



*Good Shepherd*  
*Catholic Community*  
 P.O. Box 296, Aurora, NY 13026

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*Welcome!*

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**PARISH OFFICE:**

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*Parish Office Hours* are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

**BAPTISM** - Please call the Parish Office for an appointment

**MARRIAGE** - Couples must contact the Parish Office six months prior to the celebration.

**RECONCILIATION** - Confessions will be held on First Fridays from 8:00am—8:45am at Our Lady of the Lake before First Friday Mass & Benediction; at St. Michael Church on the first Saturday of each month from 3:00pm—3:45pm and at St. Patrick's, Moravia, before the 8:30am Sunday Mass beginning at 8:00am.

**COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND/ SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK** - If a loved one is seriously ill or would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call the Parish Office.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** - Non-Catholics interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith are invited to speak to any staff member or call the Parish Office.

**NEW PARISHIONERS** - Welcome! Please introduce yourselves to the Parish Staff. We want to get to know you.

**REGISTRATION** - Every family within the Parish should be registered. Please contact the office for a registration form. If you move to another parish, change your address or have additions or deletions to your family, please notify the Parish

**GSCC WEBSITE** [www.thegoodshepherd.cc](http://www.thegoodshepherd.cc)  
**Take a look!** Mass schedules, latest news and bulletins. Thanks to Paul Nelson for his expertise!



*Third Sunday of Easter*

**?** *When have I acutely realized the Lord's presence? In the Eucharist? In listening to scripture? When we gather in his name? In my day to day life?*

**All public Masses in the Diocese of Rochester are suspended until further notice. When you watch the Mass on TV or on your computers or I Pads you are encouraged to recite the following:**

**Prayer of Spiritual Communion.**

*My Jesus,  
 I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
 I love You above all things and I desire to receive You in my soul.  
 Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
 come at least spiritually into my heart.  
 I embrace You as if you were already there  
 and unite myself wholly to You.  
 Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

ST. PATRICK'S  
 Aurora

ST. MICHAEL'S  
 Union Springs

ST. PATRICK'S  
 Moravia



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE  
 King Ferry



**Readings for the week of April 26, 2020**

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59  
St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/  
Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf.17b]/Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

**Mass Schedule for Apr. 19 - Apr. 16, 2020**

Sat. 4/25 +Mary Hickey

Sat.Vigil Mass +For Living & Deceased Members of GSCC

Sun. 4/26 + For Emmitt Hall by Bruce & Linda Langerlan

Mon. 4/27 + For Mary Papadoyanis by Niece

Tues, 4/28 + For Owen"Corkey" Shultis by the Baird family

Wed. 4/29 + For Joseph Cosentino

Thurs. 4/30+ Mass of Thanksgiving 38th Anniversary to the Priesthood by Fr. Bill

Fri. 5/1 +Muriel Hazelton by Bob and Family

Saturday: 4/25 + End of the Coronavirus Crisis

Sat.Vigil Mass +For Living & Deceased Members of GSCC

Sun. 5/3 + Raymond A. Hoy by Diana Hoy

**PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, you taught us to care for the sick as you did. Help us in this time of medical crisis, to show your love to those suffering with the Coronavirus.

Give us the strength and faith to serve those infected and show unto them your love and mercy.

Protect us from the virus,

especially those at the most risk,

and bring the pandemic to an end as quickly as possible.

Give your wisdom and knowledge to the scientists and doctors searching for cures and working to create a vaccine.

Assist our leaders as they lead us through this crisis.

Help them to make wise decisions that limit the spread of the virus.

Protect the frontline warriors *against the virus, the doctors and nurses working in understaffed hospitals who are directly exposed to the virus*

and keep them safe so that they will not become infected and can continue to heal those in need.

Give your healing love to all the victims of the Coronavirus and their families. Be with us always, Lord, and pour your blessing and protection upon all the human race. Amen.

Ryan Brady, 9th grade

**VITAL STATISTICS**

**Fiscal Year July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020**  
**April 19,2020 (Week 42)**

**Thank you for your generosity each week !**

Weekly Budgeted Offering . . . . .	\$ 5,268.60
Weekly Envelope Offering. . . . .	\$ 4,058.25
Electronic giving . . . . .	\$ 697.00
YTD Actual Offering . . . . .	\$ 219,227.00
YTD Budgeted Offering. . . . .	\$ 221,281.00

**I thank you for your generous support and ask you to please continue your financial support of the parish either by mailing your contribution envelope to the parish office or giving electronically through *We Share*, that can be accessed on our parish website. Thank you again for your continuing support of your parish.**

*As stewards striving to draw closer to God, we find great joy — joy that cannot be found in seeking the material possessions of this world.*

**Upcoming Events**

**St. Albert the Great Academy**, Auburn's new Catholic Elementary School, is continuing the plan for opening our doors to Pre K - 5th grade students in September 2020. Student registration is underway and the hiring process for teachers has begun. The following is a link to St. Albert the Great Academy's website.

<https://www.stalbertthegreatacademy.com/>

Please consider sending your children to St. Albert the Great Academy for a Catholic education in the faith. Student registration materials and job descriptions for staffing positions can be found on the website.

