

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

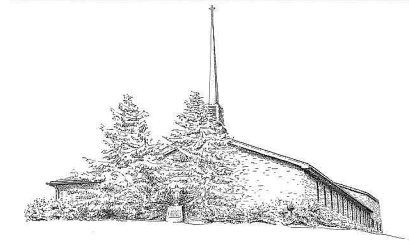
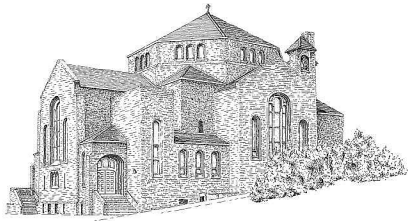
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

March 1, 2015

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

Sacred Heart Church

1600 Brinton Road
Braddock Hills PA 15221-4902

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

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)
Mr. Herbert A. Dillahunt, Director of Music (nasard@aol.com)
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager
Miss Joan Hojnacki, Religious Education
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance
Sr. Judith Stojhovic, RSM, Principal of East Catholic

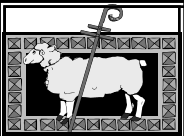
Parish Telephone Numbers

Parish Office:412-271-1515
Phone: 412-351-3710
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Music Ministry..... 412-271-1326
e-mail.....gshepoffice@comcast.net
Religious Education..... 412-271-2630

East Catholic..... 412-351-5403
School Fax:.....412-273-9114

- **Sacrament of Baptism:** Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism Class. Please call Joan at 412-271-2630 to register. 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.

With God All Things Are Possible!



March 1, 2015
From the Pastor's Desk
Second Sunday of Lent



LENT 2015:

As we continue our Lenten journey I'd like to share with you this Homily on prayer by St. John Chrysostom, bishop, from the Divine Office for the Friday after Ash Wednesday. Last Sunday the Gospel told us that Jesus went to the desert to pray and this was to prepare Him for His ministry to save us. Knowing that prayer gives us the strength to respond and follow the Gospel of God, let us read and meditate on this homily a few times during our Lenten journey this year.

From a Homily by St. John Chrysostom, Bishop

Prayer and converse with God is a supreme good: it is a partnership and union with God. As the eyes of the body are enlightened when they see light, so our spirit, when it is intent on God, is illumined by his infinite light. I do not mean the prayer of outward observance but continuous throughout the day and night.

Our spirit should be quick to reach out toward God, not only when it is engaged in meditation; at other times also, when it is carrying out its duties, caring for the needy, performing works of charity, giving generously in the service of others, our spirit should long for God and call him to mind, so that these works may be seasoned with the salt of God's love, and so make a palatable offering to the Lord of the universe. Throughout the whole of our lives we may enjoy the benefit that comes from prayer if we devote a great deal of time to it.

Prayer is the light of the spirit, true knowledge of God, mediating between God and man. The spirit, raised up to heaven by prayer, clings to God with the utmost tenderness; like a child crying tearfully for its mother, it craves the milk that God provides. It seeks the satisfaction of its own desires, and receives gifts outweighing the whole world of nature.

Prayer stands before God as an honored ambassador. It gives joy to the spirit, peace to the heart. I speak of prayer, not words. It is the longing for God, love too deep for words, a gift not given by man but by God's grace. The apostle Paul says: *We do not know how we are to pray but the Spirit himself pleads for us with inexpressible longings.*

When the Lord gives this kind of prayer to a man, he gives him riches that cannot be taken away, heavenly food that satisfies the spirit. One who tastes this food is set on fire with an eternal longing for the Lord: his spirit burns as in a fire of the utmost intensity.

Practice prayer from the beginning. Paint your house with the colors of modesty and humility. Make it radiant with the light of justice. Decorate it with the finest gold leaf of good deeds. Adorn it with the walls and stones of faith and generosity. Crown it with the pinnacle of prayer. In this way you will be able to receive him as in a splendid palace, and through his grace you will already possess him, his image enthroned in the temple of your spirit.

RITE OF ELECTION

Today our RCIA people will be attending the Rite of Election at St. Paul Cathedral with Bishop Zubik. We rejoice with **Jonathan Bradich, Autumn Hohn, and Amy Skladany** and look forward to the Easter Vigil when they will all be completely initiated into our Catholic faith.

