

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

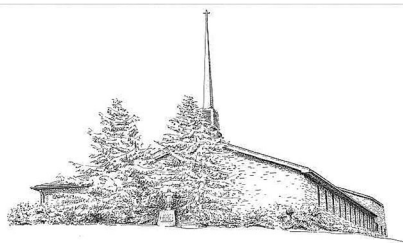
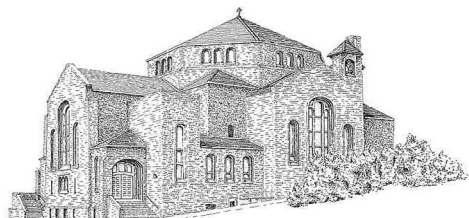
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

April 24, 2016

Parish Office: 412-271-1515
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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—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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Phone:412-351-3710
Fax.....412-271-1222
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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
- **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 24, 2016

From the Pastor's Desk
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

AMORIS LAETITIA: On Love in the Family

This post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation "On Love in the Family," was signed on March 19, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph. It brings together the results of the two Synods on the family convoked by Pope Francis in 2014 and 2015.

I will share questions and answers through the coming weeks to help us focus on its important points.

1. What's new in this exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*?
Amoris Laetitia draws on a long history of Church teaching, and a very intense Synod experience. It draws on both new and old. What's new above all is an attitude of accompaniment. Pope Francis, like his predecessors, recognized the complexity of modern family life. But he puts added emphasis on the need for the Church and her ministers to be close to people no matter what their situation might be or how far from the Church they might feel: to understand, to accompany, to integrate, and to have their arms open especially for anyone who is hurting. (AL 311) *Amoris Laetitia* is not simply a theoretical text with no connection to people's real problems.

The very title suggests the positive thrust of the document. It continually offers concrete reminders of the beauty of family life, despite all the challenges this vocation can entail. Pope Francis writes eloquently about how forming a family means being part of God's dream, joining him in building a world "where no one will feel alone." (AL 320)

OFFICE HOURS CHANGE:

Effective **Monday, May 16th** the hours for our Church Office to be open will be from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday as a general rule. Holidays and the like may find us closed; you will be alerted to the Office closing in your weekly bulletin.

CAREGIVERS:

Having been a caregiver I have a special place in my heart for caregivers. I saw this prayer recently and I think it has a good message.

*Heavenly Mother, you
know that illness
affects not only the sick person,
but also the family,
friends, and professionals who
provide care in the pursuit of
healing and comfort.
Please be with all caregivers;
grant them strength and courage,
And guide the healing hands
of the doctors and health care workers
on whose care we rely. Amen.*

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

There was a so-so movie 10 years ago called "Failure to Launch." The gimmick of the plot was parents trying to get their adult son to move out of the house and on his own. That's a step we need to take on our own pilgrimage. We need to move from being a disciple of Christ to being a "launched disciple"—a disciple willing to take the faith with us everywhere and to actively evangelize in making new friends for Jesus today. What steps do we need to take to become a "launched" disciple?

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE

APRIL 30-MAY 1:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Colao, F. Szekely, D. Hrabley, P. Humberson, C. Mireni, M. Leicht, J. Kaczmariski

Lector: Dorothy Danko

Server: Andrew Connelly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Carleton, L & M Petri, J. Strednak, M. Giulianelli, C. DiNinno, P. Koncerak

Lector: Jennifer Miller

Server: Josh DiNinno

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Nash, J. Barbusio, E. Foster, K. Carroll, P. Fazio, N. Moucheron

Lector: Rick Stamera

Server: Michael Nash

MAY 7-8:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kostyak, Deacon Joe, T. Schleifer, J. Hojnacki, M. Colao, F. Szekely, K. Carroll

Lectors: Eric Helminiak

Server: Stephen Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Garritano, T & D Whyel, Deacon Joe, R. Russo, J. McLaughlin, B. McDonell

Lector: Gina Piccolino

Servers: Julia Piccolino, Selah Corbett

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, C. Bakin, J & M Besseck, K. Bitkowski, H. Sullivan

Lector: Dr. Chester Chorazy

Server: Brendan Howell

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*



LADIES OF CHARITY

Our ladies will meet today, Sunday, April 24th at Sacred Heart Hall at 12:15 PM.

HANDBELL POPS CONCERT TODAY

The Alumni handbell team will be hosting a Pops Concert today **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**

SUMMER FEST MEETING

We will hold our first meeting **THIS** Monday evening, **April 25th** at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. All who would like to help with preparations are encouraged to attend. *Summer Fest is our biggest fund raiser of the year and we need lots of help.*

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "I give you a new commandment: love one another....This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families with such necessities as food, and helping with utility bills and rent. Thank you for your help.

St. Vincent de Paul phone: 412-437-8370

THANK YOU to the members of Good Shepherd Parish. You made our food drive a success. The Scouts collected over 750 items for the local food bank. Without your support, this would not have been possible.

The Scout program would like to tell all that they have the perfect gift for mom (or aunt). How about replacing mom's knives or utensils in her kitchen. **RADA Cutlery** is the perfect answer. All American Made. Please call Sue Hudak at 412-825-0988 to place an order.

Have Shoes You Don't Need???

As spring cleaning begins, please remember that your scout unit is **still collecting shoes**. Any shoes you would like to give would be greatly appreciated.

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

<u>Sunday, April 17th:</u>	\$5,137.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 278
Loose Offertory:	\$270.00
Votive:	\$223.00
May God Bless your generosity!	

MAY CROWNING

This year the Women's Guild will be holding May Crowning on Saturday May 14 at 4:00 PM at Good Shepherd Church. We are asking the children of the parish to join us for this special day in which we honor Mary. If there are any children that would like to participate in the May Crowning please call Toni Lucas at 412-977-3089.

