

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

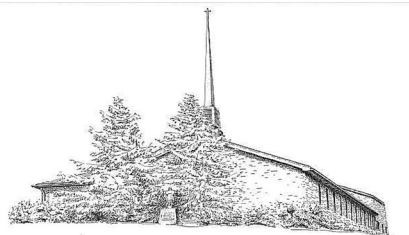
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

April 22, 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

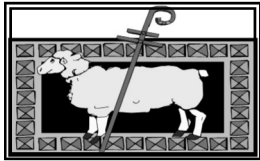
Parish Telephone Numbers

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 22, 2018
 From the Pastor's Desk

**FOURTH SUNDAY
 OF EASTER**

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

Next weekend at all the masses I will be reading a letter from Bishop Zubik informing us of the Priest team that will minister to our grouping and exactly what our grouping will be. I presume you are like me and you are anxiously awaiting this **BIG ANNOUNCEMENT**.

This announcement will impact our parish and Diocese for years to come. It will be up to each one of us to accept and get behind the program giving our time, prayer and cooperation. Please be aware of the fact that very few are happy with what is being done but know **IT MUST BE DONE** to strengthen our Catholic presence in our little part of this world. My prayer will be that you all give our new pastor your full cooperation as he and the team will arrive to begin the daily mass schedule on October 15, 2018.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
 CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**



The following students from our parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Zubik at St. Colman Church last Monday, April 16th.

**Tierney Cioppa, Callie Cunningham,
 Emily DiNinno, Olivia Joscak, Elias
 Morris, and Ryan Walker.**

ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE?

This will be my final request for Deacon candidates for this year's class as we need time to process your information.

Deacons are ordained to serve the Church and the needs of its people in imitation of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve. The Diocese of Pittsburgh is initiating the nomination and application process for admitting a new class of interested and qualified men from diocesan parishes into the Deacon Formation Program. Questions may be directed to **deacons@diopitt.org** or 412-456-3124. For more information: **www.diopitt.org/permanent-diaconate**.

Also, if you have an interest please call me this week.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Bishop Zubik asked that every parish offer Eucharistic Adoration in their parish for the success of **The Mission for the Church Alive!** Each week I will share which parishes in our area are offering Eucharistic Adoration:

- April 30:** St. Maximilian Kolbe, 12 Noon to 7:00 PM
- May 4:** Holy Spirit, West Mifflin 9:00 AM-7:00 PM
- May 7:** St. Therese of Lisieux, Munhall 5-8 PM
- May 8:** Resurrection, West Mifflin 5:00-7:00 PM
- May 9:** St. Agnes, West Mifflin 8:15 AM Mass-until 1:30 PM

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

I Am The Good Shepherd – The image of God as shepherd and his promise to lead his people in safety appears throughout the Bible. It is one of the most tender images of God that we can have as he assures us of his constant care and protection in our lives. This care applies not only to us individually as his children, with the shepherd carrying us in his arms, but also to us collectively as the Church, with God leading his flock in safety. This repeated promise to shepherd his people is our guarantee that God is in charge of his Church and that he leads us no matter the circumstances. As we journey On Mission for The Church Alive! we may wonder where the Lord is leading us. While it is natural for us to resist change, it is also an opportunity for us to grow in trust of God, our shepherd and guide, that he may transform us and his Church. As we learn the decisions regarding Parish Groupings and Clergy Teams next week may we call upon our Good Shepherd to lead us and our parishes in the years ahead. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

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

May 5-6:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, A. Kostyak, F. Szekely, M. Leicht, T. Schleifer, D. Trasoline, T. Troyan

Lector: Eric Helminiak

Server: Andy Connelly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, C. Suppes, J. Carleton, M. Giulianelli, J. Strednak, L & M Petri

Lector: Nick Russo

Server: Selah Corbett

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, R. Stamerra, P. Fazio, C. Bakin, N. Moucheron, E. Foster

Lector: C. Chorazy

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,
 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 are passing out bags this weekend at all the Masses. **They will collect the food next weekend, April 28-29. Thank you in advance for your generosity and may God bless all of you.**

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

The Fifth Sunday Collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society will take place at all masses next weekend, April 28-29.

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' love and care for us.

This month, through your gifts in the Fifth Sunday collection, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be able to be "Good Shepherds" to the hearts of the poor, to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

Phone: 412-437-8370

LADIES OF CHARITY

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

EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS

34th Annual Shakespeare Play

This year East Catholic 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 either day. 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.

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, April 15th:	\$4,099 .00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 222
Loose Offertory:	\$267.00
Votive:	\$153.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to the following students at East Catholic who worked hard to make the Honor Roll this grading period:

6th Grade: Highest Honor: **Jack Kaczmarek**
 6th Grade: High Honor: **Ava Walker**
 8th Grade: High Honor: **Olivia Joscak**
 8th Grade: Honor: **Ryan Walker**

We're proud of you...keep up the good work!

