

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

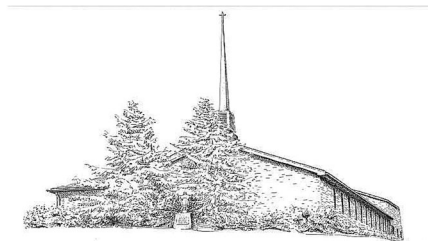
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

May 21, 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

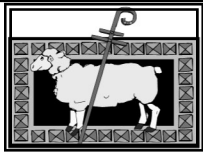
Parish Telephone Numbers

Parish Office:412-271-1515
Phone: 412-351-3710
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 21, 2017
 From the Pastor's Desk
 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WHAT A WEEKEND!

Thank you for making last weekend “beyond special.” It will take me awhile to read all of your special messages. But thanks for all your prayers cards and gifts. Even though I have to stand up front to do what I love, say mass, I don’t like attention showered on me. But I just could not afford not to, as my 50th Anniversary of saying ADSUM was upon me. ADSUM—That’s what the young man says when asked basically “Are you willing to serve the people of God as a priest?” And I must admit I am glad and grateful that I said Adsum.

And I must say that I am also glad and grateful that I said yes to come out of retirement and go to Braddock. I think this “marriage” was made in heaven. You have been so welcoming and accepting. We’ve made a good team. **Thank You!**

And finally I can’t thank everyone because so many of you pitched in. But I do want to thank Phyllis Koncerak for organizing the after Prom at Good Shepherd and Sophie Szatkowski, Janet Kondas and Peg Cox and Denise Cunningham for organizing the “after Prom” at Sacred Heart. As the saying goes “many hands make light work.” And it’s a bonus when they can bake also. **Thank you once again to one and all.**

EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

We received the following article from East Catholic School.

East Catholic is in the process of updating the technology in the school. This is a very expensive undertaking. Many thanks to Father Al Semler and Good Shepherd Parish who gave \$10,000.00 from their Church Alive funds to East Catholic for this project.

One of our parents had this to say: “As a parent of one current student and one former student at East Catholic School, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks for Good Shepherd Parish’s tremendous gift towards our technology improvements. What an incredible testimony to the value of Catholic education! I wish to thank the individual members of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, and Father Al, for their incredible generosity and practical support of our school!”

I think that this is great that someone is so very grateful for our kindness I hope each one of you feels as good about this as I do.

Plus one of our parishioners gave a donation of \$500.00 to East Catholic Technology Fund as she loves to support our school programs. Maybe you can give something? Our children will benefit.



***Congratulations to
 Noah Corbett***

who made his First Communion last Saturday, May 7th through Mary of Nazareth School. Noah is the son of John and June.

Congratulations to Sean Walker

who made his First Communion through East Catholic School on May 7th. Sean is the son of Matt and Lisa.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Thursday of this week is the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven. He told his Apostles and Disciples that this was necessary because He wanted to prepare them to receive the Holy Spirit. As we know that after the Holy Spirit descended on them “NOTHING” could stop them. WOW! He gives us the Spirit daily. Are we co-operating? The masses for the Holy Day of Obligation are Anticipated Mass at 7:00 PM on Wednesday evening and 9:00 AM on Thursday.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

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

JUNE 3-4:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, A.M. Dougherty, A. Kostyak, J. Carleton, J. Kaczmarek, F. Szekely, M. Leicht

Lector: Eric Helminiak

Server: Andy Connelly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe, C. Suppes, J. Corbett, M. Giulianelli, R. Russo, M & L Petri

Lector: Jeff McLaughlin

Server: Selah Corbett

11:00 AM

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

Lector: Brendan Howell

Server: Briana & Morgan 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*

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this weekend 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 next weekend collecting your donations. Your generosity enables 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.

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

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 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 Deacon Joe.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments...Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and through us into the hearts of those who are poor.

