



# Welcome!

**PARISH STAFF:**

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**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.

*Good Shepherd  
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*January 3, 2016*

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*Worship the newborn King*

*Epiphany of the  
Lord*



What "recalculation" of my schedule or priorities must I make to answer the challenge of today's Gospel to chart a direct route to a personal encounter with God-made-flesh?

**ST. PATRICK'S**  
Aurora

**ST. MICHAEL'S**  
Union Springs

**ST. PATRICK'S**  
Moravia



**OUR LADY OF THE LAKE**  
King Ferry



**SCHEDULE FOR JAN 3 - JAN 10, 2016**

Readings for the Week of January 3, 2016  
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22--4:6/Ps 2:7-8, 10-12/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19--5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14-15, 17/Lk 4:14-22a  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Jn 3:22-30  
 Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**VITAL STATISTICS**  
**Fiscal Year July 1, 2015—June 30, 2016**  
**December 13 & 20, 2015 (week 24 & 25)**

Attendance:	
12/13 .....	311
12/20 .....	311
YTD Average .....	358
Weekly Budgeted Offering .....	\$ 4,947.00
Weekly Offering:	
12/13 .....	\$ 5,125.00
12/8 Holy Day .....	\$ 721.00
12/20 .....	\$
Budgeted YTD Amount .....	\$ 118,720.00
YTD Actual Offerings .....	\$ 123,515.00

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

*The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this Newborn King and Savior?*



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday: 1/3 – The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**Mass:** 8:30AM at St. Patrick's, Moravia  
 +For **Bishop & Sepos Families** by John & Linda Bishop  
**Mass:** 10:30AM at Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry  
 +For **Lee Poso** by Dotty Poso McDermott  
**Mass:** 12:15PM at St. Patrick's, Aurora  
 +For **All the Living & Deceased Members of GSCC**

**Monday: 1/4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
**NO Mass**

**Tuesday: 1/5 – St. John Neumann**  
**Mass:** 9:00am at St. Patrick's, Moravia  
 +For **Ray Morey** by Family

**Wednesday: 1/6 - St. Andre Bessette**  
**Spanish Mass:** 7:00PM at Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry

**Thursday: 1/7 – St. Raymond of Penyafort**  
**Mass:** 4:00PM at St. Michael's, Union Springs  
 +For **Patrick Kanalley** by Debbie & Steve Cardinal

**Friday: 1/8 - Christmas Weekday**  
**Mass:** 9:00AM at St. Patrick's, Aurora

**Saturday: 1/9– Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord**  
**Wedding:** 1:00PM at St. Patrick's, Moravia  
 Dawn Rene Garofolo and Gerald O'Hara  
**Mass:** 5:00PM at St. Michael's, Union Springs  
 +For **All the Living & Deceased Members of GSCC**

**Sunday: 1/10 - The Baptism of the Lord**  
**Mass:** 8:30AM at St. Patrick's, Moravia  
 +For **Joseph Hughes Krantz** by Steve & Debbie Cardinal  
**Mass:** 10:30AM at Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry  
 +For **All the Living & Deceased Members of GSCC**  
**Mass:** 12:15PM at St. Patrick's, Aurora  
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**EVENT THIS WEEK:**

**Epiphany Party Saturday, January 9, 2016** at Lasca's Restaurant in Auburn. Happy Hour at 6:00pm; Dinner at 7:00pm. Reservations are due by January 2/3, 2016 with payment. Cost: \$24/person. Please use the form provided. **Everyone is invited!!** Please join us! Everyone is invited!

**UPCOMING EVENT :**

**Doug's Fish Fry, Friday, January 15th, 10AM - 6:30PM** at the GSCC/King Ferry Food Pantry at Our Lady of the Lake Church, King Ferry.

**Please pray for the following couple preparing for marriage:**

**III Dawn Rene Garofolo and Gerald O'Hara**  
 St. Patrick's, Moravia—January 9, 2016



**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL UPDATE:**

Goal:	\$ 29,732
Pledged:	\$ 27,260
Donors:	122
Percent of Goal:	91.69%

**This Week Remember the Following in Masses and Prayers on the Anniversary of Their Deaths:**

Agnes Maloney'63, Anne Klocke'98, Jake O'Connor'2014, John Mullally Jr.'51, John Kehoe'53, Charles Westlake'88, William Byrne'96, John McDermott'2005, Mildred Kenney'2010, William Byrne'96, William Walker'65, Effie O'Brien'73, Paul Quinn'99, James VanOrman'2002, Deacon John Prave'2008, Elizabeth Whalen'51, Joseph Fedigan'75, Clara Quigley'86, Bernice Killian'77, Baby Boy Vasquez'58, William Muldoon'78, Mildred Jetty'97, Marge Lacey'2011, Morris O'Herron'50, Harry Polhamus'55, Grace Bianconi'64, Margaret Haring'2014, Joseph McDonald'59, William Connor'65, Elizabeth Szves'69, Walter Redmond'78, Rebecca Inman'72, Elizabeth Tratt'72, Herbert Heffernan'88

