

 <p>St. Cyril of Alexandria 28 Walton St. Alexandria Bay, NY</p> <hr/> <p>Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>The Catholic Community of Alexandria 17 Rock St. Alexandria Bay, NY 13607 315-482-2670</p> <p>pastor@stcyriils.org www.stcyriils.org</p> <p>Rev. Douglas G. Comstock, Pastor Bernard Slate, Deacon Joel Walentuk, Deacon</p>	 <p>St. Francis Xavier 43596 State Route 37 Redwood, NY</p> <hr/> <p>Sunday 8:30 a.m.</p>
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Liturgy Schedule for Week of December 8, 2019

- Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 Second Sunday of Advent**
5:00 p.m. Marie Bouchey by the Bradley Family
- Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019**
8:30 a.m. (SFX) Harold George by the Estate of Emma George
10:00 a.m. Robert Shepard by Teresa & Gary Hogan
- Monday, Dec. 9, 2019**
8:00 a.m. Our Parishioners
- Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019**
8:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Giltz by Gary & Bonnie Grausgruber
- Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019**
8:00 a.m. The Deceased Members of the Rittling Family by Mike & Meg Ringer
- Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019**
8:00 a.m. Angela Scrivani by Rod, Lisa, Cristofer K& Dominic Tidd
- Friday, Dec. 13, 2019**
8:00 a.m. The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
- Saturday, Nov. 14, 2019 Third Sunday of Advent**
5:00 p.m. Frank Cavallario by his wife, Connie Cavallario
- Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019**
8:30 a.m. (SFX) Louis Panunzio by his wife, Connie Panunzio
10:00 a.m. Richard Rittling by Kathy & Tony Folino

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:45 – 4:30 p.m. at St. Cyril of Alexandria Church
Sunday 8:00 – 8:15 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church

Our Stewardship

November 30 – December 1, 2019

Envelopes	\$1,932.00	Campaign for Human Development	\$5.00
Plate	\$155.00	Christmas Flowers	\$30.00
Youth		Religious Retirement	\$170.00
Electronic Giving	\$157.72	Fuel Collection	\$110.00
Total	\$2,244.72	Total Fuel Contrib.to Date	\$17,852.00
Last Year	\$2,070.00	Total Fuel Goal in '19-'20	\$20,298.00

Thousand Islands Catholic Men's Group

The Thousand Islands Catholic Men's Group is a group of Catholic men who meet on a regular basis to discuss their experiences as Catholic men in today's society.

The December meeting will be held on the second Saturday, the 14th, at 9 AM in the Parish Center of St. Mary's Church, Clayton. For further information contact Scott Beeles at 315-783-5268 or Gene Kleinhans at 315-482-3981. Come join us, whether you've been to a meeting before or not.

Christmas Music: Hymns/Carols/Songs

One of the beautiful things about Christmas is the music: some pieces glorifying the birth of Jesus, others noting the physical beauty of the season.

Not all Christmas music is alike. Hymns are traditional poems which have been taken from the Book of Psalms; and are called 'traditional hymns'. They have been around for hundreds of years and are sung by congregations while worshipping God in public. In hymns, the main focus is on the words, and the music only emphasizes it. The music of hymns originated from classical music. It is almost always a four-part harmony. Hymns have melody, harmony, and music which reinforce positivity.

Carols are festive songs which are religious in nature. They may or may not be sung during church worship. They have a positive, festive and popular character to them. There are three different types of carols which represent the carols today; Christmas carols, Easter carols, and the Advent carol. Some carols are as old as the Middle Ages while new carols are written and music composed every year.

Pope Benedict XVI tells us that the angels more likely sang the *Gloria* than just said it on that beautiful Christmas Night:

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased" (Lk 2:12-14). According to the evangelist, the angels 'said' this. But Christianity has always understood that the speech of angels is actually song, in which all the glory of the great joy that they proclaim becomes tangibly present. And so, from that moment, the angels' song of praise has never gone silent. It continues down the centuries in constantly new forms and it resounds ever anew at the celebration of Jesus' birth. It is only natural that simple believers would then hear the shepherds singing too, and to this day they join in their caroling on the Holy Night, proclaiming in song the great joy that, from then until the end of time, is bestowed on all people."

— Pope Benedict XVI

As you sing carols this Christmas, take the time to think about the message of the songs and what they mean. Consider the words you are singing and the truths they proclaim about the Savior you are worshipping.

Judy Pearson

[Note: Throughout the Christmas Season, this column will focus on various Christmas carols/hymns. Next week: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"]

Have You Found It ?

During Advent there is a daily *video meditation* by Bishop Robert Barron on our Parish Web site. www.stcyrils.org Just scroll down towards the bottom of the page and you will find a new meditation every day, based on the readings of the day.

IHC Mystery Players

This Sunday, December 8th, the IHC Mystery Players from Watertown will present "*The Birth of Jesus*" at 6:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church, Alexandria Bay. Through the use of special lighting, pantomime and liturgical readings, this group of high school seniors and adults present a moving, dramatic meditation which will support you as you continue your Advent journey.