RED ROSE CAMPAIGN

Our Ladies of Charity will hold their annual **Red Rose Campaign** at all Masses for Mother's Day, May 8th.

CALENDAR PARTY

Mark your calendar for the May 15th Calendar Party at Good Shepherd Parish Center at 12:00 Noon. Tickets are \$15.00. The luncheon menu includes: Chicken Marsala, salad, green beans, rigatoni, parsley potatoes. There will be a Chinese Auction, Share the Wealth and door prizes. **Come and enjoy the fun!**

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.

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

KENNYWOOD TICKET SALE

Information for East Catholic School: The East Catholic School Kennywood Picnic date is Tuesday, June 7, 2016. School ticket sale date at East Catholic School is **Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 11:15 AM**. Tickets are \$26.00/each (Cash only, no personal checks accepted).



OPEN HOUSE– Bishop Canevin High School

2700 Morange Road, 15205, 412 922 7400 x228

www.bishopcanevin.org

Applications for admission to grade 9 are now due for 2016-17. Generous scholarships and financial aid opportunities available. Spring Open House is scheduled for April 27, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Students in grades 6 – 11 and their families are welcome!

SERRA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

24th Annual Juniper's Journey Gala

Saturday, April 30, 2016, Edgewood Country Club

5:00 - VIP Reception, 6:00 - Doors Open, 7:00 - Dinner

Semi-formal cocktail attire, Live and silent auction,

VIP tickets - \$100.00, Regular admission - \$75.00

Contact Lauren Wiater at **development@serrahs.org** or

Call **412-751-2020 ext 105** to RSVP

MAGNIFICAT PRAYER BREAKFAST

Ladies of the Parish are invited to the Magnificat Prayer Breakfast on May 7 from 9:00 AM to Noon at the Crowne Plaza in Greentree. Sr. Therese Marie Iglesias will tell her story of her renewal of her Catholic faith. Cost of the breakfast is \$20.00. To register, call Pam at 412-461-8906 or Kay at 724-772-6749. Registration deadline is April 29th.

COMMUNITY NEWS FROM EAST PITTSBURGH

GOT DRUGS: You may turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal on Saturday, April 30th from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM to Lanigan Funeral Home, 700 Linden Avenue, East Pittsburgh, PA 15112. For more information, visit **www.dea.gov**.

ANNUAL FLEA MARKET: The East Pittsburgh Police Department Abused & Neglected Animal Fund will hold their annual flea market Saturday, May 14th from 9:00 AM till 1:00 PM at the East Pittsburgh Community Center, 506 Bessemer Avenue. There will be toys, baby clothes, books, furniture, household items, purses, odds and ends and more for great prices. Snacks and baked goods will also be on sale as well as T-shirts with the animal logo. They are accepting donations that can be dropped off at the Boro Office, 813 Linden Ave., East Pgh. Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. For after hours drop off, call 412-824-0447 and leave a message for the Chief or **eppdchief@eastpittsburghboro.com**.

SPAGHETTI DINNER May 15 – The **Rankin Croatian Home** will be serving a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, May 15 from Noon to 5:00 PM. Dinners include pasta, two meatballs, salad, bread and a homemade dessert with a choice of coffee, tea, or water. Dinners are \$8/adult and \$4/children 10 and under. Eat in or take out. For more information or to phone in reservations, please call Andrea Tomasic at 412-247-2922 or Terri Fisher at 412-926-8918. The Rankin Croatian Home is located at 236 Fourth Avenue, Rankin, PA 15104 at the corner of Fourth and Antisbury.

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY will hold their Open House Sunday, June 12th beginning at 8:00 AM. High School seniors are invited to learn about the University. Register online at **www.duq.edu/duquesnefest**.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
April 24-May 1, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Jn 13:31-331a,34-35)

GS: 4:00 PM Mike & Mary Bazzone by Family

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Joe Garrity by Mary Ann Garrity

Monday-St. Mark, Evangelist (Mt 16:15-20)

SH: 9:00 AM Jane Schubert by Ben Baklarz

Tuesday-Easter Weekday (Jn 14:27-31a)

SH: 9:00 AM Carol Ritzel by Larry Trasky

Wednesday-Easter Weekday (Jn 15:1-8)

SH: 9:00 AM Monthly Commemorative Celebration

Thursday-Easter Weekday (Jn 15:9-11)

SH: 9:00 AM John Hudak by Jenny Bulik

Friday-St. Catherine of Siena (Jn 15:12-17)

No Morning Mass

Saturday-Easter Weekday (Jn 15:18-21)

No Morning Mass

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Jn 14:23-29)

GS: 4:00 PM Frank Simko by John Vahosky Family

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM John, Roselyn, Ray & John
Waszkiewicz by Gene & Marilyn Waszkiewicz

Birthday



Wishes

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Happy Birthday to
Agnes Kearney
who celebrated her 86th
birthday on April 12th.
God bless you Agnes!

CONGRATULATIONS

Deacon Joe and Anna Marie Dougherty celebrated their 38th Wedding Anniversary on April 15th. May God bless you Deacon Joe and Anna Marie with many more happy years!

The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during a special Mass on Sunday, May 22nd at 1:00 pm at St. Anthony's Chapel. This administration of the sacrament of the sick in this context is offered for those Catholics who are experiencing physical ailments of a serious nature: those who will be undergoing surgery for serious reasons, the elderly who have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present, those who are battling serious illnesses and have not been anointed recently, and children who have reached the age of reason and are seriously ill. For more information, please call 412-231-2994 during business hours, or you may go to the Chapel's website at www.saintanthonyschapel.org

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