## ***The Feast of Epiphany***

When I was a boy our family always left the Christmas tree up until Epiphany which was always celebrated on January 6th. The Feast was later moved to the second Sunday after Christmas. We referred to Epiphany as "little Christmas." Our family never exchanged gifts on "Little Christmas" but that was the custom of some families I knew. Epiphany would also mark the end of the Christmas season for us. It was the day the Christmas decorations were taken down and put away until next year. I love Christmas decorations! So it is with more than a little sadness to see them stored away for another year. They are such beautiful reminders and visible signs to us of the birth of our Savior, Jesus, the Light of the World.

I must say I was very happy when the liturgical year was changed and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord also began to be celebrated on Sunday. It gave a new end to the Christmas season as it was seen as one of the three Epiphanies of the Lord that had been celebrated in the early church, the other two being the visit of the Magi and the wedding feast at Cana. Now I have a reason to leave my Christmas decorations up a little longer! They sure do help dispel the darkness of winter.

With the introduction by Pope John Paul II of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, the events of the Baptism of the Lord and the Miracle of the water being changed into wine at Cana have been given greater emphasis by the church as manifestations of the identity of Jesus. The other Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary are the Proclamation of the Kingdom of God, the Transfiguration and the Institution of the Eucharist.

This Weekend we celebrate the **Feast of Epiphany** and we recall how the Magi came and presented to the new born king gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. May this feast remind us that we too are called to present a gift to Jesus; the greatest gift that we can possibly give, the gift of ourselves. As we end the Christmas season next Sunday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, may we remember that God has given us the gift of the Holy Spirit in our baptism to help us to be manifestations of Jesus' love and presence to all those we meet.

I would like to thank all of you for your support of the parish throughout the year both financially and through the gift of yourself in service. Your generosity allows us to continue to spread the Goods News of God's saving love. We will be mailing out contribution statements by the end of the year to those who used church envelopes this past year.

On the diocesan level we are in the midst of the annual appeal to support diocesan ministries. Each parishioner has been asked to support the diocesan ministries through the **Catholic Ministry Appeal**. As of 12/22/15, 123 of our parishioner families have given or pledged \$27,360, or 92.02% of our parish goal. On the weekend of January 23/24 we will have an in-pew solicitation for the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** in hopes of reaching our goal. Pledge cards will be available in the pews to allow you to make a pledge to the **CMA**. 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 have not made a pledge or gift yet to this year's appeal I ask you to do so. 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 June of 2016. You can also give on-line, at [www.dor.org](http://www.dor.org).

As we journey together through this New Year may we remember that to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. May the manifestation of His love continue through us, His followers, as we answer the call of the Holy Spirit to bear His Light to the world.

God's blessings and peace,

*Father Bill*

## **DEACON'S CORNER**

In my last homily I spoke of the threefold spiritual life expressed by John the Baptist: penitential, contemplative and active. Think of each one as a leg on a three legged stool. While it is possible to sit on a stool with two legs and maybe even one; it is far less stable and significantly more difficult to maintain balance. In other words, the likelihood of falling off the seat is far greater with two and nearly certain with only one leg to hold you up.

In the Gospel for today and for the next two Sundays we see Jesus progressively manifest to the world in a threefold way, suggesting to me the strength provided by each leg on the stool. Jesus who is God has no need for a stool yet he manifests the penitential leg humbling himself in the form of a slave. As a result of this greatest act of humility the world has ever seen, the whole world is now drawn to God. Next Sunday the Word who became flesh will manifest the contemplative leg revealing the Father in heaven by focusing us on the Word Amongst Us made more open by Baptism. Finally, on the third Sunday the active leg is manifest, despite an expression of un-readiness, in the face of the obvious and critical need of others.

As we begin this new calendar year look at your stool to see if all three legs are attached and whether the legs are equally measured to provide the greatest balance and stability in your life. If not than make a New Year's resolution to repair the stool.