

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

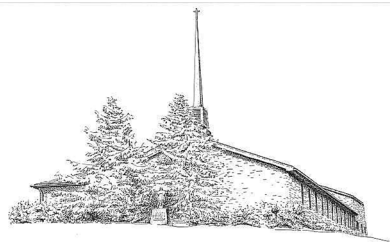
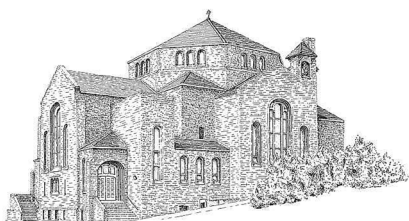
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

April 26, 2015

Parish Office: 412-271-1515
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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

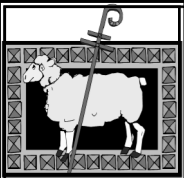
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (*micky52@comcast.net*)
Mr. Herbert A. Dillahunt, Director of Music (*nasard@aol.com*)
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager
Miss Joan Hojnacki, Religious Education
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance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

Parish Telephone Numbers

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Phone: 412-351-3710
Fax.....412-271-1222
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!



April 26, 2015
From the Pastor's Desk
Fourth Sunday of Easter

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY:

Today we celebrate our Feast Day, Good Shepherd Sunday. The Gospel reminded us that Jesus said He was the Good Shepherd and that the Good Shepherd would lay down his life for his sheep. We come to celebrate because he did just that and furthermore, because we now know that because he laid down his life for us he was able to invite us to participate in his resurrection. And so the gates of heaven are open to us and the eternal life he promises is within our grasp. Let us live our lives constantly thanking him for this great treasure.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOLY CROSS:

It's easier to answer this by breaking it down to St. Helen's and St. William's although some items are an advantage for both like a crane to remove statues and the bell. The friend who did this saved us a lot of money AND made a nice donation. The bell from St. Helen and the statues from St. William will find a church home and when found I'll share the info with you.

I'll start with St. William's because we are progressing for a sale to another church of another denomination. When this happens certain procedures must be done according to Canon Law, the laws of the Catholic Church.

- 1) The **Mensa**, the consecrated part of each altar, must be broken up and taken to a Catholic cemetery to be buried.
- 2) The **Corner Stone** is opened and contents removed and then the face is replaced. We didn't find anything to remove as it was a solid block.
- 3) The confessional screens and kneelers need to be removed.
- 4) The **Holy Water Fonts** need to be filled with concrete or removed depending on the types and we had both.
- 5) The **Corpus** had to be taken from above the altar and this found a home in a church in West Virginia. The cross and the art work is permitted to stay.
- 6) As mentioned above, the **statues** from outside of Church had to be removed.
- 7) The **St. William School stone sign** in the Grotto outside had to have the name removed.

Many other "Catholic" items have been given to other churches or Catholic institutions. **NOTE:** GIVEN...we cannot charge for blessed items so we give them away. But they usually give a donation for them. I'll give a

more detailed accounting of where in the future. But for now I wanted you to know what is happening.

Our diocesan lawyer is drawing up a sales agreement which will say something like this:

Items Which Can Remain. However a Provision will be inserted in the Deed whereby the Parish will retain ownership in the event of a change of owners the Parish can remove these items.

1. **Stained Glass Windows**
2. **Stations of the Cross**, which are "into the wall" and not hung as is the usual case.
3. **Communion Rail and Gates**
4. **Reredos Structure and All its Components, including but not limited to the Mosaic, Stone Cross, Wood Trim and Structural Components.**

We've had a few inquiries into St. Helen's which we will continue to pursue. We have an offer for just the rectory but I would like to do a package deal. The pews were sold to an antique dealer who will be offering one to you in the future if you would like to purchase one. Again as with St. William, many of the "Catholic" items have found a happy home. That Church is in West Virginia, who took the Corpus from the cross from St. William also took the stations from St. Helen. They will send me pictures, which I will share once they are "placed."

