



# 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

**GSCC VISION STATEMENT - TO LIVE BY FAITH, TO BE KNOWN BY LOVE, TO BE A VOICE OF HOPE**

ST. PATRICK’S  
Aurora

ST. MICHAEL’S  
Union Springs

ST. PATRICK’S  
Moravia

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE  
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## *The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**?** *How am I showing my mercy, my humanity to others? Am I witnessing to the God-given Spirit within me?*

### **Catholic Ministry Appeal Update**

As of 2/15/2019

GSCC # of Donors	\$ Pledged	% of goal	Parish Goal
150	\$37,059	98.34%	37,686

### **We have almost reached our goal!**

If you have not yet given to this year’s CMA, please consider giving your support.. We count on a yearly gift from each parishioner to help us reach our parish goal in support of our Diocesan Ministries.



**Schedule for Feb. 24 - Mar. 3, 2019****Readings for the week of Feb. 24, 2019**

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [cf. 5]/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 [165a]/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 [35a]/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 17]/Mk 10:13-16

**MASS INTENTIONS****Saturday: 2/23- Vigil of The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass:** 4:00PM at St. Michael's, Union Springs

**+For Catherine Hartwig** by Fr. Bill

**Sunday: 2/24- The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass:** 8:30AM at St. Patrick's, Moravia

**+For All Living & Deceased Members of GSCC**

**Mass:** 10:30 AM at Our Lady of the Lake, Church, King Ferry

**+For Katie Maroney & Eric DiSanto** by her Sisters & Families

**Mass:** 12:00 PM at St. Patrick's, Aurora

**+For Bruce Culver** by Family

**Monday: 2/25 - Weekday**

**Mass:** 9:00AM at St. Patrick's, Aurora

**+For Russell Lynch** by Family

**Tuesday: 2/26 - Weekday**

**Mass:** 9:00AM at St. Patrick's, Moravia

**+For Fr. Shatzel** by Murphy Family

**Wednesday: 2/27 - Weekday**

**NO Mass**

**Thursday: 2/28 - Weekday**

**Mass:** 4:00PM at St. Michael's, Union Springs

**+For Mary Manino**

**Friday: 3/1 - First Friday, World Day of Prayer**

**Mass & Benediction:** 9 :00AM at Our Lady of the Lake, KF

**+ Joseph Donahue**

**Saturday: 3/2 - Vigil of the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass:** 4:00PM at St. Michael's, Union Springs

**+For All Living & Deceased Members of GSCC**

**Sunday: 3/3 - The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass:** 8:30 AM at Patrick's, Moravia

**+For Richard Murphy** by Madeline Casey

**Mass:** 10:30AM at Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry

**+For Ruth Fedrizzi** by Dick & Mary Ruth Fitzgerald

**Mass:** 12:00PM at St. Patrick's, Aurora

**+ For M/M Dennis Fitzgerald** by Family

**VITAL STATISTICS**

**Fiscal Year July 1, 2018—June 30, 2019**

**February 17, 2019 (week 34)**

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

Attendance . . . . .	210
YTD Average (Fiscal Year) . . . . .	299
Weekly Budgeted Offering . . . . .	\$ 5,248.67
Weekly Offering. . . . .	\$ 3,785.00
YTD Budgeted Offering . . . . .	\$ 178,455.00
YTD Actual Offering . . . . .	\$ 178,540.00

Today's Gospel has encouraging words for good stewards—  
*"Give, and it shall be given to you. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you."* What encouragement to give generously of the resources entrusted to our care!

**Upcoming Events**

**Seeing Nature Through the Eyes of Francis** is our final Dinner Talk, Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30pm at the Knights of Columbus Council 207 Hall. Reservations required by Sunday, March 3rd by call/text 315 406 1538.

**Rochester Catholic Women's Conference on March 9, 2019** at the Aquinas Institute in Rochester. Register [www.rochesterCWC.org](http://www.rochesterCWC.org).

**Cayuga Community Health Network** is offering a Chronic Disease Self-Management Workshop at United Ministry of Aurora Thursdays, 10—11AM February 21—March 28. **FREE. Register by calling 315 252 4212.**

**GSCC Parish Council Meeting, 4pm** Monday, Feb. 25th at 7:00pm at the parish office.

**ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES—March 6, 2019**

9:00a.m. Mass	St. Patrick Church, Aurora
5:30p.m. Mass	St. Patrick Church, Moravia
7:00p.m. Mass	Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry
7:00p.m. Ecumenical Service with Ashes at	St. Michael, Union Springs

**This Week Remember the following in Masses and Prayers on the Anniversary of their Deaths:**

Donald Tyrrell 2015, Michael O'Connor 1963, Margaret Spillane 1965, Ruth Costello 1994, Nicholas Roberts 1970, Baby Boy Steger 1980, Marilyn Hargett 1995, Dorothy Myers Gray 2003, Robert Cotter 2014, Nellie Donovan 1974, Kerwick Halicy 1981, Paul Murphy 1996, Paul Burch 2011, Doris "Dodie" Bouck 2011, Mary Darrow 2017, Coral Dempsey 1959, Clarence Payne 1977, Theresa McLaughlin 1979, Francis Owens 1991, Louis Fedrizzi 2013, Patricia Hickey 2019, Susan Rafferty 1960, Walter Riley 1986, Lewis McKellop 1950, Thomas Murphy 1952, John Brennan 1960, Katharine Hartnett 1996, William Edward Dugan III 2019, Nancy Dyer 1981, William Bartnick 1982, William Rusk 1984, Bessie Onorati 1984

