

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

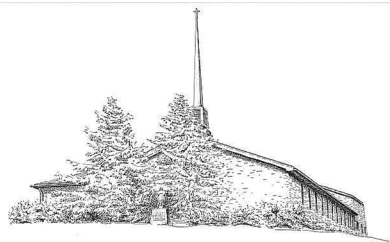
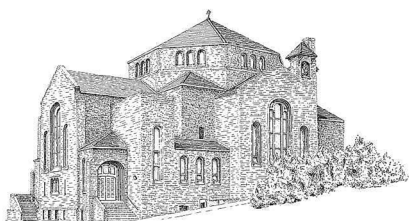
1024 Maple Way
Braddock PA 15104-1612

May 24, 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

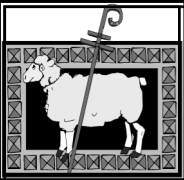
Reverend Albert J. Semler, Pastor
Deacon Joseph M. Dougherty
Mrs. Michele Catone, Parish Secretary (*micky52@comcast.net*)
Mr. Herbert A. Dillahunt, Director of Music (*nasard@aol.com*)
Ms. Carol Funk, Parish Office Manager
Miss Joan Hojnacki, Religious Education
Mr. Frank Koncerak, Director of Maintenance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



May 24, 2015
From the Pastor's Desk
Pentecost

PENTECOST:

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Jesus promised to send us the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, who as the Third Person of the Trinity would provide us with the help, strength and guidance we need to follow and serve Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I share this reading from the Priests' Divine Office on Monday of the sixth week of Easter by Didymus of Alexandria.

The Holy Spirit renews us in Baptism.

The Holy Spirit renews us in baptism through his godhead, which he shares with the Father and the Son. Finding us in a state of deformity, the Spirit restores our original beauty and fills us with his grace, leaving no room for anything unworthy of our love. The Spirit frees us from sin and death, and changes us from the earthly men we were, men of dust and ashes, into spiritual men, sharers in the divine glory, sons and heirs of God the Father who bear a likeness to the Son and are his co-heirs and brothers, destined to reign with him and to share his glory. In place of earth the Spirit reopens heaven to us and gladly admits us into paradise, giving us even now greater honor than the angels, and by the holy waters of baptism extinguishing the unquenchable fires of hell.

We men are conceived twice: to the human body we owe our first conception, to the divine Spirit, our second. John says: ***To all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God. These were born not by human generation, not by the desire of the flesh, not by the will of man, but of God.*** All who believed in Christ, he says, received power to become children of God, that is, of the Holy Spirit, and to gain kinship with God. To show that their parent was God the Holy Spirit, he adds these words of Christ: ***I give you this solemn warning, that without being born of water and the Spirit, no one can enter the Kingdom of God.***

Visibly, through the ministry of priests, the font gives symbolic birth to our visible bodies. Invisibly, through the ministry of angels, the Spirit of God, whom even the mind's eye cannot see, baptizes into himself both our souls and bodies, giving them a new birth.

Speaking quite literally, and also in harmony with the words ***of water and the Spirit***, John the Baptist says of Christ: ***He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with***

fire. Since we are only vessels of clay, we must first be cleansed in water and then hardened by spiritual fire—for ***God is a consuming fire.*** We need the Holy Spirit to perfect and renew us, for spiritual fire can cleanse us, and spiritual water can recast us as in a furnace and make us into new men.

WELCOME FR. TERDINE:

I thank Fr. Richard Terdine for pinch-hitting for me today. Fr. Richard has been very kind to Good Shepherd as he arranges his schedule to give me a break and to inspire you with his presence and words of wisdom. Fr. Terdine celebrated his 50th Anniversary of being ordained to the Priesthood on May 1st. May the Lord continue to watch over and bless your Ministry, Father Richard.

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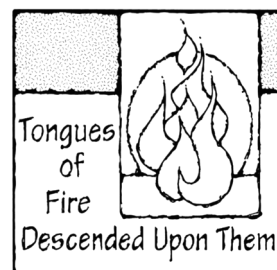
I noticed a climb in last Sunday's collection which is encouraging. Unfortunately, \$7,330 is \$2,670.00 short of \$10,000.00 needed to keep the services we now have. There is one more Sunday in May that you can use to show me that you do not want drastic cuts to be made. I am calling for a joint meeting of our Pastoral and Finance Councils on June 1 at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall 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.

***Have a happy and safe
Memorial Day Weekend!***



***Peace & Love,
Fr. Semler***

MONTHLY COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

The next MCC will be celebrated this Thursday, May 28th at the 9:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today as we celebrate Pentecost the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

Your gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.

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

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The Fifth Sunday collection for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be taken up in the second collection next weekend, May 30th & 31st.

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.**

THANK YOU

Many thanks for your donations to **Birthright** on Mother's Day. Our Ladies of Charity collected \$397.00. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

COME JOIN US and be a part of "**East Catholic School**" 2001 Ardmore Blvd, Forest Hills, Pennsylvania. Registration for next 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.

