



Welcome!

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Monday-Thursday

8:00AM-4:00PM and 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 4:00pm—4:45pm 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.

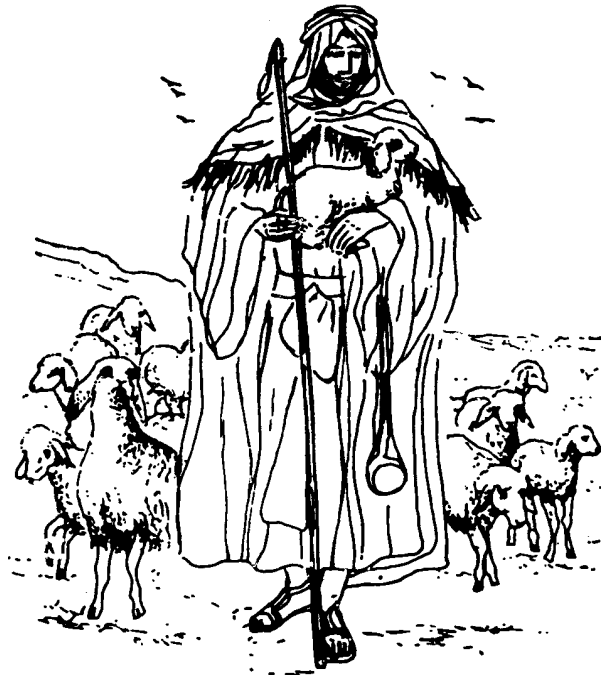
REGISTRATION - Every family within the Parish should be registered. Please contact the office for a registration form. If you move to another parish, change your address or have additions or deletions to your family, please notify the Parish Office. Forms are available at each worship site.

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December 11, 2016

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*Third
Sunday
of
Advent*



? What kind of Messiah does my own life’s witness to Christ proclaim? One with fire and brimstone ready at hand, or one of whose comfort and healing I am an instrument?

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve, December 24th

5:30pm at St. Patrick’s, Moravia

6:00pm at Our Lady of the Lake,

King Ferry

10:00pm at St. Patrick’s, Aurora

Christmas Day, December 25th

9:00am at St Michael’s, Union Springs



ST. PATRICK’S
Aurora

ST. MICHAEL’S
Union Springs

ST. PATRICK’S
Moravia



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
King Ferry



SCHEDULE FOR DEC 11 - DEC 18, 2016

Readings for the Week of December 11, 2016
 Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
 Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34/Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Ps 85/Lk 7:18b-23
 Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30/Lk 7:24-30
 Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67/Jn 5:33-36
 Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/Mt 1:1-17
 Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

VITAL STATISTICS

**Fiscal Year July 1, 2016—June 30, 2017
 December 4, 2016 (week 23)**

Attendance	285
YTD Average	328
Weekly Budgeted Offering	\$ 5,044.00
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YTD Budgeted Offering	\$116,017.00
YTD Actual Offering	\$ 115,878.00

Thank you for your generosity each week !

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

**MASS
 INTENTIONS**



Sunday: 12/11 – Third Sunday of Advent
Mass: 8:30AM at St. Patrick’s, Moravia
 +For **Margaret Powers** by the Kanalley Family
Mass: 10:30AM at Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry
 +For **Deceased Nolans** by Family
Mass: 12:15PM at St. Patrick’s, Aurora
 +For **Mr. Thomas Dugan** by David & Ruth Fitzgerald

Monday: 12/2– Our Lady of Guadalupe
Mass: 9:00AM at St. Patrick’s, Aurora
 +For **John Rafferty** by Mary T. Rafferty

Tuesday: 12/13 – St. Lucy
Mass: 9:00AM at St. Patrick’s, Moravia
 +For **Margaret Powers** by Art & Ursula O’Mara

Wednesday: 12/14 – St. John of the Cross
NO Mass

Thursday: 12/15 – Weekday
Mass: 4:00PM at St. Michael’s, Union Springs
 +For **Mary Kish (Anniversary of Death)** by John and Mary Kula

Friday: 12/16 – Weekday
Mass: 9:00AM at St. Patrick’s, Aurora
 +For **Joan Kerbick Sanders** by Mary T. Rafferty

Saturday: 12/17 - Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mass: 4:00PM at St. Michael’s, Union Springs
 +For **All Living & Deceased Members of GSCC**

Sunday: 12/18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mass: 8:30AM at St. Patrick’s, Moravia
 +For **Florence, Mary & Michael Donahue** by Deacon Dennis and Cindy Donahue
Mass: 10:30AM at Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry
 +For **Maroney Family** by Jane & Nels Johnson
Mass: 12:15PM at St. Patrick’s, Aurora
 For **Elizabeth Hickey & Marguerite Tierney** by Mary Dunn

UPCOMING EVENTS:



EPIPHANY PARTY: Save the date/plan to attend!!
Saturday, January 7, 2017 at LASCA’S in Auburn.
 6:00 Cocktails (cash bar); 7:00 Dinner (Pre-pay \$25 per person). No refunds. **Family Style Menu:** Roast Loin of Pork with a Spinach & Veal Stuffing; Baked Scrod with cracker crumb topping; Roast Turkey with Stuffing; fresh green salad, whipped potatoes, vegetable, fresh baked bread, coffee & dessert. Sign Up sheet at each church.

40 Days for Life: The Spring Campaign begins Ash Wednesday, March 1 through Palm Sunday. Please consider

Faith Formation Advent Mission Project:
 Holiday Canned Good Collection this weekend, December 10/11. 2016 at all churches. Donations will support our local Food Pantries during the holidays. Thank you!

praying with us for LIFE! **December 19th** is the last day to make your **reservation** to ride the bus leaving Ithaca to attend the Annual National March for Life in January. Round trip bus tour leaves @ 11:15PM Thursday, Jan. 26th and returns same time, Friday, Jan. 27th. Seats are only \$25 each! For reservations, contact Mary Ann Tissot @ 315/364-7479 or Carolann Darling 607/351-6668.

