

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

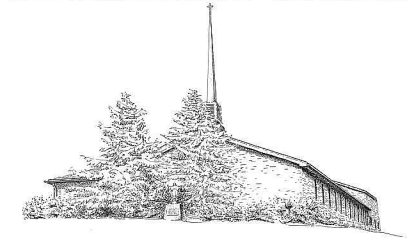
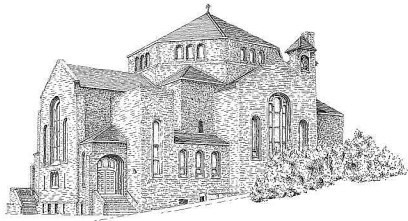
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

March 22., 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

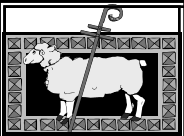
Parish Telephone Numbers

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Phone: 412-351-3710
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Music Ministry..... 412-271-1326
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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 22, 2015
From the Pastor's Desk
Fifth Sunday of Lent



LENT 2015:

Some of us recall that this Sunday was once also called the First Sunday of the Passion. Palm Sunday was also called the Second Sunday of the Passion. The Passion of Christ was really "high-lighted." Those two weeks were marked by a covering of the crucifixes and statues. Now our directives say "In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until beginning of the Easter Vigil." I share this with you because some churches are returning to this idea of covering crosses and images. And if you should visit one you will know that this is an acceptable choice.

The Gospel relates how Jesus is dealing with the thoughts of His oncoming passion and death. Hence the First Sunday of the Passion.

NEXT WEEK IS PALM SUNDAY. Palm will be blessed in the front of Church and will be distributed by the ushers. We no longer collect "old palm" so you can just bury it in your yard.

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week, the most solemn week of the year.

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:** 12:00 Noon Blessing/Baskets SH
- Holy Saturday Vigil:** 7:30 PM GS
- Easter Sunday:** 9:00 AM GS 11:00 AM SH

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

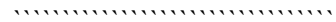
- Holy Thursday:** 2:00-3:00 PM SH
 - Good Friday:** After Good Friday Liturgy to 3:30 PM GS
 - Holy Saturday:** 2:00-3:00 PM SH
- You may also call for an appointment.

WELCOME HOME: Take a copy or send a copy of this Holy Week schedule to a friend or family member and welcome them home for Easter. Personal invites are great. It's time to *EVANGELIZE*.

CONFESSIONS: There will be Confessions at St. Maurice this coming Thursday evening, **March 26th** at 7:00 PM. Five or six Confessors will be there and I am one of them. As you continue your Lenten journey but didn't make your confession last Wednesday evening you might want to make a real effort this Thursday. Our weekly Confessions are on Saturday from 3:00 to 3:30 PM or by appointment.

CONGRATULATIONS HELEN:

I am indeed happy to announce that **Helen Yurko** will be the recipient of the *Manifesting the Kingdom Award* representing Good Shepherd Parish. Every two years the award is conferred by Bishop Zubik on an individual or a couple. This year the award will be given on Sunday, June 7th. Helen in her quiet, unassuming way, is helpful in multiple ways to our parish and people alike. **Congratulations Helen and thank you for all you do.**



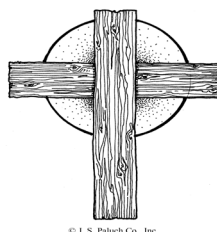
PRAYER: I offer these prayerful thoughts from a Tertullian Priest taken from the Divine Office from Thursday of the Third week of Lent.

Prayer is the one thing that can conquer God. But Christ has willed that it should work no evil, and has given it all power over good.

Its only art is to call back the souls of the dead from the very journey into death, to give strength to the weak, to heal the sick, to exorcise the possessed, to open prison cells, to free the innocent from their chains. Prayer cleanses from sin, drives away temptations, stamps out persecutions, comforts the fainthearted, gives new strength to the courageous, brings travelers safely home, calms the waves, confounds robbers, feeds the poor, overrules the rich, lifts up the fallen, supports those who are falling, sustains those who stand firm.