**BSC Doorway Tele-Ministry Option:** During the coming weeks, Bl. Solanus Casey Doorway Ministry will continue drop-in hours on Sat. mornings at St. Francis Church. Additionally Dcn. Dennis, NYS licensed MH counselor, will provide grief counseling by telephone. Call 315 406 1538, leave a voicemail or text. Dcn Dennis will respond to set up a time. Please share his information with those who are self quarantined and Anxious.

**This week remember the following in your Masses and prayers on the Anniversary of their Deaths of those who died on the dates of April 26 — May 2.**

Lino & Anna Nardon 1970, Ruth Driscoll 2007, Raymond Morey 2015, William Delaney 1983, Edward O'Brien 1977, William Nolan 2013, Paul Hickey 2014, Louise Keefe 1974, Mary Halicy 1985, John "Jack" Flynn 2013, Eva Beaudin 1973, Michael Burton 1974, Agnes Conaughty, 1979, Catherine Heim 1987, George Rafferty 2001, Enita O'Connell 2003, Idamay Colgan 2006, Rose Powers 1973, Joseph Chadwick 1982, Veronica Connor 1989, Albert DiLorenzo 1992, Florence Whalen, Elizabeth Brown, Charles Hall, Anna Van Donsel, Howard Hartnett, Helena Durbin, Lilla Contino, William Rusinko 1979, Harold Mulvaney 1987, Mary Brown 1987, Frank Borkoski 2005, Paul Connor 2006, Donald Darrow 1983, Sharon Jakaub 1989, Isabella VanOrman 1994.

*Third Sunday of Easter**Dying and Rising with Christ*

Easter is a time when we celebrate the new life we have received through Jesus' death and resurrection. This week on April 30<sup>th</sup> I will be celebrating my 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the Priesthood. Looking back over my years as a priest I am ever grateful for the blessings I have received. I think of the many Sacraments that I have been privileged to preside at during my years as a priest and the many people who have received new life through them. I am filled with joy when I call to mind beautiful faces of all the babies I baptized and of the loving parents who have allowed me to present their child to our faith community. I recall the little children who received their First Communion from me. I have so many pictures of me standing behind the First Communicants in their white outfits and with their smiling faces. I remember the many young people whose Confirmations I have witnessed and how proud I was of them as they were initiated fully into the church. Yes Easter is the time when those sacraments of initiation are so often received. This year as we deal with the coronavirus the reception of those sacraments have been put on hold until it is safe to gather again to celebrate together in church. As we await that day we continue to hold all those who are preparing to receive sacraments in our prayers.

As I reflect on my years as a priest I also remember with joy the many couples at whose weddings I presided, as they began their new life together. This year many couples have had to postpone their wedding dates because of the coronavirus and are trying to set new dates for their wedding day. Some have already rescheduled and are now probably praying that things will be opened up by the time they reach their new wedding date. It is my prayer for them as well. It is our hope though that God's peace will be with them to remove all anxiety and stress.

I cannot tell you how many funerals I have presided at through the years. In this current crisis I know it is so very hard not to be able to celebrate Funeral Masses and mourn in the way that we are accustomed. The Rite of Christian Burial of our church celebrates the Paschal Mystery of Christ and gives us the hope that our loved one will rise with Him. As we pray for those who have recently died we pray as well for their families in mourning and await with hope the day we can celebrate Memorial Masses for those who have died during this time of crisis. In our parish we lift up in prayer Norbert Schmitt and Ruth Wood who have died and we pray for their families in their time of mourning.

In my years as a priest I have buried many people through the years, some I didn't know others were parishioners and friends who were close to me. I have seen the deaths of family members, my Grandmother, my Godmother and my nephew Travis in 1993, two of my cousins, my Mother in 2002 and my Father in 2010 and all of my parents' siblings and their spouses through the years and most recently the death of my Great-Grand-Niece Addison. But with the pain I have felt with each death, I have been strengthened by my trust and hope in the Mystery of the Resurrection, that when we die with Christ we will also rise with Him to eternal life.

During my time as a priest I have lived through many times of crisis with the people of my parishes. Some like the destruction and death of 9/11/2001 impacted our whole nation and our world. Other events like the floods in the southern tier in 2005, 2006 and 2011 affected my parish and the surrounding regions. But, through all those events people helped each other to rise up again, by neighbor helping neighbor and by strangers working side by side to rebuilt and start over again. In this present time of crisis we might not be able to offer hands on help as we practice social distancing, but we can pray for one another, we can check on our neighbors by phone, we can support the local food pantries with donations to help feed those in need, we can help protect one another by wearing face masks in public and practicing social distancing to prevent the spread of the virus. We might be facing even more difficult times before things get better, but if there is one thing that I have learned in my 38 years as a priest is that when we place our trust in the Lord, He will be with us in the midst of our trials and raise us up to a newness of Life in Him.

God's blessings and peace, *Father Bill*

**CRS Rice Bowl Catholic Relief Services' Lenten Program** If you participated during Lent in the CRS Rice Bowl Lenten Program by putting money in your Rice Bowl during Lent we ask that you count the money you collect in your Rice Bowl and then write a check for the amount with Rice Bowl in the memo line and then mail it to the parish office. GSCC, P.O. Box 296, Aurora, NY 13026. It will then be sent Catholic Relief Services to be use for CRS hunger projects with 25% of the monies received being sent back to support our local food pantries. Thank you for your generous support.