*The Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time***My Godparents**

One of the first important decisions a parent has to make in regards to their baby child is choosing Godparents for the baby's baptism. I remember once a couple coming to me and asking very seriously if they could divorce their child's Godparents. They had chosen someone they thought would be a good influence on their child only to be greatly disappointed. The Godparents had become involved in taking drugs and their lives were in a downward spiral as they drifted far away from the practice of their faith. I remember telling the parents that Godparents could not be divorced. I did tell them that it might be good to choose someone else to be a sponsor for their child who could help fill the void and eventually help them prepare for Confirmation.

Their concern for their child reminded me of my own Godparents. My Godfather was my mother's brother, Uncle Howie. He was a teenager when I was born. I do not remember him at all in my early childhood because after he was graduated from high school we was in the Army serving in Korea. One of my first memories about Howie was how excited my sisters and brother were when we heard he was coming home. I enjoyed being around my Uncle Howie, he was a great story teller. But, I learned at an early age that my Godfather had a drinking problem. A problem that was drilled home to me when the following incident occurred. Right before dawn one morning police had arrived at our house, neighbors had seen someone going into our garage during the night and had called the police. I remember looking out of our upstairs hall window at the garage as the police called out telling the intruder to come out of the garage. I remember feeling stunned to see my Uncle Howie come staggering out!

I would recall and retell that incident to my teachers at St. Mary's School in Oneonta. Our final exams in English each year called for the students to write a composition on "Your Most Unforgettable Character." Each year I would write about my Uncle Howie, the one who taught me the hard way that that being an alcoholic is no way to live. Howie would make many more poor choices in his life. He tried many times to become sober and in the end I believe he succeeded. In his final years he worked with a church group in North Carolina that produced bibles for people who had no written language. Howie, as a Godfather might not have been the best example for me, but I believe that God used him to help me avoid the same pitfalls in my life. We at times can learn from the negative experiences in life as well as the positive.

While my parents had chosen a young relative to be my Godfather, they choice a neighbor who was my Grand-mother's age to be my Godmother. In my life my Godmother, Mary Cook, had a profound influence on me. Mary was a widow for as long as I could remember. She had no children of her own; she was a neighbor of our family at the time I was born. We moved away when I was a toddler so I never got to grow up in her neighborhood in West Oneonta. But, I always kept in touch with her through the years, and I always enjoyed visiting her in her old farmhouse. When I visited she would often pull out a tin can of cookies from her front room that was never heated. She had wrapped each cookie individually and would unwrap them and present them to me with such pride and caring. She called them "Castle Cookies"; to me they were a precious gift to be found only in her "farmhouse castle". (I wish I had the recipe, they were delicious). I was just talking about them with Cathy and Lorraine last week in the parish office.

Godmother Mary had a great appreciation for God's creation and a love for gardens and animals. I loved visiting her goats, cats, dogs, and geese as much as visiting her. (Although I was a little afraid of the geese when they chased me!) Mary was one of those gifted people who could tell you in great detail stories about her early childhood and daily life on the farm. She was born in Alsace-Lorraine in 1902. Her family moved to West Oneonta, NY when she was a child, but when her father couldn't find steady employment he decided to return to Europe. She told me how beautiful it was as they sailed into France when the cherry trees were in blossom. When her father couldn't find employment in his homeland he decided to take his family back to America. Their second crossing of the Atlantic was on one of the first ships to make the crossing after the sinking of the Titanic! Godmother Mary used such detail in her storytelling that she sometimes could talk for an hour about an event that took place in ten minutes. She talked with such excitement that I never got tired of listening to her. Her face would be aglow with delight just recalling and sharing her childhood memories.

Mary had a great love for gardens and animals, but I think it was her love of gardens that won out in the end if she had to choose between the two. Mary once told me about a woodchuck that kept raiding her garden. She told me the story without sparing any detail of how she spotted a woodchuck in her apple orchard. Mary was about 80 at the time and not very athletic but it didn't stop her from getting her shotgun, shooting the surprised woodchuck, skinning it and having it for supper! When she told me that story I thought she could have played Granny on the Beverly Hillbillies!

Mary lived all by herself but she always knew how her neighbors were doing in her small community. She helped out at the food pantry and was always praying for those in the neighborhood who were having difficulties. She also, for many years was the first parishioner to arrive at church on Sunday morning for Mass. She liked starting the day early! It was a trauma for her when they stopped having the 6:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday and then stopped the 7:00 a.m. Mass! For her the 8:00 a.m. Mass was just too late in the day. Mary's joyful appreciation and love of the simply daily wonders of God's love, a love that surround us in nature, helped me to find God in so many ways in my own life. Mary has since gone to God, but I am sure that she continues to pray for me as she always did in her little farm house. I pray that all of you who are Godparents and or sponsors may be faithful and loving examples of God's love as Godmother Mary was to me.

God bless you, *Father Bill*