

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

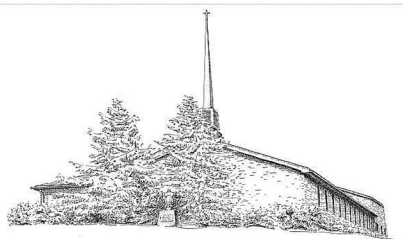
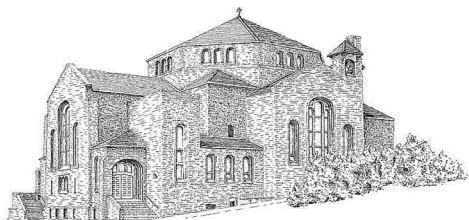
1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

*May 15, 2016*

Parish Office: 412-271-1515  
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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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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](mailto: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 15, 2016

*From the Pastor's Desk*  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**PENTECOST:**

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. We recall that the Paraclete, Spirit, which Jesus kept promising us, came upon his Apostles and gave them the “boost” they needed to proclaim His Gospel without fear. They counted any and all persecutions as gifts that helped them to suffer for Jesus as He suffered for them...and us. May this Spirit give you and I the courage we need to continue evangelizing and sharing the good news to everyone we have contact with.

*The Pascal Candle* will be moved to the baptismal font. It will be lit for baptisms and Masses of Resurrection to remind us that Jesus is our guiding light from baptism till death. May we never do anything to block His Saving Light from showing us the way.

**AMORIS LAETITIA: THE JOY OF LOVE**

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

**An important word in this document is “discernment.” What does discernment mean for Pope Francis? Does it mean someone can simply look for a compassionate priest to tell him or her that everything is ok?**

Discernment is a constant effort to be open to the Word of God to illuminate the concrete reality of everyday life. Discernment leads us to be docile to the Spirit; it encourages each of us to act with all possible love in concrete situations.

Pope Francis asks pastors and faithful to discern each concrete situation carefully. Any priest or pastoral worker who is actively involved in helping people grow spiritually knows that there are no easy recipes, no “one size fits all,” no quick and easy exceptions.

At the same time, discernment can never be separated from the Gospel demands of truth and charity and from the teaching and tradition of the Church. It requires humility and a sincere search for God’s will.

**SUMMER FESTIVAL:**

We will continue to advance plans for our Summer Festival at a meeting tomorrow evening, May 16th at Sacred Heart Hall at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited.



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**ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!**

Remember the rollicking Beatles’ song, “All Together Now”? While the light-hearted chorus was meant to be an invitation to sing along, Paul McCartney said it also had an undercurrent of “we are all together now.” That is where we are moving to in our diocesan-wide program, “On Mission for The Church Alive!” We are all in, ready to move together as the Church Evangelizing! Read, hear and proclaim this weekend’s Good News. This is what we need to celebrate – all together now – on this Pentecost Sunday.

To read more, check out “On Mission for The Church Alive!” on page 5 of this week’s Pittsburgh Catholic or go to [www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org](http://www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org). Follow On Mission for The Church Alive on Twitter at @PghChurchAlive. Have something to share about how your parish is “On Mission”? Use the hashtags #ChurchAlive and #OnMissionPgh.

**MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**MAY 21-22:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** A. Kostyak, T. Schleifer, J. Hojnacki, M. Colao, F. Szekely, J & M Besseck

**Lector:** Mary Ann McClain

**Server:** Stephen Yezovich

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** C. DiNinno, M. Leicht, P.

Koncerak, J. McLaughlin, L. Petri, B. McDonell, R. Russo

**Lector:** Mark Petri

**Server:** Josh DiNinno

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** H. Sullivan, M. Garritano, C.

Mirenzi, K. Carroll, P. Fazio, E. Foster

**Lector:** Carolyn Bakin

**Server:** Brianna Skladany

**MAY 28-29:**

**4:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** D. Hrably, P. Humberson, J.

Hojnacki, J. Kaczmarek, T. Schleifer, K. Carroll, J.

McAdams

**Lector:** Cathy Mirenzi

**Server:** Andy Connelly

**9:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Corbett, J. Strednak, M.

Giulianelli, B. McDonell, C. DiNinno, P. Koncerak,

J. Carleton

**Lector:** Nick Russo

**Server:** Selah Corbett

**11:00 AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** C. Bakin, K. Bitkowski,

N. Moucheron, J. Barbusio, S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas

**Lector:** Dorothy Danko

**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*

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

The second collection this weekend, May 14-15 will be taken for Catholic Relief Services: Church in Latin America, Church in Central and Eastern Europe and Church in Africa. Thank you for your generosity.

