

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

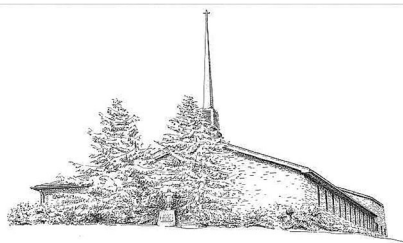
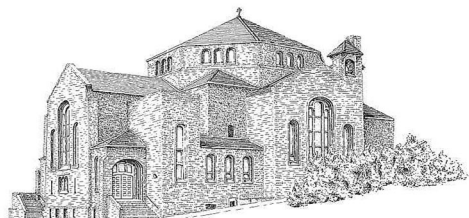
1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

**April 10, 2016**

Parish Office: 412-271-1515  
Fax: 412-271-1222

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](mailto: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

- **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)
- **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 10, 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY:**

I intended to share with you these Corporal Works of Mercy right after sharing the Spiritual Works of Mercy. But...So here they are now.

**Welcoming the Stranger:** We moved to the farm over Christmas vacation when I was in second grade. I remember being grateful that I had cousins in the new school who helped me to feel welcome. So kids if you ever have a new kid move into your school over the summer or anytime try hard to make them feel welcome. Or new neighbors or even more important a refugee family, make them feel welcome.

**Give drink to the Thirsty:** An on site example is taking a drink to a "stand worker" during our Summer Festival. Or you could give a bottle of water to a homeless person or an athlete somewhere.

**Feeding the Hungry:** Giving some food to the homeless or a refugee family can suffice again. Or maybe taking a meal to a neighbor who could use it or who would enjoy it.

**Healing the Sick:** Offering to spend time with a sick neighbor while their caregiver gets away for an hour or two is one great way. Offering a ride for a medical appointment or even to the hair salon would be great. Calls are good if they can do "phone calls." And I know how cards are appreciated.

**Burying the Dead:** This is difficult for individuals. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society helps the indigent so donations to them help. However, a ministry after one buries a loved one is very helpful for a grieving person. A visit, an invite to lunch or dinner or a phone call can be very helpful and supportive. Be kind and remember some people need more time and support than others.

**Visiting the Imprisoned:** This is another "toughy." But consider that some people are imprisoned because of health or disability. Visit with or pray for them.

**Clothing the Naked:** Our Giving Tree at Christmas comes to mind as does the collection for the Saint Vincent de Paul collections. We have the The Free Store on Braddock Avenue where they give out clothing. So never just throw out a "wearable" item.

**THE GOLDEN APPLE AWARD:**

The Golden Apple Award has been given to various Catholic School Teachers who are outstanding teachers in our Diocese. I am happy to share the good news that Mrs. Terry Ward from our East Catholic school is a "winner" this year. Our school family is proud of you, Mrs. Ward. Thanks for being a part of our excellent school family.



**THE CHURCH ALIVE:**

The Church Alive program is moving forward nicely. All the diocesan priests have signed up for a half hour interview during the month of April. It will deal with personal issues and willingness to serve in certain areas. I am looking forward to mine this Thursday.

Our parish representatives are: **Mary Besseck, Jose Collazo, Alison Flora, and John Jakiela.** They will be attending meetings this month to be trained and informed how to engage our parish in the process. So keep praying and plan to participate when invited to do so.

**CALLED BY NAME:**

Our High School students are invited to a Diocesan Vocation program "Called by Name." It will be on Sunday, April 24th from 4:00 to 8:30 PM at St. Paul Seminary. Please call me to sign up. I'll be glad to drive you if you need a ride. It's free. Contact **Pittsburghpriests.com** for more information and/or refer to the brochure on our bulletin board.

**MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**APRIL 16-17:**

**4:00 PM**

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

**Lectors:** C. Mirenzi

**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:** Stephen, Drew, Chris Yezovich

**11:00 AM**

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

**Lectors:** Dorothy Danko

**Server:** Brendan Howell

**APRIL 23-24:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** A. Kostyak, K. Carroll, T. McAdams, J. Carlton, J. Kaczmariski, F. Szekely, J. Hojnacki

**Lectors:** Angelina Hornick

**Server:** Stephen Yezovich

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Leicht, M. Giulianelli, R. Russo, J. McLaughlin, B. McDonell, P. Koncerak, J. Strednak

**Lector:** Nick Russo

**Servers:** Julia Piccolino, Selah Corbett

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Hope Sullivan, M. Garritano, C. Mirenzi, C. Bakin, S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas

**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*

### WOMEN'S GUILD

Our ladies will meet this Tuesday evening, April 12th at Sacred Heart Hall at 7:00 PM. Dues will be collected at this meeting. All ladies of the parish are invited and encouraged to join.

### SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

The Seniors will hold their regular monthly meeting this Wednesday, April 13th. Doors open at 11:00 AM. They will have a Strawberry Festival; Donation is \$4.00. Members will eat first and hold the meeting afterward.

Tickets are on sale for the Spring Luncheon; the donation is \$8.00. Everyone needs a ticket.

Also, 2016 dues are payable now. New members are always welcome.

### 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 bags 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.**

### LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters will be here after all Masses next weekend, April 16th and 17th. Your donations will enable them to continue the work of their foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, in caring for the elderly poor at their home on Benton Avenue in Pittsburgh. They are counting on your continued support.