Stewardship: Time - Talent - Treasure

Sunday, May 17th:	\$ 5,555.00
Parishioners receiving env: 652	env used: 335
Loose Offertory:	\$286.00
Catholic Relief: \$836.00	env used: 97
Catholic Relief (loose)	\$147.00
Votive:	\$157.00
Ascension: \$1,058.00	Loose \$ 81.00

May God bless your generosity.

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.**

SUMMER FEST RAFFLE TICKETS

Our annual Summer Fest raffle tickets have been mailed out to you. They are \$2.00 each or 11 tickets for \$20.00. Checks should be made payable to **Good Shepherd Church**. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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 5th 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.

RETREAT/CAMP for High School Guys-Fr. Joe Freedy, Fr. Nick Vaskov and the seminarians are sponsoring the 3rd annual Quo Vadis Days Retreat this July 12-15 for young men entering, in or just graduated from High School. This three day retreat is formed around learning what it means to be a Catholic Christian Man and discerning ones vocation. It includes prayer, sports, talks, hikes, outdoor team games and much more. Please visit www.pghpriest.com for info and to register.

PAPAL VISIT AND WORLD MEETING

Registration and Payment deadline: June 1, 2015. Grant monies still available. Now accepting credit cards...Limited rooms available. See the "World Meeting of Families" logo on the Diocesan website at www.diopitt.org or call Cindy Tortorea at 412-456-3129. **ACT QUICKLY** Time is running out!

A PRAYER TO THE SPIRIT

Holy Spirit,
who sent Christ Jesus
to carry the Good news to the poor,
we pray to you:
Help us to continue your work
by serving the poor, our brothers and sisters.

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright © 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications. p.181

THANK YOU FROM THE SCOUTS!

The Scouts send out their THANKS to you for your donations to the Scouting For Food project...you donated 50 boxes which was given to the Braddock Food Pantry.

Also thank you for the donations of shoes...30 boxes and counting. The Scouts will continue collecting shoes until further notice.

SUPER BINGO: SUNDAY, MAY 31st, 2:00 PM

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Center.

Kitchen opens at 1 pm. \$50 Regular Games, Specials 1/2 take. Jackpot \$500 Tickets are \$20. All proceeds benefit World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland in 2016. Call Joyce Krasinski at 412-829-1662.

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.

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**, or register online at **www.stvincent.edu**.

ALLEGHENY HEALTH NETWORK

Saturday, May 30, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm....BORO lot at the corner of Library Street and Braddock Avenue. At the Allegheny Health Network, we believe in Health for All. This free community event is open to everyone!

What you can expect:

1. Free health and wellness screenings and information. 2. Exercise ideas - attendees of all fitness levels will be encouraged to move, participate and have fun! 3. Tours of the new AHN Braddock Urgent Care Center. Music provided by: Agent of Jazz: Sanford-Mark Barnes, Roberia: Robert and Maria.

Special thanks to event participants: Highmark Health, Duquesne University School of Pharmacy, Duquesne University Athletic Department, American Lung Association, Forbes Hospital's Breast Care Center, AHN Braddock Urgent Care Center, Carnegie Science Center, Whole Foods Market, Eat'n Park .

Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response:

1-888-808-1235

Safe Environment Administrator: Rose Morgan

MASSSES for the WEEK

Good Shepherd Parish
May 24-31, 2015

<u>Pentecost Sunday</u>	(Jn 15:26-27,16.12-15)
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
<u>Monday-Weekday Memorial Day</u>	(Mk 10:17-27)
SH: 9:00 AM	Communion Service
<u>Tuesday-St. Philip Neri</u>	(Mk 10:28-31)
SH: 9:00 AM	Communion Service
<u>Wednesday-Weekday</u>	(Mk 10:32-45)
SH: 9:00 AM	Communion Service
<u>Thursday-Weekday</u>	(Mk 10:46-52)
SH: 9:00 AM	For Those Remembered on our MCC List for May
<u>Friday-Weekday</u>	(Mk 11:11-26)
No Morning Mass	
<u>Saturday-Weekday</u>	(Mk 11:27-33)
No Morning Mass	
<u>The Most Holy Trinity</u>	(Mt 28:16-20)
GS: 4:00 PM	Richard Branzel by Wife
GS: 9:00 AM	Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish
SH: 11:00 AM	Jakiela & Kubik Families by Tom Jakiela

Rest In Peace

*In your charity, we remember all those who have died,
especially: John Volcheck and Mary Cinciripini.
May the angels lead you into paradise!*

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

ALL SAINTS CEMETERY in Braddock Hills will hold their service on Monday, May 25 at noon. For more information, please call the cemetery office at 412-271-5950. All are welcome to attend.

VFW POST 5008 will be conducting Memorial Day Ceremony on May 25, 2015 at 9:00 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.

**GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY.**

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