

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

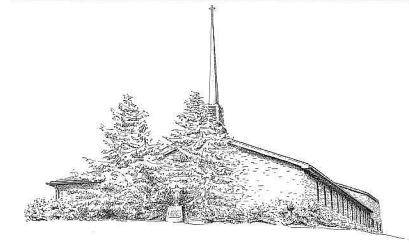
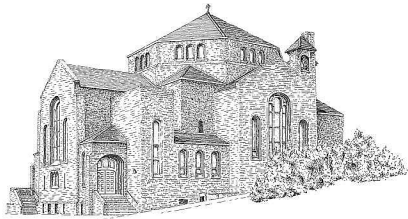
1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

**March 8, 2015**

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

## 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

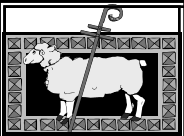
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor  
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty  
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary ([micky52@comcast.net](mailto:micky52@comcast.net))  
Mr. Herbert A. Dillahunt, Director of Music ([nasard@aol.com](mailto:nasard@aol.com))  
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager  
Miss Joan Hojnacki, Religious Education  
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance  
Sr. Judith Stojhovic, RSM, Principal of East Catholic

## Parish Telephone Numbers

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Phone: ..... 412-351-3710  
Fax.....412-271-1222  
Music Ministry..... 412-271-1326  
e-mail.....[gshepoffice@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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 8, 2015  
*From the Pastor's Desk*  
 Third Sunday of Lent



**LENT 2015:**

I often hear stories about “the Sister who taught me” usually it’s followed by “way back then” but I won’t go into that part. We are in the midst of a year of celebration of Sisters, Brothers and Priests who are serving the Church in Consecrated Life. I attended two Catholic Schools in my youth and both were staffed by the Sisters of Divine Providence from Allison Park. My dad’s sister was my Aunt, Sister Imelda whom some of you remember from St. Joseph’s School, Braddock. From third grade on I attended a four room school at St. Mary’s in Glenshaw. I look back and marvel how Sister taught two grades in one room of about 25 to 30 students in each grade. Our country parish became a suburban parish and the school grew to one classroom per grade by September, 1954.

Pope Francis commissioned those in Consecrated Life to “**Wake up the World.**” Some convents now have “Nun Runs” or “Convent Crawls.” They open their doors on a given day so women can take a “peek” at what their convent is all about. It’s a short, no commitment day. So if you have an interest, call the Sisters you’d like to visit and ask for a date. I’m sure the Brothers or Religious Orders of Priests would have a program also. If you have an interest in the Diocesan Priesthood you could call me or Fr. Joe Freedy, our Diocesan Vocation Director at 412-456-3123. I can attest that serving God as a Priest is a “**GREAT MINISTRY.**”

*As we continue celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life let us say this prayer for those who have said yes and for those discerning.*

**Prayer for the Year of  
 Consecrated Life**

**O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. During this Year of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you. Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

**Here are some March offerings to help celebrate  
 “The Year of Consecrated Life”**

**National Catholic Sisters Week:** Catholic Sisters have contributed so much to the world, founding many of the most enduring educational and healthcare institutions. They continue to serve the needs of the time in a variety of ministries. We invite you to celebrate Catholic Sisters during this week **March 8-14, 2015.** You may want to visit [www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org](http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org) for event toolkits, an event calendar, and other ideas.

**On March 12, 1922, the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God** established themselves in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The Sisters currently minister in social service, pastoral care, and campus ministry. Visit [www.osfprov.org](http://www.osfprov.org) for more information.

**Remember in prayer, the Holy Spirit Brothers** in Ambridge, PA on their foundation date, **March 13, 1994.** “The spirit of God unites us in Christ.”

**March 14, 2015....**Look for the Catholic Sisters of Pittsburgh in the St. Patrick Day Parade, Downtown.

**March 17, 1936** is the anniversary of the Great St. Patrick’s Day Flood in Pittsburgh. This is the day, when flood waters reached 46 feet, the employees and staff of the Sisters of Mercy formed a human chain to deliver meal trays to patients at Mercy Hospital.

**RITE OF ELECTION**

Congratulations to **Jonathan Bradich, Autumn Hohn,** and **Amy Skladany** on their Rite Of Election Ceremony last Sunday. Let us remember them in prayer as we look forward to the Easter Vigil and their full union with us.

**KEEP THE LIGHTS ON**

Bishop Zubik has asked that every Parish in the Diocese “Keep the Lights On” for Confession on Wednesday, March 18th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Our lights will be on at Sacred Heart Church. I’ll hear confessions 6:00—6:45, break for Mass at 7:00 PM and then I will continue hearing confessions until 9:00 PM. Kindly prepare for Easter with a good confession.