**SUMMER FEST MEETING**

Join us as we continue to plan for our Summer Fest 2016 this Monday evening, May 16th at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall.

***MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!***

**LADIES OF CHARITY**

Our Ladies of Charity will meet next Sunday, May 22nd at Sacred Heart Hall at 12:15 PM.

**END OF YEAR BELL CONCERT**

The Good Shepherd Handbell teams will celebrate the end of the 2015-2016 season by sharing several of their favorite selections from this year. The concert will take place at Good Shepherd Church on **Monday, May 23rd at 7:00 PM**. Ringers will also be recognized for the commitment and service to the program. The concert is free and open to the public. A social will follow in the Parish Center of the School.

**OFFICE HOURS CHANGE:**

Effective this **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**

Today as we celebrate Pentecost the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God’s presence to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives. **Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor believe in the mystery of God’s love for them.**

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

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE DAY**

Date: **May 15th**

**10 am –1 pm (Sunday)**

**Location: Sacred Heart Church—1600 Brinton Rd**

**Bundle-up your clean, usable items into boxes and bag & bring them to be loaded directly into the truck.** What to donate:

- ◆ **Clothing**—clean clothing and accessories for all sizes and ages, especially coats
- ◆ **Household items**—linens, blankets, kitchenware, etc.
- ◆ **Small, working appliances**—microwaves, mixers, etc.

Your household discards assist needy families directly with merchandise or with programs funded by the sale of the merchandise.

**MONTHLY COMMEMORATIVE MASS**

Our monthly MCC will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 25th at the 9:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart.

**LADIES OF CHARITY**

Our Ladies of Charity have joined together with Word of God Ladies of Charity. We are taking on a project to help Woodland Hills School children. They are in need of specific items in case there is a problem while in school. The items are:

**Boys: Black sweat pants—Sizes S, M, L and XL**

**Girls: Leggings Sizes S, M, L and XL**

**Socks: Any Size**

There will be a box in the back of church to hold your donations. The ladies of Good Shepherd and Word of God thank you in advance for your donations. If you have questions, call Hope at 412-664-6260. You will be remembered in our prayers.

**DON’T LET YOUR CHILD BECOME A STATISTIC!**

80% of kids stop practicing the faith at some point during college. There is a way to keep our kids (grandkids) connected to the faith. Go to [www.diopitt.org/newmanconnection](http://www.diopitt.org/newmanconnection) and fill out the quick online form. We only need their first and last name and the school they will be attending. A Catholic campus minister at their college will be able to reach out to them and invite them to participate in campus ministry. It takes less than 2 minutes to do and it might be the most important thing you do for your loved one as they graduate high school!

**A GARDENER’S CREED**

One is nearer God’s heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth. —Anonymous

***Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure***

<b>Ascension Thursday:</b>	<b>\$1,432.00</b>
<b>Loose Ascension Collection \$92.00</b>	env used:138
<b>Sunday, May 8th:</b>	<b>\$6,234.00</b>
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 315
<b>Loose Offertory:</b>	<b>\$203 .00</b>
<b>School Offering: \$535.00</b>	env used: 59
<b>Loose School Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 72.00</b>
<b>Votive:</b>	<b>\$237.00</b>

**May God Bless your generosity!**

**EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL Spring Musical 2016**  
**“GO FISH”**

First there was the movie “Finding Nemo” and in June “Finding Dory”, but here at East Catholic School the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be performing the show, “Go Fish.” So join them on **Tuesday, May 17, 2016** at 7:00 PM in Keane Hall. For more information call 412-351-5403. *All are welcome.*

**YOUNG ADULTS BEGINNING EXPERIENCE**

Weekend is scheduled for June 10-12, 2016 at Gilmary Retreat Center in Moon Twp., PA. Payment arrangements and possible financial assistance are available. The loss of a parent through death, or a changed parental relationship through divorce or separation can be a traumatic experience for individuals of all ages. The **Young Adults Beginning Experience** program offers individuals, ages 18-30, the opportunity to sort out and address their losses with a certified team of peers who have each experienced a similar loss. For more information, check us out on Facebook at YABEPittsburgh or on Twitter @YABEPittsburgh or contact Carol Martin Dundes at [carol.martin339@gmail.com](mailto:carol.martin339@gmail.com) or 412-295-7026 or Karen Walker at [walker@bishopcanevin.org](mailto:walker@bishopcanevin.org)

