

# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

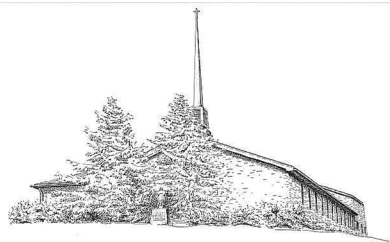
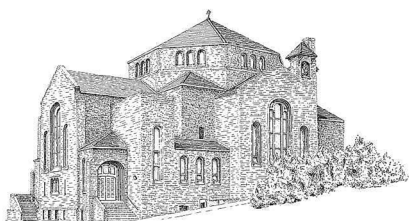
1024 Maple Way  
Braddock PA 15104-1612

*May 17, 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

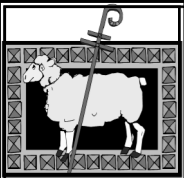
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor  
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty  
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (*micky52@comcast.net*)  
Mr. Herbert A. Dillahunt, Director of Music (*nasard@aol.com*)  
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager  
Miss Joan Hojnacki, Religious Education  
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director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

## Parish Telephone Numbers

Parish Office: .....412-271-1515  
Phone: ..... 412-351-3710  
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!



May 17, 2015  
*From the Pastor's Desk*  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:**

The Spirit is a moving all over, all over this land. Did you read that without breaking into song? I can't. This Sunday between the Ascension and Pentecost is full of joyful expectation for us since we know the whole story. We know that Jesus did send that Spirit He promised and we know the wonders that Spirit was able to share. This reading by St. Gaudentius of Brescia, bishop, from the Priests' Divine Office for Thursday, Fifth Week of Easter and shares some really good thoughts of Eucharist and the promised Spirit. I suggest you read it slowly and thoughtfully.

***The Eucharist is the Lord's passover.***

One man had died for all, and now in every church in the mystery of bread and wine he heals those for whom he is offered in sacrifice, giving life to those who believe and holiness to those who consecrate the offering. This is the flesh of the Lamb; this is his blood. The bread that came down from heaven declared: ***The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.*** It is significant, too, that his blood should be given to us in the form of wine, for his own words in the gospel, ***I am the true vine,*** imply clearly enough that whenever wine is offered as a representation of Christ's passion, it is his blood. This means that it was of Christ that the blessed patriarch Jacob prophesied when he said: ***He will wash his tunic in wine and his cloak in the blood of the grape.*** The tunic was our flesh, which Christ was to put on like a garment and which he was to wash in his own blood.

Creator and Lord of all things, whatever their nature, he brought forth bread from the earth and changed it into his own body. Not only had he the power to do this, but he had promised it; and, as he had changed water into wine, he also changed wine into his own blood. ***It is the Lord's passover,*** Scripture tells us, that is, the Lord's passing. We are no longer to look upon the bread and wine as earthly substances. They have become heavenly, because Christ has passed into them and changed them into his body and blood. What you receive is the body of him who is the heavenly bread, and the blood of him who is the sacred vine; for when he offered his disciples the consecrated bread and wine, he said: ***This is my body, this is my blood.*** We have put our trust in him. I urge you to have faith in him, truth can never deceive.

When Christ told the crowds that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood, they were horrified and began

to murmur among themselves: ***This teaching is too hard; who can be expected to listen to it?*** As I have already told you, thoughts such as these must be banished. The Lord himself used heavenly fire to drive them away by going on to declare: ***It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.***

**TITHING-BUDGET:**

I'm working on our budget for fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 and I am sad to report that my suggestion that we tithe did not happen so that we can keep services going as they are. There are two more Sundays in May that you can use to show me you do not want drastic cuts to be made. I will be calling for a joint meeting of our Pastoral and Finance Councils in June to plan how we can and should proceed. You may discuss your thoughts with any of these Council members.

