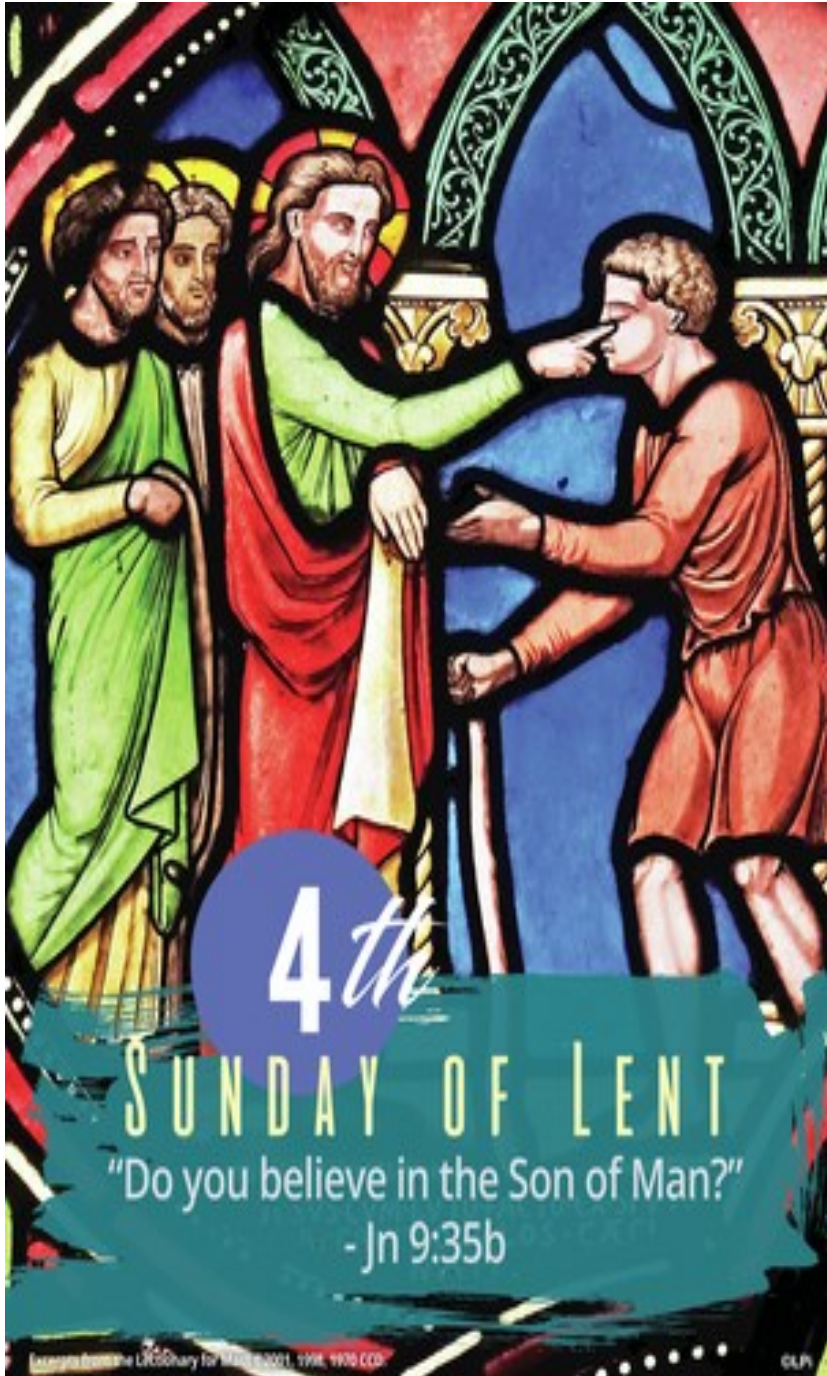


# *St. Mary's Our Lady of the Lake*

*Christ Centered + Biblically Grounded + Sacramentally Nourished +  
Serving Our Neighbors in Christian Love*

March 22, 2020 ~ 4th Sunday of Lent

ALL MASSES IN THE DIOCESE OF ALBANY CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE,  
FAITHFUL URGED TO TAKE TIME TO PRAY AT HOME



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Due to growing concerns and medical advice related to the rapid spread of COVID-19 in social settings, Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger has announced that all regularly scheduled public Masses in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany — except weddings and funerals — will be canceled until further notice.

***Churches will, however, remain open for private prayer, pending further regulations.***

“Although we know how difficult it is for Catholics to be without the Mass and without the Eucharist, we must do our part to help ‘flatten the curve’ and stop the spread of COVID-19 in order to protect the most vulnerable among us,” Bishop Scharfenberger said when making the announcement. “I encourage the faithful to pray and fast as we continue our journey through this season of Lent. Try to include at least 15 minutes of daily intentional prayer, with family where possible and safe. Use the Bible, say the Rosary, watch Mass on TV, and please remember to pray for those who are suffering from the Coronavirus worldwide and for all those in the medical community who are on the front lines.”

The Pastoral Center at 40 North Main Avenue in Albany is closed

All activities associated with faith formation and youth ministry programs are likewise canceled until further notice.

### **How St. Mary's is working through the Coronavirus:**

Stations of the Cross are cancelled however the church is open for private prayer.

