

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

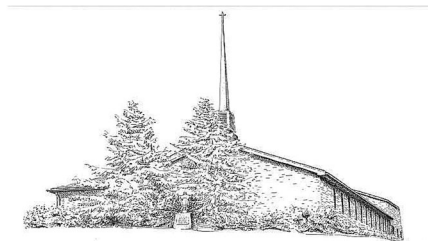
1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

*April 9, 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

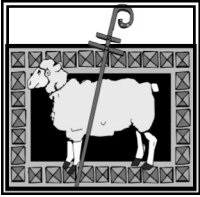
### Parish Telephone Numbers

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**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 9, 2017

*From the Pastor's Desk*  
**PALM SUNDAY OF THE  
PASSION OF THE LORD**

**PALM SUNDAY 2017:**

We've arrived once again, for another Palm Sunday celebration. The Hosannas during the procession give the impression that Easter has arrived, but we all know "NOT YET." There is yet to celebrate the **Joy of Holy Thursday**, the "Happy Fault" of Good Friday and then finally the **Glorious Resurrection of Easter**. I hope you take full advantage spiritually of all that the Lord God has in store for us. Here is the schedule:



**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**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  
The Church will remain open until 10:00 PM for Eucharistic Meditation on Holy Thursday.

**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:**

I tried to really inform you about the Holy Land Collection this year so you would really know what you are supporting. This collection will be taken up on Good Friday. If you don't make Good Friday just put the envelope in on any Sunday.

**RICE BOWLS:**

Your Lenten Rice Bowls can be brought in any day this week. I'll have a box in front of the podium for your kindness. The kids in the orphanage that we support will really appreciate your kindness as they really do need it. **THANKS!**

**MEDITATION:**

Here's your meditation for the week and beyond. I just love it and want to share it. Read on to the next column.

**FOUR RULES TO LIVE BY**

***DRINK, STEAL, SWEAT & LIE***

**DRINK** from the Everlasting Cup every Day  
**STEAL** a moment to help someone that is in worse shape than you are.  
**SWEAR** that you will be a better person today than yesterday.  
**LIE** down at night and thank God you live in America and Have freedom.

**MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**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

**9:00 AM**

**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. Barbuisio, S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas,  
**Lector:** Ken Bitkowski  
**Server:** Brian Kelly

**APRIL 22-23:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** A. Kostyak, J. Carleton, M. Colao, J & M Besseck, T. Schleifer, J. Kaczmarek  
**Lector:** Dorothy Danko  
**Server:** Andy Connelly

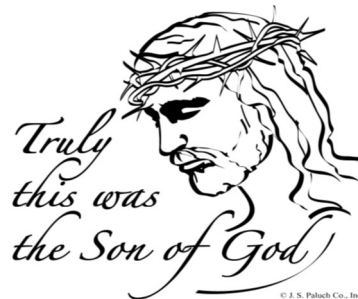
**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Leicht, L. Petri, J. Strednak, J. McLaughlin, M. Giulianelli, R. Russo, P. Koncerak  
**Lector:** Mark Petri  
**Server:** Selah Corbett

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** H. Sullivan, C. Mirenzi, M. Garritano, N. Moucheron, E. Foster, K. Carroll  
**Lector:** Paulette Fazio  
**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,  
Father Semler*

## BAKE SALE TODAY



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The Bell Choir is holding a bake sale after all masses this weekend. Stop by and check out their delicious goodies for Easter.

### 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.**

### 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.

### LENTEN FISH FRIES

**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

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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.

**Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.**

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

### **Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure**

Due to an **early deadline** for the Palm Sunday Bulletin, stewardship for April 2nd will be published in the next bulletin.

**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). 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 **today 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.

### EAST CATHOLIC PRESENTS

#### 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Shakespeare Play

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

### WEEKEND RETREAT FOR POST-ABORTION HEALING

**Rachel's Vineyard**, a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held on May 5-7, 2017 at Tabor House in Millvale. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, forgiveness, and compassion to women (and men) struggling with abortion's aftermath. To register or for more information, call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348 or email: [toniafj1@comcast.net](mailto:toniafj1@comcast.net)

### THE CROSS

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection; through whom we are saved and delivered.

—Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, *Roman Missal*

### **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.

### **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.

### **ST JOHN FISHER NEWS:**

**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.

### **A ROYAL INVITATION FOR WOMEN**

Retreat led by lay women April 28, 29, 30, 2017 - 6:00 p.m. Friday through 6:00 p.m. Sunday at Kearns Spirituality Center, Allison Park. This retreat offers an opportunity to encounter or rediscover Jesus in our lives. It is not required that you be Catholic, Christian or a member of any parish. Come spend the weekend being pampered and loved while you discover real faith for real life. Cost: \$ 195.00 per person. Register early to secure your space – limited availability. Should you need additional information, have questions or if applications are unavailable in church, please email: **emmauspgh@yahoo.com** or call Karla at 412-758-1296 or Clare at 412-298-8252.

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

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

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

# **MASSSES for the WEEK**

*Good Shepherd Parish*  
April 9-16, 2017

**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

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

SH: 9:00 AM Joe Garrity by Mary Ann Garrity

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

SH: 9:00 AM Josephine Caban by Genevieve Bulik

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

SH: 9:00 AM Jane Schubert by Ralph Baklarz Family

SH: 7:00 PM Beth Bitkowski  
by Rich & Kathy Blazina

**Holy Thursday** (Jn 13:1-15)

No Morning Mass

GS: 7:00 PM Francine Franzetta by Family  
Church remains open until 10:00 PM  
Eucharistic Adoration

**Good Friday** (Jn 18:1--19.42)

No Morning Mass

GS: 1:30 PM Good Friday Liturgy

**Holy Saturday-Lenten Weekday** (Mt 28:1-10)

No Morning Mass

**Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord**  
(Lk 24:13-35)

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

**CONFIRMATION:**

Our Confirmation this year will include all 6 parishes that support East Catholic School. The number of candidates of each parish made this decision a good one for all of us. Our date for Confirmation will be Monday, April 24, 2017 at St. Maurice Church at 7:00 PM. Bishop William Waltersheid will be the Confirming Bishop.



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**WEEK!!!**