

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

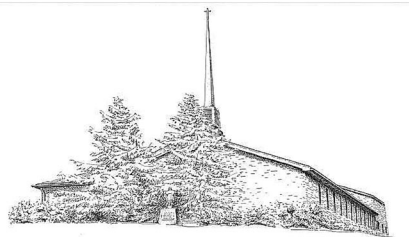
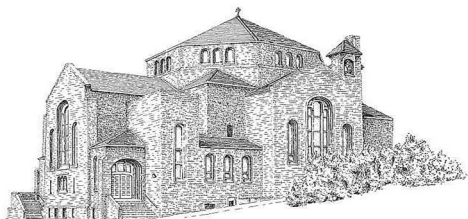
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

April 15, 2018

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—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

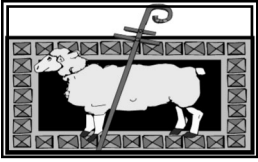
Parish Telephone Numbers

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 15, 2018
 From the Pastor's Desk

**THIRD SUNDAY
 OF EASTER**

**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR
 ADULTS:**

Two men joined Deacon Joe and I for our RCIA program this year. I joyfully announce the **William Bernsdorff** and **Edward Cox** have become fully initiated members of Good Shepherd parish. Their wives **Melanie Bernsdorff** and **Beverly Cox** were their sponsors and I must say very good and supportive examples of faith in their lives. We never know when we "display" good example who is watching. So let us all allow our Christian values to permeate all we do.

Deacon Joe and I want to thank Ed and Bill for helping us to grow spiritually as we shared God's love and message with them. Since this is the last RCIA class Deacon Joe and I can complete, I now offer that I can do a one-on-one class for anyone wishing to consider the RCIA process. The time involved would depend on your current knowledge and practice of our faith presently. An opening interview would help us come to know what we need to do.

What does fully initiated require? Let's start with Baptism. If you need to be Baptized we prepare for that. If you are already baptized then we prepare you to make a Profession of Faith. You are also prepared to receive the Eucharist and are Confirmed. Deacon Joe or I would be very happy to share this faith-filled journey with you. Your YES would only come later if you chose to do so.

CONFIRMATION:

Six of our young people will be Confirmed Monday Evening at 7:00 PM at Saint Colman, Turtle Creek by Bishop Zubik. I ask that you keep them in prayer this weekend and on Monday.

SPECIAL THANKS:

A special thanks to Peggy Cox, Denise Cunningham and all of our faithful Bingo helpers. Peggy and Denise do much to plan for the event and many others "give us" a Sunday afternoon to help make it happen.

RAFFLE:

Micky is now in the process of getting tickets ready for our **Summer Raffle 2018**. I just wanted to give you a "heads up." These prizes will be awarded on June 25, 26 and 27: Straight-\$250.00 and Reverse \$250.00 and then on Thursday these grand prizes will be awarded on June 28th: Straight-\$1,000.00, Reverse-\$500.00, One up-\$250.00 and One down-\$250.00.

The donation is \$2.00 per ticket or 11 for \$20.00. The raffle is based on the PA Evening Daily Lottery **Pick 4 number** (Each ticket has two 4 digit numbers). Since we won't have a festival this year, I'm hoping you will support this raffle.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

You Are The Witnesses Of These Things – To be a witness to something can have a double meaning. On the one hand, a witness is someone who sees something occur, in order that they might tell others about it. On the other hand, a witness is one who testifies to something neither seen nor heard, yet nonetheless true. Unless we are nearly 2,000 years old, we are not witnesses in the first sense to the life, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. Yet, by faith, we are witnesses in the second sense. By our baptism we are called to witness to the love of God through our words and actions which are to be reflections of the love of Jesus. In the coming weeks and months, the On Mission for The Church Alive! initiative will ask us to build new relationships with nearby parishes, an opportunity to witness to the love of God alive in our hearts. While this may seem like a burden to some, it is at the heart of the Christian life as we build up the Body of Christ, the Church. As we grow in love of others, may we treat them as if THEY are Christ, and treat them as if WE are Christ. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