CONFIRMATION:

Bishop Zubik will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 21st at 10:30 AM. Let us celebrate with our Confirmandi who then will be fully initiated into our faith. We share the day with Confirmandi from Word of God Parish and Madonna del Costello Parish of Swisvale. Kindly pray for all of these Confirmandi.

Review: The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. To be a sponsor you need to be fully initiated. Call me if you need one.

KEEP THE LIGHTS ON:

On Wednesday, March 18th I will be in the Confessional at Sacred Heart from 6:00 to 6:45 PM. Then I will have 7:00 PM Mass and after Mass I'll return to the Confessional until 9:00 PM. Please pass the word that the lights will be on at Sacred Heart for all to come to confession.

THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH has partnered with the USCCB Department for Cultural Diversity in the Church to offer a diocesan-wide **Train-the-Trainer Workshop**, May 15-17, 2015, that is based on their published 2012 curriculum, **Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers (BICM)**. The BICM curriculum offers a systematic approach to develop the cultural competency skills necessary to engage in discussion, understanding, knowledge and appreciation of the dynamism of racial and cultural diversity in the Church and society. The success of the **Train-the-Trainer Workshop** and future diocesan initiatives around cultural competence are dependent upon having trainees from a wide spectrum of racial, cultural, gender and age diversity. If you are interested let me know.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Semler

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Council members will meet this Monday, March 2nd at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. If you cannot attend, please call one of the Officers or you may call the Parish Office.

MONTHLY COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

The MCC will be celebrated Thursday, March 26th at the 9:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Please turn in intentions by Monday, March 23rd.

PRE CANA SEMINAR

Our Pre Cana Seminar will take place on **Sunday, March 22nd** at 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. You may register by calling Joe or Anna Marie at 412-351-3710. The donation is \$35.00 per couple.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the Rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.



Your almsgiving to the St. Vincent de Paul Society will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

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

Winners in Our Monthly Raffle Ticket

February 16th:	#960	Betty Falconer
February 17th:	#712	Fred Wilson
February 18th:	#586	Tina Litzinger
February 19th:	#353	Theresa Antonucci
February 20th:	#092	Clark Necciai
February 21st:	#335	Ken Bitkowski
February 22nd:	#661	Not sold
February 23rd:	#481	Peggy Cox

*March is the last month for the \$5.00 Tickets.
Please support this raffle.*

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, February 22nd:	\$4,766.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 270
Loose Offertory:	\$185.00
Votive:	\$202.00

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH received a grant of \$425.00 for general operating support from the **Graf-Handel Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation**. We are grateful for their support.

May God bless your generosity.

THE WOMEN'S RETREAT at St. Paul of the Cross monastery is March 6-8. It's not too late to register. Take a brochure from the back of the church; there's a registration form on the back. Questions, information or registration—call me, Louise Chuha at 412-271-7114.

Serra Catholic High School - Placement Test

The test for incoming freshmen will be held on *Saturday, March 7th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Serra Catholic High School - Meet the Students Evening

Thursday, March 12th, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Incoming Freshmen, spend time with current students and find your place in our clubs, activities, and sports. Parents, meet other parents and find answers to all of your questions about our Serra Catholic community! Please contact Mrs. Lyons at 412-751-2020 for more information.

Divorced, Widowed, or Separated?

--The loss of a spouse through separation, divorce, or death is a traumatic experience. The *Beginning Experience* weekend is intended to help widowed, divorced, or separated people who would like to pass through the grief and begin to move forward with their lives. The next weekend will be March 20-22, 2015 at the Gilmary Retreat Center in Moon Twp., PA.

PLEASE NOTE

Due to lack of interest the "Just A Bingo" scheduled for Madonna del Castello Parish, Swissvale, on Sunday, March 1, has been cancelled

St. Maurice Parish in Forest Hills is thrilled to host the 65 member Wooster Chorus as it presents "**Going Home**," it's 2015 Spring Concert Tour on **Sunday, March 8** at 7:00 PM. The concert will include the premier of three new works including a piece they commissioned by renowned composer, Jake Runestad. The Chorus hails from Wooster College (Ohio) and is under the direction of Dr. Lisa Wong. This is the Wooster Chorus' only Pittsburgh performance on it's 2015 tour.

The concert is free, but we will ask for a free will donation to help defray the cost of feeding 65 college kids! St. Maurice is conveniently located less than 1.5 miles from the Parkway East at 2001 Ardmore Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15221. For more information, contact Norm Chapman at SaintMauriceMusic@gmail.com

A NEW IDEA

Everybody thinks of changing humanity; nobody thinks of changing themselves.

