

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

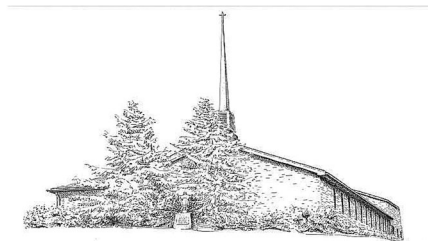
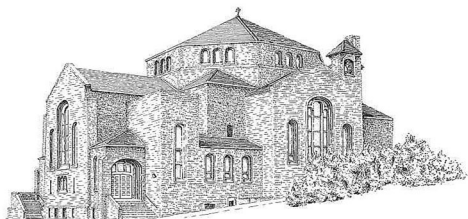
1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

*April 23, 2017*

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*)  
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager  
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance  
Sr. Judith Stojhovic

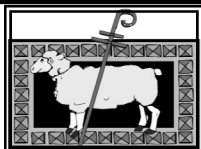
### Parish Telephone Numbers

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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](mailto:tjsjrfhi3@verizon.net)

**We are an “On Mission for the Church Alive” Faith Community.**



April 23, 2017

*From the Pastor's Desk*  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU:**

Thank you once again for your kindness to me surrounding our Easter Celebration: the cards, prayers, gifts, and goodies will keep me growing more in wisdom and grace. **THANK YOU!**

**A BIG WEEKEND:**

On the weekend of May 13 and 14, I will celebrate my 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood. I'd like to share the weekend with our Moms since it's also Mother's Day on May 14. I consider myself to be very fortunate that my mom was also my best friend. We could laugh, cry, joke, spar and whatever. And we even vacationed together after I was ordained. My favorite story I like to repeat is, I was 45 and after a fun-filled sparring match I asked "Mom how do you think I run a parish without you?" To which she responded "I just don't know! I just don't know!" So the intention for the three masses that weekend will be for *Father Al's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and for all our living and deceased moms.*

After the 4:00 PM and 9:00 AM masses we will have cookies in the vestibule and after the 11:00 AM we will go to the Sacred Heart Hall for cookies and a drink. The Bell Choir appreciates the kind response of the 11:00 AM Mass people and feels badly that we cannot squeeze them in the church to play for mass. So they will be in the Hall to provide some "background" music for us.

Phyllis Koncerak will be in charge of cookies for the 4:00 PM and 9:00 AM masses and Sophie Szatkowski, Janet Kondas will do the cookies and our Social Committee of Peg Cox and Denise Cunningham will do the libations at Sacred Heart. If you are willing to bake, please let them know.

Some have asked that we do more, but I like that KISS that says *keep it simple Semler.*

**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.**

**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**

**ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!**

The following was sent to me to share with you:

Based on all the feedback the diocese has received to date the following plan will assist in accomplishing the next steps in the On Mission process.

Bishop Zubik, after receiving recommendations from the On Mission Commission and discerning with his consultative bodies, will announce his decisions and announce "groupings" of parishes at the end of March 2018. All the groupings will be announced simultaneously.

Furthermore, all the priest assignments will be announced at the same time. Implementation, however, will come out in stages. Each grouping will be put into one of three categories. The priests will be assigned to all of the parishes within the grouping they would eventually serve. For example: A priest may be named pastor of four parishes with the goal of helping the four parishes work toward the merger within a certain time.

Category A would include areas that are in need of making the change immediately, either because of finances or demographics. Category A also includes groupings that have indicated to the diocese that they are ready to go immediately. These mergers would take place within a year of the priest changes, and some may officially occur with the installation of the new pastor. They would follow a "blueprint" that is being developed to help bring parishes together.

Category B would include the greatest number of parishes. The new pastor (and parochial vicars/parish chaplains) would be appointed to the various parishes in the grouping. They would follow a "blueprint" that is being developed to help bring parishes together. The pastor will work to bring the parishes together for the ultimate merger, which would take place in one to three years.

Finally, some of the larger or more complex parishes would be part of Category C. In these cases, the final merger would not be implemented for three to five years. They would follow a "blueprint" that is being developed to help bring parishes together.

My take on this is that we most likely will be in Category A. However, the final decision has not yet been made as to which current parishes will end up in what grouping. But in my opinion our need is great so we should carry on as if we have one more Christmas and one more Easter, April 1, 2018 for sure to celebrate together.



*Peace and Love,  
Father Semler*



**LADIES OF CHARITY** meet today Sunday, April 23rd at 12:15 in Sacred Heart Chapel.

**MONTHLY COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION**

The MCC for April will be celebrated this Wednesday, April 26th at 9:00 AM at Sacred Heart. Donations are to be turned in by Monday, April 24th.

**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 Society Phone: 412-437-8370*

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE DAY**

*Saturday, May 6th and Sunday, May 7th*

Time to clean out your closets, basements and attics. We will have the St. Vincent DePaul truck open from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM on Saturday and from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Sunday. The truck will be parked in the Sacred Heart parking lot and conference members will be eager to accept your donations. We will accept clothing, household items and small working appliances. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you then.

**HIGH HONORS**

Congratulations to the following students who achieved Honor Roll Status this grading period:

**Evan Cuccaro** achieved High Honor Roll status at Central Catholic High School.

**Josephine Cunningham** achieved High Honor Roll status at Serra Catholic High School.

Keep up the good work...we're proud of you!

**CALENDAR PARTY**

Our annual Calendar Party sponsored by the Social Committee will take place on **Sunday, May 21, 2017** at 12:00 Noon at Good Shepherd School Hall. Tickets are \$15.00. Call Peggy 412-824-2588 for tickets and also if you are interested in hosting a table.

**ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**Peace Be with You.** As the Father has sent me, so I send you. The new life in Christ that we celebrate at Easter is given to us in Baptism so that our life will never be the same. We receive the Holy Spirit and are filled with God's grace to be sent forth to fulfill God's will, just as Jesus did. The goal of **On Mission for the Church Alive!** is for us to be renewed in our baptismal mission to go forth as followers of Jesus and lead others to Him. How can you share the peace and love of God with those who need it most so that their lives can be transformed? Visit [onmissionchurchalive.org](http://onmissionchurchalive.org) to stay involved.

**MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**APRIL 29-30:**

**7:30 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Hojnacki, D. Hrabley, P. Humberson, M. Leicht, K. Bitkowski, M. Colao, T. McAdams

**Lector:** Mary Ann McClain

**Servers:** Steven and Drew Yezovich

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Carleton, B. McDonell, M & L Petri, C. DiNinno, P. Koncerak, J. McLaughlin

**Lector:** Nick Russo

**Server:** Josh DiNinno

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas, J. Barbusio, C. Bakin, E. Foster, P. Fazio

**Lector:** Dr. Chester Chorazy

**Server:** Olivia Joscak

**MAY 6-7:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Joe, J. Hojnacki, A. Kostyak, J. Carleton, J. Kaczmarek, M. Leicht, B. T. Schleifer

**Lector:** Eric Helminiak

**Server:** Andy Connelly

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Joe, C. Suppes, J. Strednak, M. Giulianelli, B. McDonell, P. Koncerak, C. DiNinno

**Lector:** Jeff McLaughlin

**Server:** Chris & Drew Yezovich

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Joe, J & M Besseck, H. Sullivan, N. Moucheron, R. Stamerra

**Lector:** Carolyn Bakin

**Server:** Brian Kelly

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

**Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure**

<b>Sunday, April 9th:</b>	<b>\$ 5,886.00</b>
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 298
<b>Loose Offertory:</b>	<b>\$304.00</b>
<b>School Offering \$ 486.00</b>	env used: 55
<b>Loose School Offering</b>	<b>\$105.00</b>
<b>Votive:</b>	<b>\$193.00</b>

The collections for Easter will be published  
In next week's bulletin.

## 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.

## BISHOP CANEVIN HIGH SCHOOL

Bishop Canevin High School will host its Spring Open House on **Wednesday, April 26, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM**. Families and students in grades 6 through 11 are invited to tour the school, meet current students and faculty, and learn more about Bishop Canevin’s Jesuit-inspired education. For more information please contact Marianne Reinhart, 412-922-7400, ext. 228 or you may send an email to [reinartm@bishopcanevin.org](mailto:reinartm@bishopcanevin.org).

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST/ EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Dakota Barnes is undertaking the Pancake Breakfast as his Eagle Scout Project. Location: **Propel Braddock Hills High School**, 1500 Yost Boulevard, Braddock Hills. Date: **Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 9:00 AM—12:00 Noon**. Adults-\$8.00, Children and Seniors: \$6.00. The breakfast will benefit the creation of an outdoor eating area/classroom for Propel.

## MAGNIFICAT PRAYER BREAKFAST

Ladies, you are invited to the Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, May 13, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the Crowne Plaza, Green Tree. Irene Carubia will tell her story of a faith lost after the changes of Vatican II, then found in a way that transformed her. Cost of Breakfast is \$23. To register, call Pam at 412-461-8906 or go online to register at [www.magnificatpittsburgh.org](http://www.magnificatpittsburgh.org) by May 5th.

## THREE DAY MISSION

Christ the Light of the World and St. Joseph Parishes will host a 3 Day Mission Sunday, April 30 through Tuesday, May 2nd at 7:00 PM in Holy Name Church, 32 South 1st Street, Duquesne. The sessions will be led by Steve Angrisano, veteran musician and composer. Admission is free and there is plenty of well-lit off street parking. For more info, call Debbie Walters at 412-853-7354. The mission is open to anyone interested in fostering a personal relationship with Christ.

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

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

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

# MASSSES for the WEEK



Good Shepherd Parish  
April 23-30, 2017

**Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)**  
(Jn 20:19-31)

GS: 4:00 PM Cathy & Mike Polowsky  
by Ed & Cel Fischer  
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish  
SH: 11:00 AM Jimmy & Marianne Renda  
by Ed & Karen Carroll

**Monday-Easter Weekday** (Jn 3:1-8)

SH: 9:00 AM James Moucheron by Wife, Nancy

**Tuesday-St. Mark, Evangelist** (Mk 16:15-20)

SH: 9:00 AM Jane Schubert by Family

**Wednesday-Easter Weekday** (Jn 3:16-21)

SH: 9:00 AM Monthly Commemorative Celebration

**Thursday -Easter Weekday** (Jn 3:31-36)

SH: 9:00 AM James E. Reichert by Therese Brail

**Friday-Easter Weekday** (Jn 6:1-15)

No Morning Mass

**Saturday-St. Catherine of Siena** (Jn 6:16-21)

No Morning Mass

**Third Sunday of Easter** (Lk 24:13-35)

GS: 4:00 PM William Rolinski by Wife, Barbara  
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish  
SH: 11:00 AM Beth Bitkowski  
by Nick & Jacki Mroziak

**REST IN PEACE**

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

**Lillian Gura, Anna Melko,**

**Joseph Palimeri (Palmer), and Rosemary Nee.**

*May the angels lead you into paradise.*

**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)



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**WEEK!!!**