All the angels pray. Every creature prays. Cattle and wild beasts pray and bend the knee. As they come from their barns and caves they look up to heaven and call out, lifting up their spirit in their own fashion. The birds too rise and lift themselves up to heaven: they open out their wings, instead of hands, in the form of a cross, and give voice to what seems to be a prayer.

What more need be said on the duty of prayer? Even the Lord himself prayed. To him be honor and power for ever and ever. Amen.



**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.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The Campaign was actually on March 15th, however our contribution envelopes for the collection were dated for today, March 22nd. Therefore, we will have the second collection again today.

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.

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.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, Jesus says “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.” When we help the poor we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor.

As you donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God’s love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.

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



LOVE AND DEATH

Unhappy is death
without the love of the Savior;
unhappy is love
without the death of the Savior.

—St. Francis de Sales

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.**

EAST CATHOLIC 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 is

TODAY, Sunday, March 22, 2015 from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm in Keane Hall (School Cafeteria).

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.

RISKS I risk being wrong if I trust too much. But I risk living in torment if I don’t trust enough. —Anonymous

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure	
Sunday, March 15th:	\$6,423.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 353
Loose Offertory:	\$274.00
Votive:	\$134.00
Collection for Human Development will be published in next week’s bulletin.	
May God bless your generosity.	

Winners in Our Monthly Raffle Ticket		
March 10th:	#790	George Bandik
March 11th:	#884	Not Sold
March 12th:	#935	James Allison
March 13th:	#073	Patty D
March 14th:	#868	Not Sold
March 15th:	#698	Not Sold
March 16th:	#783	Sr. Mary Ellen Boyle, OP

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.

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. 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. Deliveries made within a reasonable distance till 2:00 p.m. **Phone: 412-271-3959.**

EASTER BLESSING OF FAMILIES: On Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015, Bishops David Zubik, William Waltersheid and William Winter will welcome families to their Annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland beginning at 2:00 p.m.

As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witness to The Faith. Come and experience the Bishops’ expression of appreciation for the gift that you are, and the gifts that you bring to our Diocese. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home; and the children will receive a sweet treat.

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 reinhartm@bishopcanevin.org. Apply now for the 2015-16 school year. Spring Open House is April 29th.

PASSION OF THE CHRIST MOVIE—AMC 22 Waterfront Movie Theater will be showing **The Passion of the Christ** movie on Wednesday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each, or \$10.50 for VIP.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

*Good Shepherd Parish
March 22-29, 2015*

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

Monday-Lenten Weekday (Jn 8:1-11)
SH: 9:00 AM Patrick Emrock by Wife

Tuesday-Lenten Weekday (Jn 8:21-30)
SH: 9:00 AM Chuck Rhodes by John Kogut

Wednesday-Annunciation of the Lord (Lk 1:26-38)
SH: 9:00 AM Antoinette Balombiny by Husband
SH: 7:00 PM Gloria Jean Calabria by John Vahosky

Thursday-Lenten Weekday (Jn 8:51-59)
SH: 9:00 AM William Rolinski by Michael Sorokacs

Friday-Lenten Weekday (Jn 10:31-42)
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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Mk 14:1--15.47)
GS: 4:00 PM Paul Getsy by Margaret & Marlene
(Bell Grande)
GS: 9:00 AM Rosa Pacella by Family
(Good Shepherd Adult Choir)
SH: 11:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish

Rest In Peace

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

***Louis & Sadie "Sally" Zezza & Patrick J. McCaffrey.
May the angels lead you into paradise!***

***Memorial Offering: Good Shepherd Parish
(Good Shepherd Church)
Sanctuary Lamp:
In Memory of Paul O'Toole by Parents***

What's Happening this Week March 22-29, 2015

Sunday: 1:00 PM Pre Cana SH Hall
Monday: 7:00 PM Scouts GS School
Wednesday: 7:00 PM RCIA SH Hall
7:00 PM Prayer Group SH Chapel
Palm Sunday: 3:00 PM Living Stations GS Church

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