

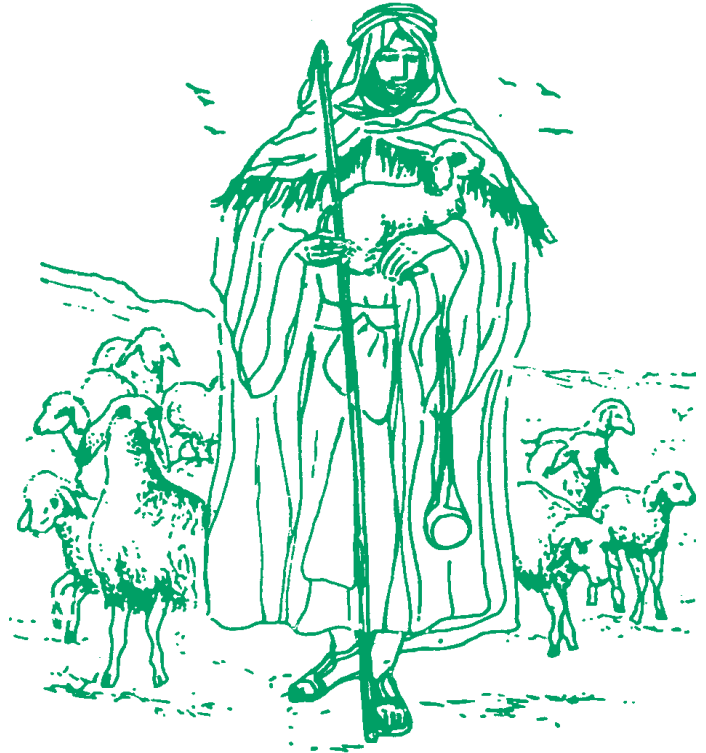


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Catholic Community
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January 31, 2021

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Parish Office Hours (currently during Covid-19) are Monday 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 at least 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. Patrick Church, Aurora 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 household, please notify the Parish Office. Forms are available at each worship site.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



What unclean spirits need to be driven out of my life?
How can Jesus, within me and among us, defeat them



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Catholic Ministry Appeal Update

As of January 25, 2021

GSCC # of Donors	\$ Pledged	% of goal	Parish Goal
99	\$32,455	86.09%	\$37,686

If you have not yet given this year to the CMA, please consider doing so today in support of our Diocesan Ministries.

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
King Ferry



Readings for the week of January 31, 2021

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Mass Schedule for Jan. 30— February 7, 2021

Saturday 1/30 Vigil of the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:00 pm at St. Patrick, Aurora

+ For Michael Ersing by Cathy & John Kanalley

Sunday 1/31 The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass: 8:30 am at St. Patrick Moravia

+ For Eleanor Conran

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

+ For the Living & Deceased Members of GSCC

Monday 2/1 Mass 9:00 AM at St. Patrick, Aurora

+ For Eleanor Conran by Cathy & John Kanalley

Tuesday 2/2 Mass 9:00 am at St. Patrick, Moravia

+ For Ann Fitzpatrick

Wednesday 2/3 No Mass

Thurs. 2/4 Mass 4:00 pm at St. Michael Church, Union Springs

+ For James L. Davis

Friday 2/5 Mass 9:00 am at Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry

+ For Dr. James Mitchell by Lorraine Fitch

Saturday 2/6 Vigil of the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass: 5:00 pm at St. Patrick, Aurora

+ For Ignatius Mattie

Sunday 2/7 The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass: 8:30 am at St. Patrick Moravia

+ For Living & Deceased Members of GSCC

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

+ For Eleanor Conran by Hans Pecher



Food Pantry Needs

Next Sunday is Fishbowl Sunday. Please take a slip from the Fish Bowl, purchase the item or items and bring them back to the church the next weekend.

VITAL STATISTICS

**Fiscal Year July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021
January 23/24 (Weeks 30))**

Thank you for your generosity each week !

Attendance	135
Weekly Budgeted Offering	\$ 4,966.13
Weekly Envelope Offering	\$ 3,005.00
Loose offering	\$ 69.00
Electronic giving	\$ 585.00
Fuel.....	\$ 115.00
Initial Envelope.....	\$ 40.00
Holy Day	\$ 20.00
Total weekly offering.....	\$ 3,834.00
YTD Actual Offering . . .	\$155,472.00
YTD Budgeted Offering	\$148,983.90

I thank you for your generous support of you parish. You can give your financial support either by mailing your contribution envelope to the parish office or by giving electronically through *WeShare*, that can be accessed on our parish website. www.thegoodshepherd.cc

Healing is important in Jesus' ministry to reinforce His teaching. As Christian stewards, do we follow His teaching and are we humble enough to seek His healing in times of need?

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation

Preparation to receive the First Reconciliation (Penance) and First Holy Communion will soon begin. If you have not already signed up, please contact Dawn as soon as possible. (dawn.burdick@dor.org or 607-288-2476) Preparation for each Sacrament will primarily be via videos, Zoom and handouts with a gathered session before each of the Sacraments. Preparation for First Reconciliation will be during Lent, and preparation for Eucharist will be during the Easter season, with First Communion occurring in mid to late May.