**ANNUAL RETREAT FOR MOTHERS**

Join mothers from all over the Diocese at Gilmary Retreat Center on August 6, 2016 to celebrate the power of ***Spiritual Freedom in Motherhood!*** Come and learn from Fr. Joe Freedy, celebrant and homilist for Holy Mass, and Elizabeth Ficocelli, an award-winning Catholic author and regular guest on EWTN. Registration is open NOW – with an Early Bird special price of \$40/person during the month of May, in honor of Our Lady! After May, cost will increase to \$50/person. To register, search “Catholic Moms Retreat – Pittsburgh” on Eventbrite.com. Contact [pghmomsretreat@gmail.com](mailto:pghmomsretreat@gmail.com) with questions.

**Sisters of Divine Providence Craft Extravaganza**

Crafters needed! Spread the word! The Sisters of Divine Providence Craft Extravaganza will be Saturday, Oct. 8, 10am-3pm at Providence Heights in Allison Park. Tables going fast! Reserve your \$30 table now at [cdpsisters.org](http://cdpsisters.org). Questions? Contact Pat Serni at 412.635.5401 or [pserafini@cdpsisters.org](mailto:pserafini@cdpsisters.org).

**AN EVENING WITH MARY--** On Thursday, May 19, 2016, St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, 1 Saint Therese Court, Munhall, PA they will pray the rosary before the Mary statue outside in the front of church at 7:00 p.m. Following the rosary, all are invited into church to hear a reflection on the Blessed Virgin Mary by the Pastor, Fr. Terry O’Connor. All are welcome. A light reception will follow. For further information please contact the rectory at 412-462-8161 or [sttherese@st-therese.net](mailto:sttherese@st-therese.net)

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

**1-888-808-1235**

**Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan**

# MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish  
May 15-22, 2016

<b><u>Pentecost Sunday</u></b>	<b>(Jn 20:19-23)</b>
GS: 4:00 PM Ralph & Peggy Troper	by Jim and Mary Ann Malley
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish	
SH: 11:00 AM Dolores Barbusio	by M/M Walt Kopaczynski
<b><u>Monday-Weekday</u></b>	<b>(Mk 9:14-29)</b>
SH: 9:00 AM Cecilia Dudas by Family	
<b><u>Tuesday-Weekday</u></b>	<b>(Mk 9:30-37)</b>
SH: 9:00 AM Mary Halko Sorokacs	by Michael Sorokacs
<b><u>Wednesday-Weekday</u></b>	<b>(Mk 9:38-40)</b>
SH: 9:00 AM Florence Matvya by Dolores Rockovich	
<b><u>Thursday-Weekday</u></b>	<b>(Mk 9:41-50)</b>
SH: 9:00 AM Domenico & Caterina Caloiero	by Fortunata & Antonio DeCaria
<b><u>Friday-Weekday</u></b>	<b>(Mk 10:1-12)</b>
No Morning Mass	
<b><u>Saturday-Weekday</u></b>	<b>(Mk 10:13-16)</b>
No Morning Mass	
<b><u>The Most Holy Trinity</u></b>	<b>(Jn 16:12-15)</b>
GS: 4:00 PM Mitchell Rockovich by Family	
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish	
SH: 11:00 AM Edward Jendeski	by Family and Friends

## Birthday



## Happy Birthday

to

Mary Huber who will celebrate  
her 94th birthday on May 17th.  
God bless you, Mary!

## A PRAYER TO THE SPIRIT

Spirit of Jesus, poured out in flames of fire upon your  
disciples on the day of Pentecost,

we pray to you:

Set afire the hearts of your faithful so that they will an-  
nounce in all the languages of the world the wonders of  
the salvation of God.

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSP, copyright © 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by  
World Library Publications. p.182

## What's Happening this Week

May 15-22, 2016

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10am-1pm Bundle Day Cont'd</b>	<b>SH Lot</b>
	<b>11:00 AM May Crowning</b>	<b>SH Church</b>
	<b>12:00 PM Calendar Party</b>	<b>GS School Hall</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>7:00 PM Scouts</b>	<b>GS School</b>
	<b>7:00 PM Festival Mtg</b>	<b>SH Hall</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>7:00 PM Prayer Group</b>	<b>SH Chapel</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>12:15 PM Ladies of Charity</b>	<b>SH Hall</b>

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**WEEK!!!**