

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

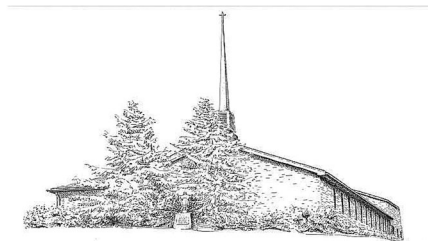
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

May 14, 2017

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

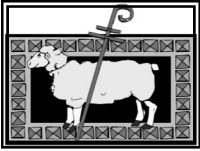
Parish Telephone Numbers

Parish Office:412-271-1515
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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.



May 14, 2017
From the Pastor's Desk
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY:

Last Sunday was Good Shepherd Sunday and the 32nd Anniversary of our parish. I was aware but it didn't "hit me" while doing my page for the bulletin. So, this week I would like to share this meditation on the Good Shepherd by Jean Varner as published in the May edition of the Magnificat.

The Grace of the Good Shepherd

We need help.
 In order to grow in inner freedom, we need others, and we need a spiritual father or mother who shows us the way.
 Such people instill trust in ourselves because they trust us and see in us gifts and capacities that we do not always see.
 Shepherds care deeply for those entrusted to them. But caring is not coddling or protecting; it implies firmness, helping people to make clear choices.
 What is important is that people be helped to grow to fulfillment.

Jesus reveals that he is the Good Shepherd. Although the word "good" is used in most translations, It does not capture the nuances of the original. In Greek, the word is *kalos*, which can be translated as "noble," "beautiful," "perfect," "precious," or even "wonderful." So every time I use the familiar phrase "good shepherd," please translate this as "wonderful shepherd"—*the shepherd...*
 Shepherding is about caring for those who are weak, lost, and in need.
 It is about presence, love, and support. Shepherds are needed as much today as they were in the time of Jesus, to love people and guide them to greater life.

I hope you found this inspiring and will find ways to be a Good Shepherd for others.



Congratulations to Logan Kaczmariski
 who made his First Communion last Saturday, May 6. Logan is the son of Joe and Melissa.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

Thanks to all who came to our focus meetings last Tuesday & Wednesday. Our parish Mission Team will pass on your thoughts. And remember you can follow the instructions in the Pittsburgh Catholic and send your thoughts, hopes and dreams until May 31. Our consultation opportunities will then be tallied and continue to move through until the **DECISIONS** are announced by March of 2018. As I say often it is a needed decision for us. So please join me in being joyful and hopeful for our new parish's future.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

MAY 20-21:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kostyak, J. Carleton, J. Kaczmariski, F. Szekely, T. McAdams, M. Leicht, M. Colao
Lector: Theodore Schleifer
Server: Andy Connelly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: C. DiNinno, T & D Whyel, R. Russo, M. Giulianelli, B. McDonell, P. Koncerak
Lector: Mark Petri
Server: Josh DiNinno

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: K. Carroll, P. Fazio, C. Bakin, N. Moucheron, J. Barbusio, S. Szatkowski
Lector: Rick Stamerra
Server: Olivia Joscak

May 27-28:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Hojnacki, D. Hrabley, P. Humberson, J. Carleton, T. Schleifer, J & M Besseck
Lector: Mary Ann McClain
Servers: Steven and Daniel Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Leicht, M & L Petri, J. Strednak, J. Corbett, J. McLaughlin, B. McDonell
Lector: Nick Russo
Server: Christopher & Drew Yezovich

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: H. Sullivan, M. Garritano, C. Mirenzi, C. Suppes, J. Kondas, K. Carroll
Lector: Paulette Fazio
Server: Brian Kelly

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

*Happy
 Mother's
 Day!*

*Peace and Love,
 Father Semler*



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We love you Father Al and congratulate you on the 50th Anniversary of your Ordination to the Priesthood.

May God bless your dedication and service over the years to all of the people throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh and especially here at

Good Shepherd Parish.

AN INVITATION FROM DEACON JOE

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, and in response to her request for prayer for the conversion of sinners, the Rosary will be prayed in Sacred Heart Chapel at 7:00 PM every Wednesday starting May 17th and continuing through October 11th, 2017 (except for May 24th, as the anticipated Mass for the Ascension will be celebrated). Everyone attending can submit an entry each week and on October 11th, two sets of faux pearl Rosary Beads containing all 20 decades of the Rosary: Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious will be raffled off. The Rosary Beads will be blessed. You are cordially invited to pray with me.

MONTHLY COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

The MCC for May will be celebrated Wednesday, May 31st at 9:00 AM at Sacred Heart. Donations are to be turned in by Monday, May 29th.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, Jesus says “...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.”

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. The donation given to the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ love and compassion to the poor.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Phone: 412-437-8370

HEAVEN

The goal of religion is not to get us into heaven—but to get heaven into us. —Anonymous

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

<u>Sunday, May 7th:</u>	\$5,740.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 245
Loose Offertory:	\$436 .00
Monthly Offering: \$1,365.00	env used: 73
Loose Monthly:	\$ 102.00
Votive:	\$ 174 .00

Thank you for your generosity!

CALENDAR PARTY

Our annual Calendar Party sponsored by the Social Committee will take place next **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. You can obtain tickets from Peggy before and after the Masses this weekend.