**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 Swissvale. Kindly pray for all of these Confirmandi.

DESTROY  
 THIS TEMPLE  
 AND  
 IN THREE DAYS  
 I WILL  
 RAISE  
 IT UP



**Peace and Love,  
 Fr. Semler**

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\***

**SENIOR CITIZENS WILL NOT MEET IN THE MONTH OF MARCH.**

**WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING**

Our Women's Guild will meet this Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. All ladies of the parish are invited.

**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 call our parish. They are, in effect, calling your home.

**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**

**GIRL SCOUT COOKIES**

The girls will be at all Masses next weekend, March 14th and 15th to sell cookies. Cost is \$4.00 per box. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

**CASINO TRIPS**

We have two trips a month to the Rivers Casino. The March trips will be **Tuesday, March 10th and Friday, March 27th** (our trips are scheduled for the second Tuesday and last Friday each month). The bus leaves from Sacred Heart parking lot at 8:30 AM and we return at 2:00 PM. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office for more information and/or registration.

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

<b>Sunday, March 1st:</b>	<b>\$7,997.00</b>
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 306
<b>Loose Offertory:</b>	<b>\$318.00</b>
<b>Monthly Offering: \$1,712.00</b>	env used: 83
<b>Loose Monthly Offering:</b>	<b>\$159.00</b>
<b>Votive:</b>	<b>\$166.00</b>

**May God bless your generosity.**

**LIVING STATIONS**

The Fine Arts Club of East Catholic School (grades 6, 7 & 8) will present **The Living Stations** at Good Shepherd Church on Palm Sunday, March 29th at 3:00 PM. The Children's Choir will provide music for the production. Andrew Connolly of our parish will portray Jesus. Be sure to mark the date on your calendar.

**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 **TODAY, 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](mailto:SaintMauriceMusic@gmail.com)

**Shop 'n Save SEED PROGRAM (East Catholic)**

Each year the school has scheduled free assemblies using the Shop 'n Save SEED program. This year they have done away with paper receipts. They will only accept electronic points. We need \$68,500 points for each assembly. To date we only have \$21,250. If you have not already done so, please register your Shop 'n Save card at <http://www.shopnsavefood.com/Education/SEEDProgram/SEEDRegistration.aspx>. Sister Judith has tentatively scheduled an assembly for the end of March and another for April but will have to cancel if they don't get enough points. Thanks for your support.

**REMINDERS**

**People more frequently require to be reminded than informed.**

—Samuel Johnson



***Winners in Our Monthly Raffle Ticket***

<b>February 24th:</b>	<b>#912</b>	<b>Linda Snyder</b>
<b>February 25th:</b>	<b>#344</b>	<b>Not Sold</b>
<b>February 26th:</b>	<b>#108</b>	<b>Cel Fischer</b>
<b>February 27th:</b>	<b>#797</b>	<b>Rae Frazier</b>
<b>February 28th:</b>	<b>#313</b>	<b>Ceil Balogh</b>
<b>March 1st:</b>	<b>#258</b>	<b>Margaret Edinger</b>
<b>March 2nd:</b>	<b>#719</b>	<b>Mel McKnight</b>

**Serra Catholic - 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.

**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.

**PARISH FISH FRIES**

**St. Colman, Turtle Creek:** Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday. 4-7 p.m., school cafeteria, 100 Tri-Boro Ave. Hand-dipped fried or baked cod fish sandwich, \$6. Mix or match two sides for \$3. Sides include haluski, pierogies, macaroni and cheese, french fries, cole slaw, Boston clam chowder and crab cakes. **Phone: 412-823-2564.**

**St. Maurice, Forest Hills:** Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday, 2-7 p.m., Keane Hall of East Catholic School, 2001 Ardmore Blvd. Menu: hand-breaded fried cod fish; baked cod fish; shrimp; pizza; french fries; pasta; haluski; macaroni and cheese; cole slaw. Pierogies sold by the dozen for takeout only. For more information, call 412-271-0809, or visit [www.stmauriceparish.org](http://www.stmauriceparish.org). Takeout is available, **call 412-723-1200.**

**Madonna del Castello:** Fridays during Lent, Noon-7:00p.m. (except Good Friday) in Dattilo Hall, 2021 S. Braddock Ave., Swissvale. Baked or fried cod dinners, eggplant, shrimp basket, sandwiches, haluski, macaroni & cheese, pasta e fagiole, applesauce, bread/butter & beverages available; also children's menu & take-out orders. Deliveries made within a reasonable distance until 2:00 p.m. **Phone: 412-271-3959.**

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

***1-888-808-1235***

***Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan***



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**PRINT COVER, ADS,**  
**AND OUTSIDE TABS**  
**IN CYAN EVERY**  
**WEEK!!!**