—Leo Tolstoy

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

East Catholic School, 2001 Ardmore Boulevard in Forest Hills, Pa will host an informational **Open House** for families who are exploring educational options for their children in grades Pre-K through eight. The Open House will be held on **Sunday, March 22, 2015 from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm in Keane Hall (School Cafeteria).**

An informal program is planned with school tours and an opportunity to discuss grade level curriculum. Admission information will be available including details about tuition, financial aid, after-school care, and extra-curricular activities. Families will be able to meet some of the teachers and administrative staff. East Catholic offers outstanding elementary and middle school academic programs that are fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Elementary Schools. The programs include fine arts, instrumental and choral music, technology instruction, and Spanish language.

Special Notice for Kindergarten Enrollment: Children who will be five years old before September 1, 2015 are eligible to enroll in kindergarten. The East Catholic School Kindergarten program offers half-day and full day options.

Join the East Catholic Team and have your child be a part of the great tradition of Catholic Education that lasts a lifetime. For more information or to register, call the East Catholic School Office at 412-351-5403

As part of “Open House” activities, East Catholic School, is inviting all children (ages 3 through 7) who are ready to begin preschool, kindergarten or first grade in August, 2015 to join us for a “***Stomp, Stomp, Roar, Roar – I’m a Dinosaur Story Time***” from 1:30 pm –3:00 pm. Children may wear going-on-an adventure clothes and enjoy a Dinosaur story time with singing, thinking, playing and some crafts. Registration for Story Time is required and can be made by calling the East Catholic School Office 412-351-5403 during school hours (8:30 am until 2:00 pm). Last day for registration is Friday, March 20, 2015.

Pittsburgh NOW--Join Bishop Zubik for a Special Night of Adoration and Worship, March 5, 2015. Give your Lent a spiritual boost by attending Pittsburgh NOW (Night of Worship), an evening of praise and Adoration in the Cardinals' Great Hall at St. Paul's Seminary in Crafton. Listen to inspiring talks by Bishop Zubik, Chris Padgett, and Pittsburgh's own Holly Joy McIlwain. Catholic recording artist Bob Rice will lead worship. Connect with other Catholics from around the diocese at this special night of prayer and fellowship. The event begins at 7 p.m. and registration is FREE, including refreshments. Receive a free music download courtesy of Steubenville Conferences when you secure your spot. To learn more, visit www.steubenvilleconferences.com/pittsburghnow.

MASSES for the WEEK

*Good Shepherd Parish
March 1-8, 2015*

Second Sunday of Lent (Mk 9:2-10)
 GS: 4:00 PM John Hudak by Family (Handbell Quintet)
 GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish (Bell Grande)
 SH: 11:00 AM Diane Shockling by Mother, Regina (Good Shepherd Singers)

Monday-Lenten Weekday (Lk 6:36-38)
 SH: 9:00 AM Elmer Polasko by Ruth Polasko

Tuesday-Lenten Weekday (Mt 23:1-12)
 SH: 9:00 AM Fiore Palmer by Lillian Plutto

Wednesday-Lenten Weekday (Mt 20:17-28)
 SH: 9:00 AM Patrick Senic by Eleanor Senic
 SH: 7:00 PM Joseph Simko by Ron & Chris Simko

Thursday-Lenten Weekday (Lk 6:19-31)
 SH: 9:00 AM William Rolinski by Joe Sorokacs

Friday-Lenten Weekday (Mt 21:33-43,45-46)
 No Morning Mass
 SH: 6:00 PM ADORATION
 SH: 7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday-Lenten Weekday (Lk 15:1-3,11-32)
 No Morning Mass

Third Sunday of Lent (Jn 4:5-42)
 GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
 GS: 9:00 AM Regis & Mary Riley by Children (Good Shepherd Adult Choir)
 SH: 11:00 AM Frank & Mary Barbusio by Son, Guigno

Rest In Peace

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

Michael Leopold, Mary Phillips and Eleanor McAllister.

May the angels lead you into paradise!

What's Happening this Week March 1-8, 2015

Monday: 7:00 PM Pastoral Council SH Hall
 7:00 PM Scouts GS School

Wednesday: 7:00 PM RCIA SH Hall

Thursday: 7:00 PM Prayer Group SH Chapel



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