

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

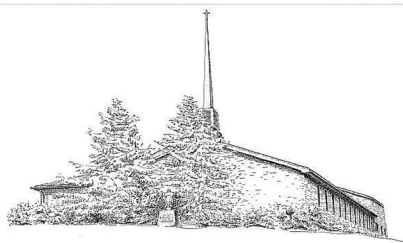
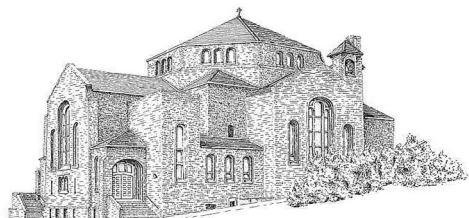
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

May 1, 2016

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—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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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.



May 1, 2016

From the Pastor's Desk
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

AMORIS LAETITIA: THE JOY OF LOVE

This is the second of 8 question and answer installments on *The Joy of Love* written by Pope Francis. I hope you are finding them helpful.

Why is this such a long document? Can most Catholics read it and benefit from it? Or is it for experts only?

Pope Francis notes in the introduction that nobody should rush through *Amoris Laetitia*, and people should pay attention to what applies most to their specific needs.

While *Amoris Laetitia* (AL) is essential reading for bishops, priests, and anyone involved with the family apostolate, it is important that all Catholics see the effort the Church is making to be close to them. For example, married couples will be especially interested in Chapter Four on **“Love in Marriage,”** Chapter Five, on **“Love Made Fruitful”** and Chapter Seven, on the **“Education of Children.”**

Pope Francis wants to help Christian couples persevere with fidelity and patience, and encourages everyone to be a sign of mercy wherever family life lacks peace and joy. (AL 5)

Readers may be pleasantly surprised by how concrete AL is. Pope Francis, with a pastor's heart, simply yet deeply enters into the everyday realities of family life.

DEACON JOE:

Deacon Joe will be away for a family celebration next weekend so that means I will give the homily and as usual I will anoint after Mass. Deacon Joe will give the homilies on May 14 & 15.

And now, after I wrote this, our priest who will be coming for our Missionary Cooperation Plan asked if he could come on June 11 & 12. So, Deacon Joe will give the homily on the third weekend in June. The good news is that I'll have a helper for the anointing weekend in June. I'm grateful that I have a flexible Deacon. Thanks Joe.

MAY CROWNING:

We will have May Crowning next Saturday at the 4:00 PM Mass at Good Shepherd. The Women's Guild has invited all children who want to be involved to come to the vestibule by 3:45 PM. Please call Toni Lucas at 412-977-3089 if your child would like to participate.

The following Sunday, we will crown Mary outside Sacred Heart before the 11:00 AM Mass. *Thank you Jesus for sharing your Mom with us.*

ASCENSION



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This Thursday is Ascension Thursday and a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Mass Wednesday evening, May 4th at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart and 9:00 AM on Thursday, May 5th at Good Shepherd. The bus will run for both Masses.

ALL THE ADVANTAGES

We want to give our children what we didn't have; but let's make sure we give them what we did have: our faith.
—Anonymous

MINISTER SCHEDULE

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

MAY 14-15:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: F. Szekely, D. Hrabley, P. Humberson, C. Mireni, M. Leicht, Deacon Joe, J. Kaczmarek

Lector: Theodore Schleifer

Server: Andrew Connelly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: T & D Whyel, L & M Petri, J. Strednak, Deacon Joe, N. Russo

Lector: Jeff McLaughlin

Server: Drew & Chris Yezovich

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, N. Moucheron, S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas, J. Barbusio, E. Foster

Lector: Ken Bitkowski

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*

RED ROSE CAMPAIGN

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

WOMEN’S GUILD

The next Women's Guild meeting will be held **Tuesday, May 10th** at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. All ladies of the parish are invited and encouraged to join.

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.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, Jesus says TO US: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you also say to those who are poor: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”

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

CONGRATULATIONS to **Evan Cuccaro**, who achieved High Honors at Central Catholic High School for the Third Quarter. Great work, Evan!

SCOUTING NEWS

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.

A LETTER OF THANKS: The **Little Sisters of the Poor** thank you for welcoming them into our parish and for your donations of \$1,548.35 and a \$5.00 Giant Eagle gift card. Your donations help the Sisters to provide care for the elderly poor in their Home. With your help they are able to provide housing, food, healthcare, security and most importantly, unconditional love for their residents.

CHURCH

“Church” in Greek means convocation, or assembly in Latin, because all are called to be members of it.
—St. Isidore

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

It has been a year since Bishop Zubik announced “On Mission for the Church Alive!” “The goal of On Mission the Church Alive! is to help our parishes and schools...and every faith community in our diocese become even more vibrant communities of worship and service, while challenging all of us to be excited about our faith! As Bishop Zubik reminds us, it is our task “to welcome those who have left the Church or are far from God.” This week, let’s approach one person that we know with just such a welcome.