**Pastoral Council:** Facilitator: **Ken Bitkowski**, Secretary: **Melissa Kaczmarek** Members: **Carolyn Bakin, John Besseck, Alison Flora, John Jakiela, Mary Ann McClain, Jeff McLaughlin, Lou Payne, Ken Riling, Hope Sullivan, Lawrence Trasky, and Jim Ward.**

**Finance Council:** President: **Nadine Mehok**; Members: **Robert Burkovich, Suzanne Hatok, Michael Milko, Paula Milko, George Scherrbaum, Eugene Szatkowski, Jerald Taylor and Evelyn Ward.**

If you prefer, you may write your thoughts to me. I share these thoughts with you with a very heavy heart. But I need to do so before it is too late. We need a really good Summer Fest to make up for our low winter attendance and therefore collections. So watch for those pop and water specials and buy a carton or two for the Summer Fest, June 24, 25, 26 and 27.

**CATHEDRAL AMBASSADORS NEEDED**

How would you like to become a Cathedral Ambassador. Here's the invite. The Department for Worship maintains a group of individuals who act as greeters and ministers of hospitality for major diocesan events at Saint Paul Cathedral. The Department is in need of additional individuals for this ministry. The requirements are simple. The individual must be able to do the following: come approximately 45 minutes prior to events, stand to distribute worship aids, and offer simple hospitality (a smile, a welcome, restroom directions). Individuals should already have their child protection clearances. Names and contact information (mailing address, phone, and email) of interested individuals can be directed to the Department at 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 or 412-456-3041 or [worship@diopitt.org](mailto:worship@diopitt.org).

*Peace & Love,*  
*Fr. Semler*

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR**

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be with us after all Masses the weekend of May 30th & 31st. Your donations enable the Sisters to continue the work of their foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, in caring for the elderly poor at their home on Benton Avenue in Pittsburgh. They are counting on your continued support.

**MONTHLY COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION**

The next MCC will be celebrated Thursday, May 28th at the 9:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Please turn in intentions by Monday, May 25th.

**LADIES OF CHARITY**

Ladies of Charity will meet next Sunday, May 24th at 12:15 at Sacred Heart Hall.

**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" 2001 Ardmore Blvd, 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 request information or to discuss registration requirements. 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.

**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](http://www.kennywood.com/whsd) or for information call Kennywood at 412-461-0500

**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.

<b><i>Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure</i></b>	
<b>Sunday, May 10th:</b>	<b>\$ 7,020.00</b>
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 335
<b>Loose Offertory:</b>	<b>\$310.00</b>
<b>Offering for Nepal (Loose collection):</b>	<b>\$804.00</b>
<b>School Collection: \$605.00</b>	env used: 70
<b>Votive:</b>	<b>\$240.00</b>
<b>May God bless your generosity.</b>	

**THINK SUMMER FEST 2015**

***Time to get ready for our annual festival!***

***Basket Raffle:*** We are looking for donations of **COMPLETED** baskets containing only new items, no perishables, please. These will be used for Summer Fest 2015 Basket Raffle. Some examples of baskets are for: baby, house warming, kid's items, gardening, car wash, etc. Larger donated items can be used as well. **\*\*PLEASE NOTE: The next drop-off for the baskets will be Saturday, June 13th from 10:00 AM till 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Garage.**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Today we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us.

**When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor.**

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

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE DRIVE**

The drive will take place **May 30th and 31st** at Sacred Heart Grounds, 1600 Brinton Road, Braddock Hills: Saturday: 1:00—3:00 PM, Sunday: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. They will accept your donations of **clothes, household items and small working appliances.**

**ALICE IN WONDERLAND THE MUSICAL**

"Don't be late for the very important date!" Mark your calendar for the East Catholic Fine Arts Club and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade presentation of the musical, "Alice in Wonderland" on Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 7:00 PM in our East Catholic School Keane Hall (cafeteria), 2001 Ardmore Blvd., Forest Hills, Pa. For more information call 412-351-5403. The fun evening promises to be filled with lots of singing, dancing and imagination.

**HIGH SCHOOL Juniors or Seniors** and their families are invited to a Get Acquainted Day Open House at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, on Saturdays, June 20, July 18 or August 15. Each Get Acquainted Day begins with a buffet breakfast and registration from 8:30 to 9:00am. The day will conclude at noon. Each day, the presentation will include an introduction to Saint Vincent College and a student panel. For information or reservations, phone 1-800-782-5549, e-mail [admissions@stvincent.edu](mailto:admissions@stvincent.edu), or register online at [www.stvincent.edu](http://www.stvincent.edu).