This Week Remember the Following in Masses and Prayers on the Anniversary of Their Deaths:
 Dorothy Proctor’87, Kimberly Jakaub’2012, Gertrude Nolan’56, Helen Haynor’96, Thomas Morrissey’97, Jane Shiels’80, Norbert Lacko’59, Patrick Bothwell’67, Ellen Mahaney’94, Baby Girl Collins’68, Thomas Connell’81, Cecelia Barry’99, Ernest Cass’54, Edward Murphy’62, Ina Gray’73, John Moynihan’86, James McGowan’89, Richard Donovan’2000, David Slywka’2012, Frances Bartniik’53, Thomas McDermott’57, Herbert Grady’62, Elizabeth Duggan’66, Thomas Sullivan’69, Celinda Mallon’93, Mary Delaney’63, Cornelius Delaney’71, Ann Elizabeth Fisher’2008, Edward Ryan Jr.’2006, William Owens’50, Edwin Roberts’80, Robert Sheilds’90, Isabel Aude’92, Rose Maloney’95, Mary Burnett’96, Patricia Powers’2014

Third Sunday of Advent

The Third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath. Gaudete is from the Latin verb gaudere (to rejoice). It is a command ordering us to rejoice! May we rejoice in the Lord always as we reflect on the gift of Jesus our Savior.

In two weeks we begin the season of Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Our Savior, then on January 9th we will end the season of Christmas with the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord. It is a season during which we reflect on Jesus first as a newborn child, but then as an adult beginning his public ministry. A ministry that began after the Holy Spirit came down upon Jesus at his Baptism in the Jordan. As followers of Jesus we were given new birth through the waters of Baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to us. A Spirit that prompts us be like Jesus who came "not to be served, but to serve." As disciples of Jesus we are called to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in giving of the gift of ourselves in loving service. In Christian tradition the giving of ourselves in loving service is often referred to as stewardship. We are called by the Holy Spirit to look at the blessings and talents that we have received from God and to follow the Spirit's lead in offering them back to the Lord.

At the Sunday Masses on January 14/15 we will be asking you to dedicate yourself to ways of serving your faith community in ministry for the coming year. Please be praying about how you can offer your gifts and talents in the ministries of the parish. The Spirit might be prompting you to serve as a catechist in our Faith Formation classes or to work in youth ministry. Are you being called to help work on dinners or coffee hours or fundraisers? Maybe you have the talent like St. Joseph to do carpentry work, or have plumbing or electrical skills. You might be able and willing to assist in liturgy with musical skills, or to serve as a lector, altar server or Eucharistic Minister. You might have a listening ear and compassionate heart that would help you in visiting the sick or homebound. Please listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and sign-up to serve God during the New Year in a parish ministry. The Pastoral Council has been working on **Ministry Opportunity Form** that will list various opportunities of service in the parish. These forms will be given to you in advance of the January 14/15 sign-up weekend. We will be asking each family member above First Communion age to pray about how they can serve.

Another way that we are called to exercise stewardship is through the financial support you can give to the work of the church in our parish, diocese and world ministries. I would like to thank all of you for your support of the parish throughout the year. Your generosity allows us to continue to spread the Goods News of God's saving love. On the diocesan level we are asked to exercise our stewardship by supporting the diocesan ministries through the **Catholic Ministry Appeal**.

On the weekend of January 21/22 we will have an in-pew solicitation for the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. Pledge cards will be available in the pews to allow you to make a pledge to the **CMA**. As of December 5, 110 parishioners of GSCC have pledged or given \$27,408.50 or 81.3% of our goal of \$33,711. I extend a special thanks to all those who have given or made pledges to our annual appeal. Your gift helps make possible the many ministries of outreach and parish support that are funded by the **CMA**. If you haven't made a pledge or gift yet to this year's appeal I ask you to do so. I realize that you all receive many request for donations this time of year and that your resources might be stretched. To make it easier to give your support to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** you can make your pledge today and give your gift in installment payments through May 31 of 2017. Please consider adding your support to those who have already given to help us reach our goals. If it is easier for you to give on-line, you can do so at www.dor.org, or at the link on our parish webpage at www.thegoodshepherd.cc

As we journey together through Advent towards Christmas and the New Year may we remember that to each is given the gift of the Spirit for the common good. May we always put the gift of ourselves at the service of God and one another.

God's blessings and peace, *Father Bill*

A CHRISTMAS BLESSING FOR THE HOME

*Loving God,
As we gather at Christmas around the manger, which reminds
us of the birth of your son,
We ask you to dwell in our hearts and our home.
Bless every member of our family, and strengthen the bond of
love among us.
May we joyfully praise you like the angel choir that announced
the birth of your Son to the shepherds watching over their
flocks.
May we show your love to others with the same brightness of
the star that guided the Wise Men to offer gifts to the newborn
King.
Make our family holy, just like Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, so that
we may always live in peace and love.
Amen.*

Catholic Ministries Appeal Update:

As of 12/6/16:

# of Donors	Total Gifts	% of Goal	Goal
110	\$27,408.50	81.30%	33,711.00

King Ferry Food Pantry:

First and Third Saturdays 9:00—12:00 and by appointment.
Contact Debbie Patrick at 497-2049

You can help stock our food pantry shelves with your donations at any time. Please make out checks to *King Ferry Food Pantry* and mail directly to this address:
P.O. Box 242, King Ferry, NY 13081.

Thank you for your generosity!