### 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.



### HANDBELL POPS CONCERT

The Alumni handbell team will be hosting a Pops Concert on Sunday, April 24th at 4:00 PM at Good Shepherd Church. They will be playing a variety of music from movies as well as some favorite rock and roll songs. Some of the songs include **Let It Be** and **Help!** by the Beatles, **Stairway to Heaven** by Led Zeppelin, **Firework** by Katy Perry, a medley from The Lion King, **Fly Me To the Moon**, **What a Wonderful World**, and others! Join us for a fun afternoon of music. A light cookie social will be held afterwards.

### ADDITIONAL FLOWER DONATIONS

**Dave Knoepfle**  
**M/M Anthony Kostyak**  
**Margaret Tori**

EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL welcomes prospective new families who are interested in learning about our programs from 3year old Preschool through the 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL SHAKESPEARE PLAY

*East Catholic School*

The 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Shakespeare Play at East Catholic School will be "The Merchant of Venice". 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. 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.

### BETTER THAN MIRACLES

Suffering out of love of God is better than working miracles.  
—St. John of the Cross

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

<b>Sunday, April 3rd:</b>	<b>\$5,245.00</b>
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 274
<b>Loose Offertory:</b>	<b>\$312 .00</b>
<b>Monthly Offering: \$1,760.00</b>	env used: 86
<b>Loose Monthly Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 67.00</b>
<b>Votive:</b>	<b>\$206.00</b>

**May God Bless your generosity!**

### **ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!**

This week's issue of the Pittsburgh Catholic is being mailed to registered homes throughout the diocese to continue our study of "On Mission for the Church Alive!" The bottom line in "On Mission" is our understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in today's world and what that means to each of us. We are his disciples. And as his disciples we want to make new disciples. That is our vocation, our call in this life and our mission. How can we best live out today in our parishes? 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](http://www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org)**.

### **GUYS and DOLLS**

Bishop Canevin High School students will present the play on Thursday, April 21; Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23. Showtime – 7:30. Call 412 922 7400 X210 to reserve your tickets, \$10.00/\$7.00. 2700 Morange Road, 15205.

### **OPEN HOUSE– Bishop Canevin High School**

2700 Morange Road, 15205 412 922 7400 x228

**[www.bishopcanevin.org](http://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!

**"EXPERIENCE LOURDES"** at St. Bernadette Parish in Monroeville -- a virtual pilgrimage on April 17, 2016, Sunday at 2:00 PM. It will be a 90 minute presentation mirroring a day at Lourdes. The participants will be able to touch the Grotto Rocks and to experience the liquid grace of Lourdes Water. Pope Francis issued a Plenary Indulgence to anyone attending the virtual presentation. Each participant will also receive a small bottle of Lourdes Water. Please contact their parish office if you have any questions (412-373-0050). This will be presented by " North American Lourdes Volunteers".

**LA ROCHE COLLEGE** to Host AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh's Tech Savvy Conference for current 6-9th Grade Girls, 7:30 AM – 4 PM, May 14, Cost \$10 per student and \$5 per adult, includes breakfast, lunch and t-shirt for student. Girls that attend are not required to bring a parent/adult. Tech Savvy is a one day Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) career conference designed to develop the interest of girls in STEM fields and provide information to their parents and educational professionals on STEM educational opportunities. Registration <http://northhills-pa.aauw.net/tech-savvy/>. For information contact Peggy Schmie-decke, 412-536-1274.

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

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

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

# MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish  
April 10-17, 2016

<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>(Jn 21:1-19)</b>
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
<b>Monday-Saint Stanislaus</b>	<b>(Jn 6:22-29)</b>
SH: 9:00 AM Barbara Furlano	
	by Rose Misko & Helen Yurko
<b>Tuesday-Easter Weekday</b>	<b>(Jn 6:30-35)</b>
SH: 9:00 AM Carmine Sebastian	by Rosemarie Friel
<b>Wednesday-Easter Weekday</b>	<b>(Jn 6:35-40)</b>
SH: 9:00 AM In Honor of St. Francesco Dapaola	
	by Antonio & Fortunata DeCaria
<b>Thursday-Easter Weekday</b>	<b>(Jn 6:44-51)</b>
SH: 9:00 AM John A. Mazur	by Family
<b>Friday-Easter Weekday</b>	<b>(Jn 6:52-59)</b>
No Morning Mass	
<b>Saturday-Easter Weekday</b>	<b>(Jn 6:60-69)</b>
No Morning Mass	
<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>(Jn 10:27-30)</b>
GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish	
GS: 9:00 AM Mary & Dom Petrocelli	
	by Paul & Abi Petrocelli
SH: 11:00 AM Jimmy & Mariane Renda	
	by Ed & Karen Carroll

## REST IN PEACE

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

**Joseph Andrejco and Stephen Pergantis.**  
*May the angels lead you into paradise!*

## Birthday



## Wishes

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We send Birthday wishes out to  
**Alice Barclay** who is celebrating her  
91st birthday today, April 10th.  
Birthday wishes also go out to  
**Ida Scarpino** who will celebrate her  
98th birthday on April 18th.  
**God bless you Alice and Ida!**

**IS GOD CALLING YOU?** -- The Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities invite single women age 21 and over to consider your call to religious life during a **Come and See Weekend**, April 15 through April 17 at Mount Alvernia, 146 Hawthorne Road in Millvale. Pray in the Franciscan tradition, experience the richness of a common table, feel the joy of Franciscan community life and learn how your gifts and talents can fit into religious life. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Sister Caryn Crook at 315.751.6819, [ccrook@sosf.org](mailto:ccrook@sosf.org) or visit [www.sosf.org](http://www.sosf.org).

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**WEEK!!!**