

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

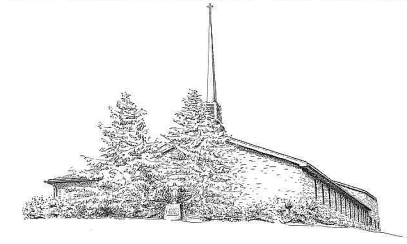
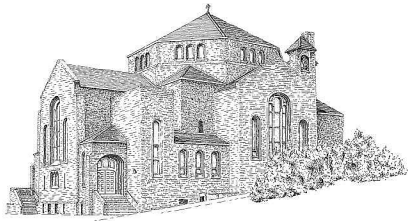
1024 Maple Way  
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*March 15, 2015*

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

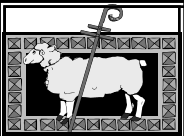
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor  
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty  
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (*micky52@comcast.net*)  
Mr. Herbert A. Dillahunt, Director of Music (*nasard@aol.com*)  
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager  
Miss Joan Hojnacki, Religious Education  
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director 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](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 15, 2015  
*From the Pastor's Desk*  
 Fourth Sunday of Lent



**LENT 2015:**

When you awoke last Friday morning Lent for this year was half over. **How ya doing?** Has your spiritual life improved or are you just drifting? Attendance for the Wednesday evening Mass at 7:00 PM is really down this year. Maybe this meditation by Pope Francis will help you as it helped me. This is based on the gospel for March 5th this year.

***The Trap of a Rich Man***

The danger of complacency, comfort, worldliness in our lifestyles and in our hearts, of making our well-being the most important thing in our lives. This was the case of the rich man in the Gospel, who dressed in fine garments and daily indulged in sumptuous banquets; this was what was important for him. What about the poor man at his doorstep who had nothing to relieve his hunger? That was none of his business, it didn't concern him. Whatever material things, money, worldliness, become the center of our lives, they take hold of us, they possess us; we lose our very identity as human beings. Think of it: the rich man in the Gospel has no name, he is simply "a rich man." Material things, his possessions, are his face; he has nothing else.

**Let's try to think: How does something like this happen?** How do some people, perhaps ourselves included, end up becoming self-absorbed and finding security in material things which ultimately rob us of our face, our human face? This is what happens when we become complacent, when we no longer remember God...If we don't think about God, everything ends up flat, everything ends up being about "me" and my own comfort. Life, the world, other people, all of these become unreal, they no longer matter, everything boils down to one thing: having. When we no longer remember God, we too become unreal, we too become empty; like the rich man in the Gospel, we no longer have a face! Those who run after nothing become nothing.

--Pope Francis



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**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 them.

***BUILDING INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE FOR MINISTERS***

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.

**RICE BOWLS:**

Our Rice Bowls are a great way to go beyond ourselves to help children in need. They will be collected on Easter Sunday.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:**

Please plan to bring your lent to a very spiritual close by celebrating these Holy Week activities:

- Palm Sunday:** 4:00 PM Saturday GS  
9:00 AM-GS 11:00 AM SH
- Monday, Tuesday:** 9:00 AM Mass SH
- Wednesday:** 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM Mass SH
- Holy Thursday:** 7:00 PM Mass GS
- Good Friday:** 1:00 PM Sacred Music GS  
1:30 PM Good Friday Liturgy. GS
- Holy Saturday Vigil:** 7:30 PM GS
- Easter Sunday:** 9:00 AM GS 11:00 AM SH

**Peace and Love,  
 Fr. Semler**

### 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.

### SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

The second collection today benefits three important projects within the Church in the United States: **The Catholic Campaign for Human Development, The Catholic Home Missions Appeal and The National Collection for Black and Indian Missions.** All of these appeals help the poor in our country to provide ministry in the Catholic faith, education, evangelization, help to create jobs and improve access to services for the disabled. Your support is as always greatly appreciated.

### 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

In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in Him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity.

**Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your donation is multiplied by the donations given by others to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

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



### GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

The girls will be at all Masses this weekend, March 14th and 15th to sell cookies. The cost is \$4.00 per box. Your donations help the girls to finance their activities and you get to eat cookies!

### 2015 PARISH SHARE PROGRAM:

Please do not send in any pledge payments until you receive your first monthly payment card. Any payments sent in after the original pledge was made will not be applied until the first payments cards arrive.

### GOOD SHEPHERD 30TH ANNIVERSARY

This year Good Shepherd celebrates 30 years as a parish. In honor of this milestone the Chamber Choir will present an anniversary concert on Sunday, May 3rd at 3:00 PM. On the program will be Bach's Easter Cantata #4, "Christ Lay in Death's Dark Prison," for strings, piano and choir with soloists (Melissa Kaczmarek, Maria Yezovich, Tim Connelly & Mike Yezovich); a short 7 verse work of about 18 minutes that really shows the genius of Bach. Also on the program will be "Frostiana" for piano and choir by Randall Thompson, who has taken 7 short poems of Robert Frost (an American poet and an American composer) and set them to music. Both works will be sung in English.

As in the past, for the 20th, 22nd and 25th anniversaries, we will be printing a commemorative program for this event. Anyone can have their name listed in the program. Each commemorative will cost \$30.00 (30th Anniversary) For example: **"In loving memory of M/M John & Mary Smith by George and Helen Smith."** Please place your commemoration on a piece of paper with a your check made payable to **Good Shepherd Parish** and place it in an envelope marked **"30th Anniversary Concert."** Place it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support of Good Shepherd Parish.

