

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

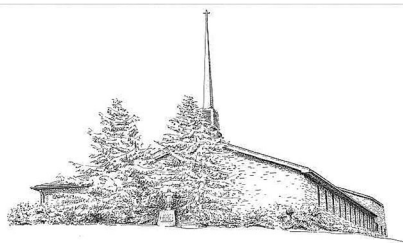
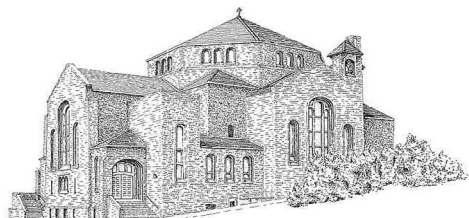
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

May 29, 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

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 29, 2016

From the Pastor's Desk
**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND
BLOOD OF CHRIST**



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CORPUS CHRISTI:

Today we celebrate Corpus Christi, The Body of Christ. The Eucharist Jesus gave to us the night before he died continues to strengthen us as often as we receive. It is a constant reminder of His love for us. May we receive His gift to us often.

AMORIS LAETITIA: THE JOY OF LOVE

I find question 6 of *The Joy of Love* interesting. This had to be one of the most difficult questions under consideration. I feel it is a credit to Pope Francis to allow discussion on the point. The final sentence is a really good caption for us all to remember. His theme throughout seems to be to treat everyone with Love, Respect and Understanding.

For a Synod that at one moment seemed to offer broad new acceptance for gays in the Church, Amoris Laetitia seems to present precious little. What happened?

Church teaching remains clear: marriage is between a man and a woman, and homosexual unions cannot be placed on the same level as Christian marriage. (AL 250)

That said, it is important that we all learn to imitate God's unconditional love, for everyone. "The Church makes her own the attitude of the lord Jesus, who offers his boundless love to each person without exception." (AL 250)

While its focus is on marriage and family, Amoris Laetitia also speaks to countless people who aren't married. These include single parents, widows, and widowers, celibate men and women—all of whom have family links. Everyone is a son or daughter; everyone has a family history; everyone has bonds of love with family members; and everyone has friends in difficult and painful situations.

MEMORIAL DAY:

Tomorrow, Monday is Memorial Day. We remember the FALLEN who have served us and our country. We will have a 9:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart Church. All Saints Cemetery, 1560 Brinton Road, will have a service at 12:00 Noon. We thank the FALLEN, those who have served and those who continue to serve. May the Lord Bless them all. The Parish Office will be closed that day.

BELL MINISTRY:

Our Bell Ministry had a final presentation for us last Monday evening. Our young people give much time and energy to provide this wonderful program for us. I thank each of them for their kindness. And I give an even bigger **THANK YOU** to **Kelly Thompson** and **Rob Swope** for their dedication and talent to keep our Bell Ministry. Thanks Kelly, Rob and all involved. You help to make Good Shepherd Parish "some place special."

SUMMER FEST:

I'm collecting those unwanted or unneeded gifts again for prizes. So please "get them to me." I'll be by my garage door every Tuesday from 6:00—7:00 PM for water, pop and ice tea donations, unused gifts and completed baskets for the Basket Raffles. For pop, please only get Pepsi and Coke products. They sell the best. **THANKS!**

MINISTER SCHEDULE

JUNE 4-5:

4:00 PM

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

Lector: Angelina Hornick

Server: Stephen Yezovich

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Carleton, J. McLaughlin, L & M Petri, C. DiNinno, M. Giulianelli, B. McDonell

Lector: Jennifer Miller

Server: Christopher & Drew Yezovich

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: K. Carroll, E. Foster, C. Bakin, K. Bitkowski, R. Stammera, H. Sullivan

Lector: P. Fazio

Server: Brianna Skladany

JUNE 11-12:

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Mirezzi, D. Hrabley, P. Humberson, J. Kaczmarski, T. McAdams, M. Leicht

Lector: Theodore Schleifer

Server: Andy Connelly

9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Garritano, T & D Whyel, P. Koncerak, C. DiNinno, J. Strednak

Lector: Jeff McLaughlin

Server: Josh DiNinno

11:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Szatkowski, J. Kondas, J. Barbusio, K. Carroll, E. Foster

Lector: Chester Chorazy

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*

SUMMER FEST 2016

Mark your calendars now!

Our parish Summerfest will be held from **Wednesday, June 22nd through Saturday, June 25th**. Summerfest is the largest fundraiser we do as a parish. In order to make this event successful, we need all the help we can get. There are several ways that you can help us out this year.

Volunteers Needed!

In the past, many of our games have been run largely by members of the bell choir. This year, there are not as many bell ringers meaning that we need more people in the parish to help us out to make sure we are able to open the game booths. We need volunteers in other areas each night of the festival. If you are able to give us one night, or even a couple of hours a night, it would be appreciated. You can sign up to volunteer before or after weekend masses over the next couple of weeks. You can also return the volunteer form from the bulletin or the festival letter mailed home with raffle tickets to the office, and we will add your name to our list of volunteers. **We need at least 18 volunteers each night to open just the game booths. So, bring your family, neighbors, or friends to help us make sure all of the jobs are covered each night.**

Basket Raffles

We are looking for donations of **completed baskets** to use for our nightly basket raffles. You can drop off completed baskets at Sacred Heart on **June 4th from 2:00—5:00 PM or any Tuesday from 6 – 7 PM**. Baskets (ex. car wash, baby, kids, kitchen, summer fun, laundry) can also be dropped off at the Parish Office anytime between the hours of 9 AM – 3 PM.

