Fazio, K. Bitkowski, H. Sullivan, R. Stamerra, J. Barbusio, E. Foster

Lector: Carolyn Bakin

Server: Brandon Howell

APRIL 16-17:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: F. Szekeley, M. Leicht, J. Hojnacki, M. Colao, D. Hrabley, P. Humberson, T. Schleifer

Lectors: C. Mireni

Server: Andrew Connelly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: T & D Whyel, L. Petri, J. Strednak, B. McDonell, C. DiNinno, P. Koncerak

Lectors: Mark Petri

Servers: Steve, Mark, Chris Yezovich

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: K. Carroll, J & M Bess, E. Foster, J. Barbusio, N. Moucheron

Lectors: Dorothy Danko

Server: Brandon Howell

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*

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!

During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you! As you give a gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society you say "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.

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

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

This marks the 30th 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 fliers on the weekend of April 9-10 at all masses. They will collect the food on the weekend of April 16-17 at all masses.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and may God bless all of you.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for the May 15th Calendar Party at Good Shepherd Parish Center at 12:00 Noon. Tickets are \$15.00. If anyone is interested in hosting a table for this popular event or if you would like reserve tickets, please contact Peg at 412-824-2588.



ADDITIONAL FLOWER DONATIONS

**In Memory of Pat Emrock
M/M Thomas Napolitano
Joanne Schleifer**

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, March 20th:	\$6,115.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 327
Loose Offertory:	\$326.00
Human Development Offering: \$212.00	env used: 20
Loose CHD:	\$145.00
Votive:	\$169.00
Good Friday:	
Holy Land Collection: \$1,416.00	env used:148
Loose Holy Land Collection	\$140.00
Easter Sunday, March 27th:	\$8,756.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used:341
Loose Easter Offertory:	\$913.00
Votive:	\$119.00

May God Bless your generosity!

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR 2016!

Easter to a new Pentecost – Four Thursdays: April 7, 14, 21, 28, 6:30-8:30 PM at **Madonna del Castello Church**, 2021 S. Braddock Ave, Swissvale. The Holy Spirit fills us that we may know God’s love in the abundant life that Jesus brings. Come and be blessed with intimacy with God by an increased openness to the Holy Spirit's presence in everyday life. Evenings will include praise, singing, personal witness talks, group discussions and individual prayer for indwelling of the Holy Spirit. For more information, you may call 412-241-1254 or email rekindlethespirit@gmail.com

**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.

OPEN HOUSE– Bishop Canevin High School

2700 Morange Road, 15205 412 922 7400 x228

www.bishopcanevin.org Applications for admission to grade 9 are now due for 2016-17. We have generous scholarships and financial aid opportunities available. Our Spring Open House is scheduled for April 27, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Students in grades 6 – 11 and their families are welcome!

“KNIGHT AT THE RACES”

Duquesne / West Mifflin Council No. 4210 of the Knights of Columbus is hosting **“Knight at the Races”** fundraiser on Saturday, April 30th at the Holy Trinity Church Hall in West Mifflin. Imagine watching actual horse races on a huge 12-foot screen and cheering your favorite horse to the winner’s circle. With prizes, and a buffet, beer, dessert, soda and set-ups for BYOB it’s a great deal for only a \$10 entry fee in-advance and \$15 at the door. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Bring your own snacks. Contact David Palcsey at (412) 672-6222, or Tim Richards at (412) 414-4919.

You may also buy a horse for \$10, name the horse, make check out to: Knights of Columbus #4210, and mail to: Knights of Columbus, P. O. Box 105, West Mifflin, PA 15122.

EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL welcomes prospective new families who are interested in learning about our programs from 3year old Preschool through the 8th grade to come join us and be a part of “East Catholic School” on 2001 Ardmore Blvd. in Forest Hills, Pennsylvania. Registration for the 2016-2017 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 (at St. John Fisher) full day kindergarten through grade 8 programs (at East Catholic).

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, 2016 to be eligible for Kindergarten.

31st ANNUAL SHAKESPEARE PLAY

East Catholic School

The 32nd annual Shakespeare Play at East Catholic School will be “The Merchant of Venice”. 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. Since Pope Francis declared 2016 the Year of Mercy, Mrs. Zitelli thought it appropriate that Shakespeare’s famous words on the quality of mercy be taught, learned and shared.

Plan to attend Friday April 22 or Saturday April 23, 2016. 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. Cost is \$4.00/Adult and \$2.00 for Students and Seniors.

SOUTH SIDE CHURCH CRAWL 2016 -- The Faith communities of Pittsburgh’s South Side will once again host a Church Crawl on Sunday April 10th from 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. Roman Catholic, Byzantine Catholic, Presbyterian, Orthodox, and Faith Community - 10 locations will be open to visit – start at any location and visit as many as you choose. Guided tours will be provided at each Worship site, complimentary refreshments will be available at various locations while supplies last, and much more. The Calling of the Bells will take place at 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30. Free parking and shuttle service available. If you made the Crawl last year, please join us again to relive this amazing experience! If you missed the Crawl last year, we hope you can be part of the experience this year! To help aid in planning, e-mail the number attending to: southsidechurchcrawl@gmail.com or call 412-422-9017.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
April 3-10, 2016

Second Sunday of Easter (Jn 20:1-9)
GS: 4:00 PM Mary Macik & Thomas Welsh
by Marge Welsh
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
SH: 11:00 AM Erik L. Schultz by Mother & Brother

Monday-Annunciation of the Lord (Lk 1:26-38)
SH: 9:00 AM Conroy, DiVella & Mroziak Families
by Jim & Catherine Conroy

Tuesday-Easter Weekday (Jn 3:7b-15)
SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday-Easter Weekday (Jn 3:16-21)
SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday-St John Baptist de la Salle, Priest (Jn 3:31-36)
SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service

Friday-Easter Weekday (Jn 6:1-15)
No Morning Mass

Saturday-Easter Weekday (Jn 6:16-21)
No Morning Mass

Third Sunday of Easter (Jn 21:1-19)
GS: 4:00 PM Linda Snyder
by Dave & Barbara Ferguson
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
SH: 11:00 AM James Moucheron by Wife, Nancy

REST IN PEACE

*In your charity, we remember all those
who have died, especially: **Raphael "Tina" Likovich
and Kerry Ann (Miller) Brady.**
May the angels lead you into paradise*



Happy Birthday!

We send Birthday wishes to
Edward Stamerra who celebrated
his 90th birthday on March 31st.
God bless you Ed!

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

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*

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