



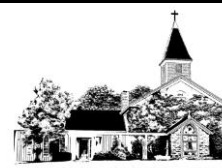
St. Cyril of Alexandria
28 Walton St.
Alexandria Bay, NY

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

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Rev. Douglas G. Comstock, Pastor
Bernard Slate, Deacon
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St. Francis Xavier
43596 State Route 37
Redwood, NY

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Liturgy Schedule for Week of February 16, 2020

Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Bob Shepard by Jean Decker & Family

Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020

8:30 a.m. (SFX) Louis Panunzio by his wife, Connie

10:00 a.m. Dolores Maeder by Deacon Bernie Slate

Monday, Feb. 17, 2020

8:00 a.m. Our Parishioners

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020

8:00 a.m. Robert Stromwall by Claire Leonhardt

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020

8:00 a.m. The Intention of Mickey Hard by Grandpa & Grandma Ringer

Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020

8:00 a.m. George and Frank Bolus by their Family

Friday, Feb. 21, 2020

8:00 a.m. The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Saturday, Feb. 22, 2019

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Marilyn Strough Bresette by Jean Decker & Family

Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020

8:30 a.m. (SFX) Richard Kleinhans by Gene & Mary Kleinhans

10:00 a.m. Shawn Russell by Jim & Pauline Little

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

February 8 - 9, 2020

Envelopes	\$708.00		
Plate	\$131.00		
Youth			
Electronic Giving	\$125.89	Fuel Collection	\$70.00
Total	\$964.89	Total Fuel Contrib.to Date	\$18,310.00
Last Year	\$1,613.75	Total Fuel Goal in '19-'20	\$20,298.00

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute.

The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

The Season of Septuagesima – Part 2

The first of the Pre-Lent Sundays is Septuagesima; it is the 9th Sunday before Easter, the 3rd before Lent. It is named from the Latin word for seventieth, since it is roughly within 70 days of Easter Sunday. It is symbolic of the 70 years of Babylon captivity. While Lent “mirrors the 40-year exodus of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land, Septuagesima mirrors the 70 years of Babylon captivity. Both lead from slavery to the Promised land of Heaven.”

Sexagesima Sunday is the 8th Sunday before Easter and 2nd Sunday before Lent, and roughly 60 days from Easter.

Quinquagesima is the 7th Sunday before Easter and last Sunday before Lent; it is roughly 50 days from Easter. It is the final Sunday before Lent.

The old introits (entrances) for the Masses of the Season of Septuagesima petitioned God, our Rock and Stronghold, for strength, perhaps to endure the sacrifices and trials of the upcoming Lenten season. They are:

- **Septuagesima:** I love you, O Lord, my strength, O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer. [Psalm 18]
- **Sexagesima:** Arise O Lord, help us and deliver us. [Psalm 44]
- **Quinquagesima:** Be my rock of refuge, O God, a stronghold to give me safety. You are my rock and my fortress; in your justice rescue me and deliver me. [Psalm 31]

Each Sunday also focuses on a different Old Testament figure as a way of leading up to the Paschal mystery of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Septuagesima recalls Adam, Sexagesima, Noah and Quinquagesima, Abraham.

When the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar was revised in 1969, the three pre-Lenten Sundays were removed. They are now denominated as Sundays of Ordinary Time. But the Septuagesima Season is still observed in the celebration of the traditional Latin Mass.

Pre-Lent gives us a chance to “ease in” to our Lenten discipline. The Season of Septuagesima is an ideal primer on how to approach the purgative period of Lent in the right spirit. It starts us thinking about what we are going to do during Lent long-before Lent begins, rather than waiting for Ash Wednesday or the days afterward. It helps us map out our Lenten journey, so that we are ready, with a plan in hand, to make the most of these days before Easter. As Matthew Kelly and Dynamic Catholic would say, helping us to have our Best Lent Ever.

Judy Pearson