Pop and Water Donations

One thing that really helps our profits is donations of cases of **pop, water and iced tea**. **Pepsi products** are frequently on sale, especially with Memorial Day approaching. We are also accepting **Coke products**. Any type of bottled water is appreciated as well. These can be dropped off **Tuesday evenings** at Sacred Heart from 6 – 7 PM.

Cooks and Bakers Needed

We will be looking for help to make handmade pierogis at Sacred Heart Hall one night before the festival. Watch the bulletin for a date if you are able to help with this task. We also need delicious baked goods to sell at our bake sale. Baked goods can be dropped off each day of the festival starting at 9:00 AM.

If you are still looking for another way to help with the festival, you can make a monetary donation to the parish to be used to help us purchase items for the kitchen or check with the office to see what items we might still need.



FIFTH SUNDAY COLLECTION TODAY

The second collection today will be taken for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished and starving.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are suffering. Thank you! St. Vincent de Paul phone: 412-437-8370.

WOMEN'S GUILD REMINDER: Their next meeting will be held in **September**. **No meetings** will be held through the summer months.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

Leadership is critical to the success of our diocesan-wide program, "On Mission for The Church Alive!" Every parish needs to bring out – and invite – leaders committed to the Church, to the Good News of the Gospel, and to enthusiastic evangelization. Our goal in everything we do is to welcome all to the friendship of Jesus that lives in every Catholic parish, every Catholic institution in the Church of Pittsburgh. Look around you and see what is needed. What can you be doing to help provide and support the parish leaders of today and tomorrow?

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. 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.

ST. JOHN FISHER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Children ages 4 through those having completed 4th grade are welcome to participate in Vacation Bible School. When: Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24, 2016. Time: 9:00 AM—Noon. Where: St. John Fisher Church, 33 Lewin Lane, Churchill. Cost: \$25/family. Please call the church office at 412-241-4722 for registration forms. Registration is due by June 6th.

FAITH IS

Faith is not merely praying
Upon our knees at night;
Faith is not merely straying
Through darkness into light...
Faith is the brave endeavor, The splendid enterprise,
The strength to serve, whatever
Conditions may arise. —Anonymous

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, May 22nd:	\$4,938.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 283
Loose Offertory:	\$257.00
Votive:	\$217.00

May God Bless your generosity!

EAST CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL

Did you know that East Catholic School has a 3 year old and 4 year old Pre-School that it.....

- is God-centered creating awareness of God's creation.
- facilitates age-appropriate opportunities in spiritual, physical, social, cognitive and language development.
- understands the value of play and the choice of materials and activities in the child's learning environment.
- provides a safe, positive atmosphere where children continue their relationship with God.
- promotes the value of life and the respect for others and self nurtures a warm, caring environment that enhances self-esteem, independence, trust, sharing, cooperation and a positive attitude toward learning.

Your child can be a part of becoming aware of God's creation, have fun learning, meet new friends, sing, dance, explore computers and much more at East Catholic School Pre-School. Registration for school year 2016-2017 is now open. For more information call 412-351-5403. ***"Become a part of the school of tomorrow where knowledge meets faith and where timeless values and learning evolves."***

Also **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. **East Catholic School provides Pre -K, and full day Kindergarten through grade 8 programs.**

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.

CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY AT KENNYWOOD

Friday, July 8th

Tickets are only \$20 for this awesome day of faith in the park. Day starts at 10:45 with music led by Bob Lesnefsky, a talk by Dave VanVickle and Mass at 11:15 all at pavilion #5. For more info, a flyer, and to place ticket orders, please visit **catholicyouthday.com**.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
May 29-June 5, 2016

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ(Lk9:11b-17)

GS: 4:00 PM Richard Branzel by Wife, Marie

GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

SH: 11:00 AM Jakiela & Kubik Families

by Tom Jakiela

Monday-Weekday Memorial Day (Mk 12:1-12)

SH: 9:00 AM Sophie Serbak by Family & Friends

Tuesday-Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Lk 1:39-56)

SH: 9:00 AM Edward Jendeski by Family & Friends

Wednesday-St. Justin (Mk 12:18-27)

SH: 9:00 AM Poprocky Family by Flo Poprocky

Thursday-Weekday (Mk 12:28-34)

SH: 9:00 AM John Hudak by Vahosky Family

Friday-The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Lk 15:3-7)

No Morning Mass

Saturday-Immaculate Heart of Mary (Lk 2:41-51)

No Morning Mass

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Lk 7:11-17)

GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

GS: 9:00 AM Irene Cotter by Helena Ambroffi

SH: 11:00 AM Bernice Bitkowski

by Drs. Chester & Anna Chorazy

REST IN PEACE

*In your charity, we remember all those
who have died, especially:*

Albert Ocel, and Anthony DiVito.

May the angels lead you into paradise.

MEMORIAL OFFERING:

Altar Bread:

In Memory of James Provenzano

by Eleanor Meteny

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What's Happening this Week

May 29-June 5, 2016

Monday: 7:00 PM Scouts GS School
Tuesdays: 6-7:00 PM Drop Off/Donations SH Hall
Thursday: 7:00 PM Prayer Group SH Chapel
Saturday: 2-5:00 PM Basket Drop Off SH Hall



Memorial Day

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*Have a happy and
safe Memorial
Day Weekend!*

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WEEK!!!