We are also working on some alternatives for prayer and worship for the end of Lent and Holy Week.

Please keep checking the web page, watch for the bulletins to be on-line and mailed and the phones are working fine so call if you have a question.

Call family and neighbors to check on them and to keep their spirits and your own up.

Cards and mail are accepted at the hospitals and nursing homes even if visitors are not. Have you children draw pictures, write little notes.

And take this time with your children to not only work on school work but to teach them life skills and never forget prayer.



A big thank you to all who supported the Knights of Columbus annual St. Patrick's Dinner of Corned beef and cabbage.



We are very grateful and appreciative. Take-outs were a hit this year!

Congratulations to Alyssa McGoldrick who won the 50-50 (and donated it back)!

We have been focusing during this lent on God the Potter and we, the clay to be shaped and molded into the most useful vessels that God needs and wants. We continue to place our lives in the hands of God every day and pray that we may be the hands and feet, and eyes and ears, and mouths of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit to trust God. No matter what the situation, even in this time of illness and uncertainty, when we place or trust in God we know we are being used for God's purposes not our own. If we are pliant clay we can bend and be shaped into what God needs us to be at this time. Praise God.



Visit <http://www.usccb.org/>

In the middle of the page are daily readings; click on today's date to see the whole Scripture readings for the day

There are many other parts of the web site to explore or put in search and be thrilled to discover every topic imaginable

[catholiccompany.com](http://catholiccompany.com) has a beautiful morning offering, comes every morning on your email

Feel like you can't go anywhere? Why not take a virtual tour of the Vatican, and not a lot of walking involved!

[www.vatican.va/various/basiliche/san\\_pietro/vr\\_tour/index-en.html](http://www.vatican.va/various/basiliche/san_pietro/vr_tour/index-en.html)



**Current information on the coronavirus is available through the CDC:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html>



Pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

Fr. Peter Pagonos ~ Ivy Bischof ~ Maureen Brennan ~ David Butler ~ Vin Cronin ~ Mary Devenpeck ~ Robert Davenport ~ Richie Davy ~ Julia Fassett ~ Stephen Markuson ~ Senator Jim Seward ~ Bradley Smith ~ Sarah Tarr

Pray for members of the military from our families  
Liam Dolan-USMC ~ Ryan Barrow  
Please call the Parish Office to add any names.



Prayer ideas:

6:p - 6:15p each day let us each stop and unite as one body in Christ to pray. Pray for the world, the sick, for each other, for your family, for those countries who are in month 3 not week 2-3 of this virus, pray for those who have died, those who are suffering, for those caring for the sick and dying.

There is no end to what we can be praying for.

### Cooperstown Senior Center

**The Senior Center will be closed for the foreseeable future. There will be many efforts during this time to stay in communication either by phone or email. If you have specific needs or would like to be communicated with, contact Carole Lachance at [coopseniorcenter@gmail.com](mailto:coopseniorcenter@gmail.com). Stay well and stay connected.**

### Continue to remember our Maryellen Wrubleski Lenten Food Collection through April 6 Hunger Hurts!

Please keep the needs of those of our neighbors who cannot afford to feed their families without our support. Consider any shelf stable food as a way of giving alms to help the poor who are always with us. Let's serve our neighbors in Christian Love and fill our church to overflowing to take away the hurt.

#### To view mass on line:

<https://www.rcda.org/livemass> has a whole list of Television Broadcast available including: both live stream and archived mass on demand available

1) St. Pius X Loudonville Live Streaming Mass - Sunday at 10 AM & Noon <https://www.stpiusxloudonville.org/view-mass-live/>

2) St. Mary's Crescent has live or archived masses - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgF2ZV-CEnBy3NNAmPTJ-mw/live> or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgF2ZV-CEnBy3NNAmPTJ-mw/videos>

3) The Catholic Community of Our Lady of Victory Troy, Live Streaming Mass Every Sunday at 9:15 AM [www.olv-troy.org](http://www.olv-troy.org)

4) The Church of Saint Patrick Ravena Live Streaming Mass Every Sunday at 9:30 AM

Prayers for our local leaders, state leaders, and national leaders. These are trying times to lead. May they lead with knowledge, compassion, and tenacity.

Prayers for our nurses, doctors, medical workers, and first responders as they place themselves in harm's way to help the sick and needy. May they stay healthy and compassionate.

Prayers for the teachers, principals and superintendents as they face the challenges of learning without entire schools or classrooms. May they guide students through their preparation for life.

Prayers for our police officers as they work on keeping the peace and ensuring our personal security and the security of our cities and counties in this time of uncertainty. May they be safe as they work for our safety.

Prayers for the workers who must go into work every day so that our roads are safe, our to-go orders are filled, our trains and buses are running, our grocery stores are being stocked, our 18 wheeler truckers are delivering, etc. They are unsung heroes. May they remain calm and focused for the public.

Prayers for our millennials as they sacrifice their carefree lifestyles for a bit because they love their mothers, fathers, grandparents and elders. May they grow old one day too.

Prayers for the older amongst us who are the most susceptible to this crisis. May we survive this crisis of our decades.

God bless us, everyone!

Prayer shared by Dr. Janice D Lombardi