NIGHT AT THE RACES

The Good Shepherd Handbell Choir will be hosting a night at the races on Saturday, June 24th along with a mini food festival, basket raffles, and bake sale. Food booths will open at 5 p.m. and all items can be purchased ala carte. Races will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Admission includes a horse as well as all you can eat indoor food items such as pizza, french fries, fried cheese sticks, etc. Tickets on sale after all masses beginning the weekend of May 20th.

We are looking for sponsor to help fund this event. If you are willing to become a sponsor, please contact Rob at (412) 901-1588. We are also looking for donations of pop and items for our basket raffle. If you are willing to donate these items, please contact Rob or drop items off at the parish office.

END OF YEAR BELL CONCERT

The Bell Choir will hold it's end of the year concert on Sunday, June 4th at 3:00 PM at Good Shepherd Church. We will be showcasing some of our favorite songs from our Spring season. Join us for an hour of music with a light cookie social afterwards.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend, **May 20-21**, will be taken for Catholic Relief Services and Aid for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Sisters will be with us after all Masses the weekend of **May 27 and 28** collecting your donations to enable them to continue the work of their foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, in caring for the elderly poor at their home on Benton Avenue in Pittsburgh. They are counting on your continued support.

2017 PARISH SHARE PROGRAM

If you made a pledge to the program, please wait for your monthly statement to send in your payment. This helps to insure that you receive the proper credit.



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**Our Primary is Tuesday, May 16.
Please take some time to review the candidates and what they stand for
And plan to cast your vote.**

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC SINGLES
CONFERENCE– MAY 19-21**

The conference will be held at the DoubleTree Pittsburgh, Greentree. The weekend includes speakers, music, social events, prayer, food, and fellowship. Space is limited so be sure to register now at **www.NationalCatholicSingles.com**. For more info, call 1-888-27-8885, ext 4.

EUCCHARISTIC ROSARY MARCH

The Legion of Mary in collaboration with the Diocese of Pittsburgh will sponsor the 81st International Eucharistic Rosary March on Sunday, May 21st with Bishop William Winter, STD. The event will coincide with the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's appearance in Portugal. Prelude music at 1:15 PM, followed by the Liturgy of the Word at 1:30 PM at Epiphany Church, 184 Washington Place, Uptown, with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Readings and Homily. Then the procession with the Blessed Sacrament and Statue of Our Lady of Fatima through the city of Pittsburgh will begin. Upon returning to Epiphany Church, they will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction, Crowning of Our Lady and for those who choose, a special blessing for healing.

PENTECOST SACRED ARTS FESTIVAL-- In celebration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Scott Township, we are holding a Pentecost Sacred Arts Festival from Wednesday, May 31 – Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017. The five-day festival is free and open to the public and will be held in Keefer Hall. The PSAF features a juried art exhibition with monetary prizes selected by Fr. Vincent de Paul Crosby, OSB. Fr. Crosby, a monk of St. Vincent Archabbey is an award winning artist, consultant and expert in the interplay of the arts and faith. The forty-six artworks that will be exhibited represent the work of thirty-one artists from the tri-state area and offer a rich encounter of paintings, icons and sculptures in the Judeo- Christian tradition. Please join Our Lady of Grace Parish, 310 Kane Blvd. for this unique celebration of cultural evangelization from May 31-June 4. For more information, contact, Josette Baker, OFS, Social Minister, at 412-279-7070.

SAM – Substance Addiction Ministry

The next Substance Addiction Ministry Rosary for Recovery will be Wednesday, May 17 at St. Januarius Church 1450 Renton Rd. Plum, PA 15239. We will meet at 7:00 PM for the Rosary followed by an informal gathering for all who are afflicted or affected by addiction. It will be a safe, confidential place for people to seek education, referral and support. For more information please contact Noreen at 412-296-1709.

***Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:
1-888-808-1235***

MASSSES for the WEEK



Good Shepherd Parish
May 14-21, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day) (Jn 14:1-12)
GS: 4:00 PM Mass of Thanksgiving/Father Al and Living & Deceased Mothers of our Parish
GS: 9:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving/ Father Al and Living & Deceased Mothers of our Parish
SH: 11:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving/Father Al and Living & Deceased Mothers of our Parish

Monday-Easter Weekday (Jn 14:21-26)
SH: 9:00 AM Mary Macik by Margaret Welsh
Tuesday-Easter Weekday (Jn 14:27-31a)
SH: 9:00 AM James Ward by Jim & Micky Catone
Wednesday-Easter Weekday (Jn 15:1-8)
SH: 9:00 AM Deceased Members of Joyce Family by Family
Thursday -Easter Weekday (Jn 5:9-11)
SH: 9:00 AM Lenora Bavolar by Family
Friday-Easter Weekday (Jn 15:12-17)
No Morning Mass
Saturday-Easter Weekday (Jn 15:18-21)
No Morning Mass

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Jn 14:15-21)
GS: 4:00 PM Mario Giulianelli by Margaret Badar
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
SH: 11:00 AM Michael Pluhta by Dolly Brown

REST IN PEACE

In your charity, we remember all those who have died, especially:
Mary Mantia.
May the angels lead you into paradise.

MEMORIAL OFFERING THIS WEEK:

Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp And Flowers:
In Memory of Rita Taylor and Dolores Russell
by Jerry & Janet Taylor



Marriage
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Our best wishes go to
Charles D. Hartford
and
Amanda Zelena
who were married
in our parish May 6, 2017.

Birthdays



Wishes
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Happy Birthday to
Hilda Carulli
who celebrated her 91st
Birthday on May 10th.

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