You can 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

CONGRATULATIONS to **Mrs. Terry Ward**, a 6th and 7th grade Language Arts Teacher at East Catholic School. She is one of 6 teachers in the Diocese to receive the Prestigious **Golden Apple Award**. She will be honored on Tuesday, May 24th at the Annual Golden Apple Dinner which will be held in the Great Hall at St. Paul Seminary in Crafton. Bishop David Zubik will present the award.

The Golden Apple Teacher Award was established by the Donahue Family Foundation of Pittsburgh in 1992 to honor outstanding Catholic school educators.

EAST CATHOLIC FUNDRAISING

Just a reminder that there are many fundraising projects at our school to help with the education and amenities for our children and you are able to help.

Giant Eagle has the Apple for Students program which provides financial assistance and Shop ‘n Save has the SEED program which provides various assemblies for our students. Both of these programs are free to you to sign up and it is a tremendous help to the school. The school also saves:

Box Tops***Tyson labels**

They have a recycling program for: **Empty inkjet and laser toner cartridges***old cell phones**. They also participate in a **recycling program** for newspapers, magazines and scrap paper. Bins are located in the upper parking lot at East Catholic. You may go to **www.eastcatholicschool.org** for further details.

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).

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| Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure | |
| Sunday, April 24th: | \$5,474.00 |
| Parishioners receiving env: 652 | env used: 291 |
| Loose Offertory: | \$194 .00 |
| Votive: | \$166.00 |
| May God Bless your generosity! | |



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EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL Spring Musicals 2016

“OZ”

“WE’RE OFF TO SEE....” The production is an enchanting adaptation of the all-time classic “The Wizard of Oz.” Developed from the popular MGM screenplay, this production contains all new songs from the Oscar – winning movie score, all the favorite characters and special moments, plus a few surprises along the way.

Mark your calendar for the East Catholic Fine Arts Club and the 5th grade presentation of the musical, “Oz” on **Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in our East Catholic School Keane Hall (cafeteria). Tickets can be purchased at the door. The cost is \$3.00/Adult and \$2.00 for Students and Seniors. For more information call 412-351-5403. The fun evening promises to be filled with lots of singing, dancing and imagination.

“GO FISH”

First there was the movie “Finding Nemo” and in June “Finding Dory”, but here at East Catholic School the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders will be performing the show, “Go Fish”. So join them on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 7:00 PM in Keane Hall as these “little fishies” discover that even though they may be different, that’s just what makes them each so special. . For more information call 412-351-5403.

All are welcome to both performances!!!

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 you may leave a message for the Chief or send an email to eppdchief@eastpittsburghboro.com.

SPAGHETTI DINNER May 15 – The **Rankin Croatian Home** will sponsor 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.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
May 1-8, 2016

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

Monday-St. Athanasius (Jn 15:26-16.4a)
SH: 9:00 AM John (Chiz) Barclay
by Wife & Daughters

Tuesday-SS Philip and James, Apostles (Jn 14:6-14)

SH: 9:00 AM Mary Elko by Sister, Flo Poprocky

Wednesday-Easter Weekday (Jn 16:12-15)

SH: 9:00 AM Linda Snyder by Philomena Stamerra

SH: 7:00 PM Anticipated Mass

Philip Mariani by Carroll Family

Thursday-The Ascension of the Lord (Jn 16:16-20)

GS: 9:00 AM Mary Alice Laird by Andrea Sullivan

Friday-Easter Weekday (Jn 16:20-23)

No Morning Mass

Saturday-Easter Weekday (Jn 16:23b-28)

No Morning Mass

SH: 1:30 PM Wedding

Jonathan R. Levato & Lauren N. Likovich

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day) (Jn 17:20-26)

GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

REST IN PEACE

*In your charity, we remember all those
who have died, especially:
Emma L. (Knight) Shane.*

*Condolences for Joseph D. Karabin, who died last week
may be sent to:*

*Ms. Jodie Karabin and Family, 406 8th Street
Donora, PA 15033*

May the angels lead you into paradise.

77TH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ROSARY MARCH: Sunday, May 15, 2016, 1:30 PM, Epiphany Church, 164 Washington Place, Uptown, Pittsburgh. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by procession with the Blessed Sacrament and the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima through the city of Pittsburgh and return to Epiphany for Benediction, May Crowning, Blessing for Healing and refreshments. For those who cannot process, the Rosary will be prayed at Epiphany Church during procession. For more information, call Linda Nevins at 412-884-3213.

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