Personally I feel a bit queezy every time I need to do something with these two church buildings. I empathize with you as you see things happening. Moving forward and moving on is sometimes a great struggle. Often times it is not liked. But as that saying goes "you hafta do what you hafta do." And so I'm trying to do it.

30-10-1:

Next weekend is a big weekend for us as we celebrate what was and needed to be done. I've often heard that the Lord put our face on the front of us so we can see where we are going. With that thought in mind let us celebrate next Sunday with what we have and let us move forward with all the gusto we can gather and trust in our God that it is happening for a greater good.

Peace & Love,
Fr. Semler

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF GOOD SHEPHERD

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For the numbers of years our former parishes have been merged into Good Shepherd. A big anniversary bash!

In honor of this milestone the Chamber Choir will present a concert on Sunday, May 3, at 3:00 PM in Good Shepherd Church. We will be printing a commemorative program for this event. Anyone can have their name or memorial listed in the program. Each commemoration will cost \$30.00 (30th anniversary). As of Monday, April 20, we had approximately \$2100 in memorials. \$2650 is needed. Please place your commemoration and your address on a piece of paper with a check made out to Good Shepherd Parish and place it in an envelope marked "30th Anniversary Concert." Place it in the collection or mail it to the parish office. Thank you for your continued support of Good Shepherd. Deadline for the program is Tuesday, April 28.



Immediately following the concert there will be a dinner/dance at the VFW in East Pittsburgh. Buffet (stuffed chicken breast, roast beef, rigatoni, salad, roasted red potatoes, broccoli & cauliflower, rolls & butter, cake) cash bar, and dancing with music provided by the Walt Merriman Trio. Per person cost: \$30.00. Doors open at 4:30 PM. Tickets can be ordered by calling the parish office, 412-271-1515, or on the parish website. Deadline for ticket orders is Monday, April 27, 12 noon.

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GOOD SHEPHERD CALENDAR PARTY

Our annual Calendar Party will be held Sunday, May 17th from 12 Noon to 3:00 PM at Good Shepherd Parish Center. Donation is \$12.50 and includes dinner (chicken marsala, rigatoni, parsley potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls). To sponsor a table, for tickets or for more information, call Peggy at 412-736-3507.

NATIONAL BLUE SUNDAY:

Today is National Blue Sunday. It is a day when we are called to pray for children who are/have been abused. We will have a prayer in our Prayer of the Faithful as a way to participate.

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, April 19th:	\$ 5,620.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 328
Loose Offertory:	\$190.00
Votive:	\$208.00

May God bless your generosity.

MONTHLY COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

The next MCC will be celebrated this Thursday, April 30th at the 9:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

MAY CROWNING

Our May Crowning will take place on Sunday, May 10th at Good Shepherd at the 9:00 AM Mass. All children of the parish are invited to participate. The children are to be at the Church at 8:45 AM.

GOOD WORK:

We are proud to announce the following achievements of students from Good Shepherd Parish Family for the third quarter of the school year.

Oakland Catholic:

Maura Ward—Highest Honor

Julianna Joscak—Honor

Serra Catholic:

Amanda Hamilton—Ruby Honor Roll

(all grades 93% and above)

Kailey Liller-Gold Honor Roll

(all grades 85% and above)

KENNYWOOD 2015 SCHOOL PICNIC

School ticket Sale Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at East Catholic School from 11:15 to 11:45 AM, Price: \$26.00. You may also purchase tickets online at **www.kennywood.com/whsd** or for information call Kennywood at 412-461-0500.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' love and care for us.

Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to be "Good Shepherds" to the hearts of the poor. God bless you!

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

WOMEN'S GUILD

The following ladies were elected to be the Officers of our newly formed Women's Guild:

President: Toni Lucas

Vice President: Nina Burdell

Treasurer: Philomena Stamerra

Secretary: Anita Esposto

The Guild is open to all ladies of the parish. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall.

THE GLORY OF GOD

The Glory of God is humanity fully alive.