### BISHOP CANEVIN HIGH SCHOOL

*"Igniting the Greatness In You!"*

Interested in Bishop Canevin High School enrollment, tuition assistance and scholarship information? Call 412-922-7400 x28 or email [reinhardtmb@bishopcanevin.org](mailto:reinhardtmb@bishopcanevin.org). Apply now for the 2015-16 school year. Spring Open House is April 29<sup>th</sup>.

### ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF GORZKIE ZALE

(Lamentations) sponsored by The Pittsburgh Fraternity of Polish Clergy will be held today, Sunday, March 15th at 3:00 PM in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Polish Hill, Pittsburgh with Bishop David Zubik as the main Celebrant.

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

<b>Sunday, March 8th:</b>	<b>\$7,395.00</b>
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 306
<b>Loose Offertory:</b>	<b>\$180.00</b>
<b>School Collection: \$396.00</b>	env used: 83
<b>Loose School Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>
<b>Votive:</b>	<b>\$180.00</b>

**May God bless your generosity.**

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

<b>March 3rd:</b>	<b>#631</b>	<b>John Palmieri</b>
<b>March 4th:</b>	<b>#738</b>	<b>Mary Conley</b>
<b>March 5th:</b>	<b>#456</b>	<b>Not Sold</b>
<b>March 6th:</b>	<b>#922</b>	<b>Mary Jean Strawins</b>
<b>March 7th:</b>	<b>#688</b>	<b>Not Sold</b>
<b>March 8th:</b>	<b>#915</b>	<b>Dolores Brown</b>
<b>March 9th:</b>	<b>#006</b>	<b>Not Sold</b>

### **PARISH FISH FRIES**

**St. Colman, Turtle Creek:** Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday. 4-7 p.m., school cafeteria, 100 Tri-Boro Ave. **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. [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. Children's menu & take-out orders. Deliveries made within a reasonable distance until 2:00 p.m. **Phone: 412-271-3959.**

### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday, April 4, 2015 on the grounds of **St. John Fisher Church, Churchill** at 1:00 PM. This will be a fun-filled experience for the children and a "special way" to begin the celebration of Easter. Registration is required and must be in no later than Wednesday, March 25th. For more information, please call St. John Fisher Church Office at 412-241-4722.

### **NOTE FROM AN OLD FRIEND**

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

I hope all is well in Braddock. It's been a while since I saw many of you, so I just wanted to give you an update on my life post-seminary. I have been employed as a nuclear analysis technician at Westinghouse Headquarters in Cranberry since October 2013. In my free time, I volunteer with the youth group at my home parish Sts. John and Paul in Wexford. I moved to Zelienople a year ago. I always wanted to live in a rural small town, and now I am enjoying that dream come true.

When I left the seminary two years ago, I was very close to completing my degree. In the past year I was able to finish my studies, and I will be receiving my Masters of Theology with my original classmates this spring. Prayer and the Sacraments are still an important part of my life. My time at Good Shepherd was very instrumental to my personal faith development, and I took many fond memories away from there.

Please know that I am still praying for all of you. You have a special place in my heart and I love you all very much. May God's blessings and peace be with you.

Love,  
JR Lovre

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

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

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

# **MASSSES for the WEEK**

*Good Shepherd Parish  
March 15-22, 2015*

**Fourth Sunday of Lent** (Jn 4:5-42)  
GS: 4:00 PM Stephen & Gabriella Zilko by Family  
(Good Shepherd Adult Choir)  
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish  
SH: 11:00 AM George J. Bandik by Family  
(Good Shepherd Singers)

**Monday-Lenten Weekday** (Jn 4:43-54)  
SH: 9:00 AM Joanne Wessel by Family

**Tuesday-Lenten Weekday** (Jn 5:1-16)  
SH: 9:00 AM Elizabeth Milligan by Joan Skinta

**Wednesday-Lenten Weekday** (Jn 5:17-30)  
SH: 9:00 AM William 'Bull' Rickard by John Kogut  
SH: 6:00 - 6:45 PM "The Light is On" (Confession)  
SH: 7:00 PM Ralph Troper by Margie Connolly  
"The Light is On" (Confession) resumes  
after Mass until 9:00 PM

**Thursday-St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary** (Mt 1:16,18-21,24a)  
SH: 9:00 AM Deceased Members of Korotko & Mitnik  
Family by Joe & Pauline Mitnik

**Friday-Lenten Weekday** (Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30)  
No Morning Mass  
SH: 6:00 PM ADORATION  
SH: 7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Saturday-Lenten Weekday** (Jn 7:40-53)  
No Morning Mass  
GS: 10:30 AM CONFIRMATION/Bishop Zubik

**Fifth Sunday of Lent** (Jn 11:1-45)  
GS: 4:00 PM David L. Kubicko by Parents  
(Handbell A Team)  
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish  
(Handbell Team #1)  
SH: 11:00 AM Toni Viselli by Anna & Amedeo Viselli

## ***Rest In Peace***

*In your charity, we remember all those  
who have died, especially:  
Casper "Charles" Ianuzzi and Leo Hodeck.  
May the angels lead you into paradise!*

## **What's Happening this Week** **March 15-22, 2015**

**Saturday & Sunday Masses: Girl Scout Cookie Sale**  
**Monday:** 7:00 PM Scouts GS School  
**Wednesday:** 7:00 PM RCIA SH Hall  
**Thursday:** 6:00-8:00 PM Confirmation Practice  
GS Church  
7:00 PM Prayer Group SH Chapel

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**WEEK!!!**