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

EXTREMES

If you wish to go to extremes, let it be in sweetness, patience, humility, and charity.

—St. Philip Neri

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, May 14th:	\$6,375.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 268
Loose Offertory:	\$346.00
School Offering: \$506.00	env used: 53
Loose School:	\$ 87.00
Votive:	\$ 176.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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 5:00 PM and all items can be purchased ala carte. Races will begin at 7:00 PM. 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 sponsors 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.

2017 PARISH SHARE PROGRAM

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

ST. JOHN FISHER

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The parish welcomes children ages 4 through those having completed 4th grade. **When:** Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 23, 2017. **Time:** 9:00 AM—Noon. **Where:** St. John Fisher Church, 33 Lewin Lane, Churchill. Please call the church office at 412-241-4722. Registration is due by June 11, 2017.

EAST CATHOLIC GALA

2017 Profit \$51,000.00

The Gala Committee would like to express their sincere appreciation to all who contributed in any way to this years Gala! We believe that coming together in the spirit of cooperation and fellowship will result in long-term benefits for East Catholic School. Special thanks to Word of God, Madonna del Castello, Good Shepherd, St. Colman, St. John Fisher, and St. Maurice parishioners, and to all of the school families for their support. We would also like to extend our thanks to all who attended for their support of the auctions and other exciting activities. It was a very successful event and thanks to all who helped in any way.

The 2017 GALA Committee



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THE FRATERNITY OF PRIESTS will celebrate a Mass for healing on Wednesday, May 31 at 7:00 PM at St. Bonaventure Church in Glenshaw. You are invited to come and celebrate the Eucharist with them, expecting the healing presence of the Lord Jesus, as at every Mass, to touch you in all of your needs.

ENCOUNTER is a quarterly gathering at St. Joseph Church in Coraopolis. They gather to encounter the living God through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Worship, Healing Prayer, Praise, Confession and Community. Their community desires to grow in our relationship with God and each other. All ages welcome. Babysitting is available. Join us on **June 10th from 7-8:30** with Fr. Isaac Haywiser, OSB. For more info, call or text ([412](tel:4127168440))716-8440.

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 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.

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

Duquesne University's largest open house will be held this summer on **Sunday, June 11** beginning at 8:00 AM. This exciting day is a fun way for Fall 2017 high school seniors to learn more about the University. Register online at www.duq.edu/duquesnefest.

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. Help 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*

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK



Good Shepherd Parish
May 21-28, 2017

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

Monday-Easter Weekday (Jn 15:26 – 16.4a)

SH: 9:00 AM Tim Magnotti by John Kogut

Tuesday-Easter Weekday (Jn 16:5-11)

SH: 9:00 AM James E. Reichert
by Bob & Helen McDonell

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

SH: 9:00 AM 65th Wedding Anniversary of
Betty & Frank Kolano

SH 7:00 PM Anticipated Mass

Patricia Flora by Alan & Janet Kondas

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

SH: 9:00 AM Anna Melko by Bandik Family

Friday-St. Philip Neri (Jn 16:20-23)

No Morning Mass

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

No Morning Mass

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Jn 17:1-11a)

GS: 4:00 PM Mitchell Rockovich by Family
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
SH: 11:00 AM John, Roselyn, John & Raymond
Waskiewicz by Gene & Marilyn

MEMORIAL OFFERING THIS WEEK:

*Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Altar Candles,
and Sanctuary Lamp:*

In Memory of Marlyn Palmer

by Theresa, Patricia, Susan & Karen

Birthday



Wishes

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Happy Birthday to
Mary Huber.
Mary celebrated her
95th birthday on May 17th.
God bless you!



Congratulations

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Congratulations to
Frank & Betty Kolano.
They are celebrating their
65th Wedding Anniversary.
God bless you!

SAVE UP

When saving for old age, be sure to lay up a few
pleasant thoughts.

—Anonymous

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WEEK!!!