For those who are unable to attend Public Masses

we continue to post the Sunday Mass on-line at our parish website, www.thegoodshepherd.cc and on the parish Facebook page. The prayer below can be said at Communion time as you watch Mass. The **weekly bulletin** can also be found on our website.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

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 into 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 with You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

This week remember the following in your Masses and prayers on the Anniversary of their Deaths of those who died on the dates January 31—February 6: Elizabeth Perkins 2020, Helen Mahaney 1982, Ansel Berrells 2007, Patricia A. Keough 1998, Catherine McCarthy 1980 Walter Bowness 1977, Betty Berrells 1989, Walter J. Dunn 2003, Lewis Eaton, Jr. 2006, Adam Maleski 1999, Lillian Leonard 2004, Margaret Tuttle 2005, Phil Aber 2017, Marie Dougherty 1986, Phillip Murphy 1976, Joan Fisher Bouck 2018, Morgan J. King 1992, Margaret Kavanaugh 1982, Thomas O'Toole 1998, George Bowen 1973, Carol Davis 1997, Caroline Gilbert 2001, Ellis Anthony Corday 2009.

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

On a cold Winter Day

The recent cold snap we have experienced this week reminded me of a winter when I was a boy in Oneonta. We lived on Church Street, and right behind our yard there was a walled creek that ran through the city. When the weather was cold for a long stretch the creek would freeze over. When it did it provided a "short cut" for us to take on our way home from school. On the particular day I remember my best friend and I decided to take the "short cut" home, which entailed climbing down into the creek and having to climb out again when we came to our house. (Not something we were supposed to do in our school clothes.) As we walked along on the ice we noticed a flock of starlings that seemed to be frozen on the ice. They couldn't fly away. It really was an unusual sight! My friend and I didn't see what we could do to help them so we continued on and climbed out of the creek. We had plans to go outside and play so I hurried into my house to change into my winter play clothes.

When I got to my room, that I shared with my brother David, I was startled by a bird flying around! I saw an empty box on the floor by the radiator that I assumed the bird had been in before it thawed out. I was not very happy with David, whom I also assumed had run across the freezing starlings in the creek and had decided to rescue one. I tried to catch the bird as it flew around the room but it was elusive. Finally I had it cornered by the wall near the radiator and I reached for it, but it evaded me and went behind the radiator. I reached down behind the radiator to catch it but that only caused the bird to slide down even further and get wedged between the wall and the radiator beyond my reach. At this point my anger with my brother was growing because I knew my friend was waiting for me to meet him, and my brother was nowhere to be found to help catch the bird. I finally got a yard stick and was able to move the starling up the wall until I was able to get a hold on it.

I brought the bird outside and let it go. It seemed to be no worse off after its trials! Later that day, when I met up with David, I discovered that my assumptions of the mystery were confirmed. He indeed had brought the bird home to thaw out. I was only glad at that point that he didn't bring home the whole flock! The event was a nuisance to me, but I must say, it has given me a life long lasting memory to share on a cold winter day! Stay warm and healthy.

God's blessings and peace, *Father Bill*

PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY WEEKEND February 13/14, 2021

Advocacy Issue: Funding for *NOURISH NEW YORK* initiative

NOURISH NEW YORK is a New York State initiative that provides funding to Food Banks to purchase New York State-produced farm products. This accomplishes two goals: it offers market support to farmers, the fishing community, and food processors who have been impacted by the economic effects of the pandemic, while getting high-quality food to individuals and families across the state through the regional Food Banks to local parish and community food pantries. The initiative provided \$35 million in funding from May 1 to December 31, 2020. 4,152 farms have provided over 17 million pounds of high-quality New York-produced food to New Yorkers in-need.



The time between Christmas and Lent can be difficult, especially this year. When we delivered your faith formation material in November, we included some supplies to help during these weeks. If you haven't done so already, dig out the dirt and seeds we provided along with the glass containers from your Advent Wreath. Plant the seeds and get excited to watch them grow. Use the little reflection book we gave you to help guide these weeks. The growing plants and the Scripture passages and reflection questions found in the booklet are meant to help us reflect on the topic of Revelation—how God is revealed to us through Creation, Scripture, and the person of Jesus. This week look up Isaiah 42:1-3 (or read the passage in the booklet). In this passage Isaiah speaks beautifully of Jesus' kindness. This week focus on how God has been and is sharing kindness with you. How are others kind and how you might be kind to others?

We are in the midst of preparing a new set of faith formation materials for Lent. One of the practices of Lent is prayer, this year we would like to encourage all our families during Lent to pray for others, especially those most affected by the pandemic. In order to do this we are looking to gather names, information and maybe pictures of local healthcare workers and people that have died due to the pandemic. If you would like to submit a name and info for this prayer initiative please contact Dawn at dawn.burdick@dor.org or call 607-288-2476. New lessons and resources for families with children will be delivered in the next few weeks. You'll receive an email before we come to alert you to the delivery.

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