<b><i>Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:</i></b>
<b>1-888-808-1235</b>
<b><i>Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan</i></b>

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

***GOOD SHEPHERD FESTIVAL***

**Wednesday, June 24**

**Through**

**Saturday, June 27**

Could you spend a few hours help to set up, tear down, deliver prizes, sell food or tickets, be a grounds runner or staff a game booth at our Festival?

\_\_\_\_\_ Kitchen (6:00 to 10:00/11:00 PM)

\_\_\_\_\_ Festival Set Up (5:00 to 7:00 PM)

\_\_\_\_\_ Festival Take Down (10:00 – 11:00 PM)

\_\_\_\_\_ Grounds Runner (take supplies to booths)

\_\_\_\_\_ Parking Attendants (Adults)

\_\_\_\_\_ Bingo (Adults needed)

\_\_\_\_\_ Game Booths (Adult Supervision)

\_\_\_\_\_ Kitchen Prep (Day time hours)

**PLEASE CHECK WHEN YOU CAN WORK**

**Wednesday, June 24:**

6-10 \_\_\_\_\_ 6-8 \_\_\_\_\_ 8-10 \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday, June 25:**

6-10 \_\_\_\_\_ 6-8 \_\_\_\_\_ 8-10 \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday, June 26:**

6-11 \_\_\_\_\_ 6-8 \_\_\_\_\_ 8-11 \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, June 27:**

6-11 \_\_\_\_\_ 6-8 \_\_\_\_\_ 8-11 \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU MAY DROP THIS IN THE COLLECTION BASKET, MAIL TO 1024 MAPLE WAY, BRADDOCK, PA 15104 OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 412-271-1515**

# **MASSSES for the WEEK**

*Good Shepherd Parish  
May 17-24, 2015*

<b><u>Seventh Sunday of Easter</u></b>	<b>(Jn 17:11b-19)</b>
GS: 4:00 PM Mitchell Rockovich by Family	(Bell Grande)
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish	(Handbell Quintet)
SH: 11:00 AM Frank & Bessie Ribich by Frank Ribich	(Good Shepherd Singers)
<b><u>Monday-Easter Weekday</u></b>	<b>(Jn 16:29-33)</b>
SH: 9:00 AM Dolores & Boyd Kennedy	by Rosemarie Friel
<b><u>Tuesday-Easter Weekday</u></b>	<b>(Jn 17:1-11a)</b>
SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service	
<b><u>Wednesday-Easter Weekday</u></b>	<b>(Jn 17:11b-19)</b>
SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service	
<b><u>Thursday-Easter Weekday</u></b>	<b>(Jn 17:20-26)</b>
SH: 9:00 AM Communion Service	
<b><u>Friday-Easter Weekday</u></b>	<b>(Jn 21:15-19)</b>
No Morning Mass	
<b><u>Saturday-Easter Weekday</u></b>	<b>(Jn 21:20-25)</b>
No Morning Mass	
<b><u>Pentecost Sunday</u></b>	<b>(Jn 15:26-27,16.12-15)</b>
GS: 4:00 PM Cecilia Dudas by Family	
GS: 9:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish	(Good Shepherd Adult Choir)
SH: 11:00 AM Mary Novak by Family	

### *What's Happening this Week*

**May 17-24, 2015**

Sunday:	1:00 PM Calendar Party	GS School
Monday:	7:00 PM Scouts	GS School
Thursday:	7:00 PM Prayer Group	SH Chapel
Sunday:	12:15 PM Ladies of Charity	SH Hall

### MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

VFW POST 5008 will be conducting Memorial Day Ceremony on May 25, 2015 at 9 AM. You are invited to attend to honor our Veterans.

NORTH BRADDOCK AMVETS will hold their Memorial Day Service at the entrance to All Saints Cemetery at 12:00 Noon on Monday, May 25th.



This bulletin is from  
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**IN CYAN EVERY**  
**WEEK!!!**