HANDBELL CONCERT

The Handbell choir will be performing a "Classical" music concert on Sunday, May 6th at 2:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Church. Concert will feature swing, blues, salsa, rock, opera, and a few other fun pieces. We look forward to seeing you there!

NIGHT AT THE RACES

The Handbell choir will be hosting its 2nd Night at Races on Friday night, June 22nd. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Races start at 7:00 PM. We hope to see you there. More information about tickets, sponsors, and baskets coming soon.

EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGISTRATION

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. 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 10:00 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**

You may contact Kim Hammer with questions: **kahammer@carlow.edu** or call 412-596-4073.

BE WHAT YOU SEEK

Even as you seek a virtuous, fair, and good spouse. . . it is fitting that you should be the same.

—St. Bernardine of Siena

LEARN ABOUT MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS

Divorced Catholics and everyone else who may be interested in learning about the annulment process are welcome to attend a free workshop with Jay Conzemius, JCL, judge and moderator of the Diocesan Tribunal on May 23, 2018 at 10:00 AM, Seminary Campus, Domenec Hall (Room 210), 2900 Noblestown Road, Carnegie. Topics to include: theology of marriage; ministry of the tribunal; marriage annulment types; why, when and how to start the petition for annulment process; and a process overview. Afterward participants can ask questions and/or start the process. No reservations are required, but if you do plan to attend please email AnnulmentsIntake@diopitt.org or call 412-456-3033 so that seating arrangements can be made.

CANDLELIGHT MASS-- Join your friends and neighbors for a monthly Candlelight Mass at Saint Stanislaus Church in the Strip District. The next Mass will be on Friday, May 4, 2018 at 8:00pm. If you can't make it this month, join us every First Friday at 8:00pm. For more information, visit [facebook.com/beholdpittsburgh](https://www.facebook.com/beholdpittsburgh).

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.

FOSTER CARE --Do you feel called to help local children in need? Make room in your heart and home by fostering a child. Auberle, a regional Catholic agency that helps build strong families, is looking for people interested in learning more about becoming Foster Parents who provide a safe and loving home for youth removed from their home for safety reasons. This could be as short as respiteing a child so Foster Care Parents can take a break or as a long-term placement option. If you are interested in learning more about the Foster Care process, different ways you can help and have questions you need answered, please call Jeanne Burger, Auberle's Foster Parent support at 412-779-0322. Learn more about Auberle's mission of helping children, youth and families across Southwestern Pennsylvania by visiting www.auberle.org

SMALL TASKS

Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe. —St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish

April 22-29, 2018

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
Monday-Easter Weekday	(Jn 10:1-10)
SH: 7:00 AM Sophia Serbak	by Family & Friends
Tuesday-Easter Weekday	(Jn 10:22-30)
SH: 7:00 AM Ruth McMaster	by 7:00 AM Mass Group
Wednesday-St. Mark, Evangelist	(Mk 16:15-20)
SH: 7:00 AM Bernard Thiem	by Larry Trasky
Thursday-Easter Weekday	(Jn 13:16-20)
SH: 7:00 AM Edward Jendeski	by Family & Friends
Friday-Easter Weekday	(Jn 14:1-6)
SH: 7:00 AM Beth Bitkowski	by Kaczmarski Family
Saturday-Easter Weekday	(Jn 14:7-14)
No morning Mass	
Fifth Sunday of Easter	(Jn 15:1-8)
GS: 4:00 PM Joe Strohler	by Bob & John
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish	
SH: 11:00 AM John A. & Stephanie Jakiela	by John & Judy Jakiela

OFFERING THIS WEEK:

*Sanctuary Lamp:
For the Poor Souls
Living and Deceased*

CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

Benefitting Vincentian Seniors -- Tee it up at the historic Pittsburgh Field Club in Fox Chapel on Monday, May 7 to support seniors living at Vincentian Home, Vincentian Marian Manor and Vincentian de Marillac. Consistently voted as one of Pittsburgh's top courses, the Pittsburgh Field Club has been a PRIVATE course for more than 100 years. This is an excellent opportunity to enjoy the links for a good cause. Not a golfer? Join Vincentian for a lunch reception on the patio. Full details at vcs.org/golf or call Laura at 412-548-4056.

BLUEGRASS CONCERT

On Friday, April 27 at Synod Hall in Oakland, Catholic Charities will host the 20th Annual Bluegrass Benefit Concert for St. Joseph House of Hospitality. After a light buffet-style meal and beer sampling with Rivertowne Brewing Company at 5:45, bluegrass fans will be entertained by a talented lineup of local bands including Allegheny Drifters, Black Diamond, Echo Valley, Fern Hollow, and Lonesome Lost & Foggy. Ticket donations are \$20 and can be purchased at the door. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph House of Hospitality, a program of Catholic Charities that provides transitional and permanent housing for older men who have risked or experienced homelessness. the door. Catholic Charities' website: www.ccpgh.org.

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