—St. Irenaeus

ARE YOU LOOKING for a faith-filled, value-centered, quality education for your child in a safe and caring environment? Come join us and be a part of “**East Catholic School**” on 2001 Ardmore Blvd. in Forest Hills, Pennsylvania. Registration for the 2015-2016 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. We provide Pre–K (at St. John Fisher) full day kindergarten through grade 8 programs (at East Catholic). Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2015 to be eligible for Kindergarten.

EDINBORO SCHOLARSHIP-Jan and Tony Buba have started a scholarship fund with Edinboro University for students graduating from Woodland Hills High School. Each year in perpetuity, starting this year one student from WHHS will be eligible for a scholarship worth a total of \$4,000.00 (\$1,000.00 per year) to go to EU. Students from Braddock, North Braddock and Rankin will have first priority. If nobody from these three towns decide to go to EU in any given year then the scholarship is open to the rest of the students at WHHS. The scholarship is based on need and the only criteria to be eligible for the scholarship is to graduate from WHHS with a 2.5 GPA and be accepted at EU. EU will decide who gets the award and administer the scholarship. Currently there appx. 15 students from WHHS at EU, two students are from Braddock and one from North Braddock.

VFW, POST 5008, EAST PITTSBURGH CASH BASH
Saturday May 2nd is their annual Fund Raiser. Many games and Prizes to be given away, Also DJ Tim will top off the day starting at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$30.00 and includes buffet and beer. For more information or tickets, please call Elaine at 412-829-1377.

LADIES AUXILIARY, VFW POST 5008
The Ladies Auxiliary is collecting unused yarn that you may have laying around the house, not being used. The ladies use the yarn to make lap blankets for veterans and present them to the vets at Christmas. You may drop it off in the receptacles in the Gathering Spaces of both churches.

**EAST PITTSBURGH POLICE
FUND/FLEA MARKET**

The East Pittsburgh Police Fund for Abused and Neglected Animals is holding its annual Flea Market on Saturday, May 2nd at the Bessemer Avenue Community Center on Bessemer Avenue, East Pittsburgh from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. For more information, you may call Chief Frunceck at 412-824-0447.

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

*Good Shepherd Parish
April 26-May 3, 2015*

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Jn 10:11-18)
GS: 4:00 PM Bill Rolinski by Wife & Son
(Chamber Choir, Handbell Team #1)
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
(Good Shepherd Adult Choir)
SH: 11:00 AM Erik L. Schultz by Mother, Rose Marie
& Brother Terry

Monday-Easter Weekday (Jn 10:1-10)
SH: 9:00 AM Don 'Obe' Oberdick by Family

Tuesday-Easter Weekday (Jn 10:22-30)
SH: 9:00 AM John Dihtzeruk by Ed & Elaine Ribar

Wednesday-St. Catherine of Siena (Jn 12:44-50)
SH: 9:00 AM Poprocky Family by Flo Poprocky

Thursday-Easter Weekday (Jn 13:16-20)
SH: 9:00 AM Casmer Ianuzzi by M/M David Tobor

Friday-St. Joseph the Worker (Mt 13:54-58)
No Morning Mass
GS: 3:30 PM Wedding
Scott Black and Christine Kemerer

Saturday-St. Athanasius (Jn 14:7-14)
No Morning Mass

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Jn 15:1-8)
GS: 4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
GS: 9:00 AM Dorothy J. Gaston by Family
SH: 11:00 AM Waszkiewicz Family
by Gene & Marilyn
(Good Shepherd Singers)

Rest In Peace

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

Margaret Kelly.

May the angels lead you into paradise!

Memorial Offering: Good Shepherd Parish

*Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Altar Candles,
Sanctuary Lamp and Flowers:*

***In Memory of Bill Rolinski
by Wife Barb and Son, Bill***

What's Happening this Week

April 26-May 3, 2015

Sunday 12:15 PM Ladies of Charity SH Chapel
Monday: 7:00 PM Scouts GS School
Tuesday: 7:00 PM Men's Club SH Hall
Thursday: 7:00 PM Prayer Group SH Chapel
Sunday: 3:00 PM Chamber Choir Concert GS Church
4:30 PM 30th Anniversary Dinner/Dance
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