April 22-23:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, A.M. Dougherty, A. Kostyak, D. Trasoline, T. Schleifer, M. Colao, T. Troyan
Lector: Mary Ann McClain
Server: Andy Connelly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, M. Garritano, T & D Whyel, R. Russo, M. Giulianelli, B. McDonell, J. Strednak
Lector: Jeff McLaughlin
Server: Christopher & Drew Yezovich

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: H. Sullivan, C. Mirenzi, C. Bakin, N. Moucheron, E. Foster, P. Fazio
Lector: Rick Stammera
Server: Morgan Skladany

April 28-29:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Hojnacki, D. Hrabley, P. Humberson, T. McAdams, D. Trasoline, M. Colao, T. Troyan
Lector: Theodore Schleifer
Server: Stephen & Daniel Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Carleton, L & M Petri, J. McLaughlin, C. DiNinno, P. Koncerak, B. McDonell
Lector: Gina Piccolino
Server: Josh DiNinno

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: J & M Besseck, J. Barbusio, S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas, K. Carroll
Lector: Dorothy Danko
Server: Brian Kelly

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



*Peace and Love,
 Fr. Semler*

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

This marks the 32nd 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 the weekend of **April 21-22** at all the Masses. **They will collect the food on the weekend of April 28-29.**

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

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

LADIES OF CHARITY

Our ladies will sell lottery raffle tickets for the month of September. The Donation is \$10.00 per ticket and will benefit their 2018 Assembly Fund. Tickets will be on sale beginning the weekend of April 28-29 before/after the Masses.

WINGS

Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar to Heaven. —St. John Climacus

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Holy Land Offering:	\$1,240.00
Sunday, Easter, April 1st:	\$7,012.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 275
Loose Easter Offertory:	\$578.00
Weekly Envelopes:	\$1,521.00
Monthly Offering: \$1,390.00	env used: 72
Loose Monthly Offering:	\$187.00
Votive:	\$158.00
Sunday, April 8th:	\$4,481.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 224
Loose Offertory:	\$317.00
School Offering: \$466.00	env used: 47
Loose School Offering:	\$ 57.00
Votive:	\$163.00

Thank you for your generosity!

EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGISTRATION

2018-2019 School Year

East Catholic School—welcomes prospective new families who are interested in learning about our programs from 3 year old Preschool through the 8th grade. Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is now open.

East Catholic School Walking Tours for the 2018-2019 School Year

Our tours are conducted by our enthusiastic Principal Sr. Judith, who loves showing visitors around our school and is very happy to answer your questions. Sister Judith will discuss details of our many programs with you. Come and experience our vibrant community for yourself. Join us and be a part of "East Catholic School" at 2001 Ardmore Blvd., Forest Hills, PA 15221 Registrations for new students for the 2018-2019 School Year will be taken. To sign up for a tour: Contact the School Office between 8:30 am and 2:00 pm at 412-351-5403.

East Catholic School next Walking Tour Date is April 24 at 9:30 am. If unable to attend please call the school office at 412-351-5403 from 8:30-2:00 pm to request information or to discuss registration requirements. Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2018 to be eligible for Kindergarten.

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 call 412-596-4073.

East Catholic School's 34th Annual Shakespeare Play

This year will feature The Comedy of Errors to be presented on Friday, April 27, 2018 and Saturday, April 28, 2018. in Keane Hall. Plan to attend Friday April 27 or Saturday April 28, 2018. 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.

Mass for Spirited Babies and Young Children

Come babies, come children, and come parents to join us at the 9 am **Mass on Saturday, April 21 at St. Maurice Parish.** This is our regular daily Mass that includes a few additional elements to encourage participation from our youngsters and tailors thing in more kid-friendly way. Come celebrate with us at Mass and share coffee, donuts, and bagels afterwards. Please contact Jo Ann McLaughlin-Klemencic at the St. Maurice parish office with questions: 412-271-0809, jklemencic@saintmauriceparish.org.

