
 <p>St. Cyril of Alexandria 28 Walton St. Alexandria Bay, NY</p> <hr/> <p>Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>The Catholic Community of Alexandria 17 Rock St. Alexandria Bay, NY 13607 315-482-2670</p> <p>pastor@stcyrils.org www.stcyrils.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 July 5, 2020

- Saturday, July 4, 2020 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 p.m. Mimi Kendall by her TI Park Family
- Sunday, July 5, 2020**
7:00 a.m. Sally Sourwine by her Husband, Tom
8:30 a.m. (SFX)
10:00 a.m. Paul Duffy by his Family
- Monday, July 6, 2020**
8:00 a.m. Michael Genovese by Deacon Joel & Dawn Walentuk
- Tuesday, July 7, 2020**
8:00 a.m. Bella Hardy by Grandma & Grandpa Ringer
- Wednesday, July 8, 2020**
8:00 a.m. Suzie Keeler by Tammy, Jennifer & Sam
- Thursday, July 9, 2010**
8:00 a.m. Carolyn Curley by Mike & Barb Bresnahan
- Friday, July 10, 2010**
8:00 a.m. Chauncey Bresnahan by GiGi & PopPop
- Saturday, July 11, 2010 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 p.m. Mary Aline Decker by Deacon Bernie Slate
- Sunday, June 12, 2020**
7:00 a.m. Joe Cullen by Mary Ellen Nelson & Family
8:30 a.m. (SFX) The Needs of our Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Antonio Darwin Peguerra by Deacon Joel & Dawn Walentuk

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3:45 – 4:30 p.m. at St. Cyril of Alexandria Church

Our Stewardship
June 27 – 28, 2020

Envelopes	\$1,469.00	Catholic Charities	\$170.00
Plate	\$1,257.00		
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Electronic Giving	\$195.42	Fuel Collection	\$173.00
Total	\$2,921.42	Total Fuel Contrib.to Date	\$22,157.00
Last Year	\$4,662.88	Total Fuel Goal in '16-'17	\$20,298.00

During the Pandemic Recovery Period

At this time, the number of people able to physically attend Mass will be limited to 99 in St. Cyril of Alexandria Church and 50 in St. Francis Xavier Church.

If you are over 65 years of age or have underlying medical issues, please stay home for your well-being and that of others.

Please follow signage in our churches, being sure to sanitize your hands when you enter and leave.

The Sunday Mass from St. Cyril's Church is available on www.stcyrils.org.

Independence Day Reflection on Religious Freedom

On July 4, 1776, in the midst of the American Revolution, the Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia courageously declared the 13 colonies independent from Great Britain. Today, 244 years later, we celebrate our freedom and, as Catholics, we especially pray for religious liberty.

Many of the colonists who came to America in the 17th and 18th centuries were fleeing religious persecution. Like the Puritans and Quakers, Catholics came to escape persecution. English and Irish Catholics first settled in Maryland since the first Baron of Baltimore, George Calvert, and his brother Leonard, who were Catholics, had founded Maryland as a haven for persecuted Christians. Catholics and Protestants lived peacefully side by side in Maryland. The famous Act of Toleration of 1649 guaranteed religious liberty.

But in 1654, when Puritans took over the governance of Maryland, the Act of Toleration was repealed and Catholics were outlawed. The English penal laws that restricted the freedom of Catholics...the denial of the right to vote or to hold public office, the prohibition of public worship, and even the imprisonment of priests...were in force with different levels of severity in the colonies for over a century; Pennsylvania was an exception due to the influence of William Penn.

At the time of the American Revolution, the number of Catholics in the thirteen colonies was small: about 25,000 among 2 ½ million colonists. Yet this small body clung to their religious faith despite active persecution and denial of their civil rights.

The First Amendment was greatly welcomed as it allowed Catholics the freedom to practice their faith. However, it did not eradicate the cultural anti-Catholicism that persisted during the following century and is still alive today.

The Declaration of Independence declared “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

Our forefathers believed in God and the Divine Law. They based this nation on religion and religious freedom

May God who gave us life and liberty, bless us, our nation, and the world with renewed determination to protect these cherished gifts!

(Adapted from Bishop Rhoades' homily, 7/4/2015, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, IN)

Judy Pearson

