



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

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

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St. Francis Xavier  
43596 State Route 37  
Redwood, NY

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

## Liturgy Schedule for Week of February 23, 2020

**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

**Monday, Feb. 24, 2020**  
8:00 a.m.                      *Liturgy of the Word with Communion*

**Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020**  
8:00 a.m.                      Safe Travel for Ray, Brenden and Maryann Pierce

**Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020**                      **Ash Wednesday**  
8:30 a.m. [SFX]              The Somers and Bowdy Families by Marialyse & Dick Daugard  
5:15 p.m. [SC]              Frank Rose by Deacon Joel & Dawn Walentuk

**Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020**  
5:15 p.m.                      Joseph Cullen by Tony & Kathy Folino

**Friday, Feb. 28, 2020**  
8:00 a.m.                      The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

**Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020**                      **First Sunday of Lent**  
5:00 p.m.                      Mary McDonald Allore by Tom & Richard Kavanaugh

**Sunday, March 1, 2020**  
8:30 a.m. (SFX)              Sally Sourwine by Maribeth & Family  
10:00 a.m.                      Nichole Berry Garnsey by Cynthia & Robert Nelson & Family

### **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 15 - 16, 2020

Envelopes	\$1,085.00		
Plate	\$134.00		
Youth			
Electronic Giving	\$383.80	Fuel Collection	\$163.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,602.80</b>	Total Fuel Contrib.to Date	<b>\$18,473.00</b>
Last Year	\$1,825.41	Total Fuel Goal in '19-'20	\$20,298.00

### **No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion**

The Adult Faith Formation Ministry of St. Patrick's and St. Anthony's will offer a Lenten Bible Study, **No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion** beginning March 3, 2020.

The study includes video presentation by Dr. Edward Sri of Ascension Press. Each participant will have a workbook. The cost is \$15.00. A registration form is available on the parish website: [www.catholicwatertown.org/faith/sacraments](http://www.catholicwatertown.org/faith/sacraments).

The study is offered in five sessions held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Pastoral Center at St. Patrick's Church, 123 S. Massey St. Watertown. Sessions will be held March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. For further information contact Deacon Kevin Mastellon by e-mail: [kmastellon@spwatn.org](mailto:kmastellon@spwatn.org).

## **UPDATE ON OUR MISSION AS A DIOCESE**

This is a challenging time for the Church and our diocese, as we work to continue our mission to catechize, sanctify and serve the people of God in the North Country while simultaneously trying to bring about reconciliation and healing to those who were so grievously wounded by sexual abuse. We want to update you about how we are continuing our mission while facing lawsuits under the Child Victims Act.

Our diocese has been working to address the sexual abuse scandal for decades in a serious and determined manner. Our goal is to provide healing to victims and prevent abuse from occurring. We have implemented policies and procedures toward those goals. We require all volunteers and employees to undergo background checks and participate in safe environment training. All allegations are reported to the appropriate district attorney or law enforcement agency. All claims are evaluated by our independent Review Board, predominately lay women and men with experience and background in abuse cases, which assesses each case and recommends appropriate actions.

The policies and procedures also call for pastoral outreach to victims who have been harmed by this evil. Assistance is offered to victims through the Victims' Assistance Coordinator. Bishop LaValley is available to meet with all victims.

In 2018, as part of the Year of Mercy, we reached out to victims of abuse through the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) seeking reconciliation with victims and compensating them for what they suffered. We were able to resolve 38 claims through this program. Additionally, our diocesan attorney was able to resolve 14 claims outside the IRCP.

In January 2019, the Child Victims Act (CVA) became law in New York. Among other things, the Act opened a one-year window (from August 14, 2019 to August 13, 2020) for victims to bring a claim of sexual abuse that was previously time barred.

Since the CVA's window opened, 23 lawsuits have been filed against the Diocese of Ogdensburg, all of which involve claims of abuse that occurred decades ago, prior to the institution of our current safe environment policies and procedures. We have not had a report of sexual abuse of a minor occurring after 1999. More lawsuits may be filed, and we are unable at this time to determine the number of lawsuits that may be filed while the CVA window is open.

The Church in the North Country continues to focus on discipleship while addressing these lawsuits. We simply cannot stop doing the work we are called to do as Church. With the help of professionals, we are evaluating our diocesan assets to determine how we can maintain our mission while addressing the needs and claims of victims. Our staff and professional advisors are committed to responding to victims and to CVA lawsuits while continuing our mission of preaching the Gospel and reaching all in need. Chapter 11 reorganization has proved to be a positive way for other Catholic dioceses to address victims' claims in the most fair and equitable manner possible while giving the dioceses the opportunity to continue vital ministries into the future. For these reasons, it is one of the options being considered by our diocese. No decision has yet been made.

It is our hope that the process to resolve CVA lawsuits will have minimal impact on parishes and parish life. We have created a "Responding to current questions" page on our diocesan website that offers answers to frequently asked questions related to the Child Victims Act. It can be found at [rcdony.org/rcq](http://rcdony.org/rcq). That page will be updated as new information becomes available.

As we move forward, please pray for and support the victims of abuse. Also, please pray for and support our clergy, religious, laity, our parish families and our diocese.

### **Lenten Letter and Reflection Booklet**

Did you receive yours this past week? If not, check with Fr. Comstock