**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.

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.**

MAGNIFICAT PRAYER BREAKFAST

Ladies, come to the Magnificat Pittsburgh prayer breakfast on May 12, from 9 am to Noon at the Crowne Plaza, Green Tree. Hear speaker Kelly Reed tell about her journey to God, from cradle Catholic to a time of beliefs that ignored or dissented from Church teachings to a conversion through Mary to a loving relationship with the living Christ. Kelly is a theological scholar and she and her husband have 8 children. Cost of the breakfast is \$23. To register, call Pam at 412-461-8906 or Kay at 724-772-6749 or go to www.magnificatpittsburgh.org. Registration deadline is May 4.

**ATTENTION MEN:
THE ANNUAL GATHERING OF
CATHOLIC MEN**

Saturday, April 21st at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Mass at 4:00).

Doors open at 8:00 and Program starts at 9:00 AM. All day admission, come and go as you please * First come first serve, open seating * Disability seating available * Free parking * Food included with purchase of ticket * Adult Tickets (ordered online) \$40 * Adult Tickets (purchased at door) \$50 * Youth/Student Tickets (Ages 13-22) \$10 * Power of 3 (3Adult tickets) \$99 * Register online at <http://www.cmfitt.org/register>

SAM PRESENTATION– April 18, 2018 at 6:30PM
St. John the Baptist, Plum Boro

Please join the Substance Addiction Ministry at 6:30 PM in the church to pray the Rosary for Recovery. At 7PM we will have a presentation by Dr. Janet Astle, BS Pharm, EdD, RPh from Duquesne University on Getting Help For Both You And Your Loved One. Dr. Astle is a licensed pharmacist and is responsible for the identification and referral of students suffering from substance abuse disorders. She also coordinates chemical dependency educational outreach programs that are delivered by pharmacy school students to middle and high schools throughout southwestern Pennsylvania. For more information please contact Noreen at 412-296-1709.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish

April 15-22, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter (Lk 24:35-48)

GS: 4:00 PM Ann Jurica by Jim & Andrea Anglin

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM James Moucheron by Wife, Nancy

Monday-Easter Weekday (Jn 6:22-29)

SH: 7:00 AM Patricia Flora by Dorothy Appleton

Tuesday-Easter Weekday (Jn 6:30-35)

SH: 7:00 AM Frances Mehalic

by Mike & Danette Yezovich

Wednesday-Easter Weekday (Jn 6:35-40)

SH: 7:00 AM Elizabeth Kovalchik

by Theodore Schleifer

Thursday-Easter Weekday (Jn 6:44-51)

SH: 7:00 AM Michael Yazvac by Ellie Culig

Friday-Easter Weekday (Jn 6:52-59)

SH: 7:00 AM Genevieve Bulik by Micky Catone

Saturday-Easter Weekday (Jn 6: 60-69)

No morning Mass

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Jn 10:11-18)

GS: 4:00 PM Cathy & Mike Polowsky

by Cel & Ed Fischer

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Hopta, Yanchik & Kondas Families

by Alan & Janet Kondas

REST IN PEACE

*In your charity, we remember all those who have died, especially: **Marlene Barbusio, Maureen Cusack** and*

Ruth McMaster, sister of Father Al.

May the angels lead you into paradise.

BIRTHDAY OFFERING THIS WEEK:

Altar Bread, Altar Candles, Altar Wine,

And Sanctuary Lamp:

*Happy 100th Birthday to **Ida Scarpino***

by Joe & Ruth Punturi

Birthday



Wishes

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Happy Birthday wishes go out to
Ida Scarpino,

who will celebrate her 100th birthday
on April 18th. Birthday greetings can
be sent to Ida: C/O Rebecca Scarpino,

14138 Wayne Drive,
North Huntingdon, PA 15642.

God bless you Ida!



Congratulations

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Our good wishes go out to
Deacon Joe and Anna Marie
Dougherty

God bless Joe and Anna Marie as they
celebrate 40 years of Marriage today!

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