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|  <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@stcyrils.org www.stcyrils.org</p> <p>Rev. Douglas G. Comstock, Pastor Bernard Slate, Deacon Joel Walentuk, Deacon</p> |  <p>St. Francis Xavier 28685 Butterfield Lake Rd Redwood, NY</p> <hr/> <p>Sunday 8:30 a.m.</p> |
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Liturgy Schedule for Week of December 6, 2020

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020 The Second Sunday of Advent
5:00 p.m. Marie Bouchey by Tom & Barbara Bradley

Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020
8:30 a.m. (SFX) The Deceased Members of the Sourwine Family by Tom Sourwine
10:00 a.m. Leah Cerow by Mike & Suziee Bogart

Monday, Dec. 7, 2020 *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
5:15 p.m. [SC] Lynn Weldon Trimper by Deacon Bernie Slate

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020
5:00 p.m. [SFX] Mr. and Mrs. John Watson by the Estate of Emma George

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020
8:00 a.m. The Living & Deceased Members of the Bob & Daniella Dennison Family
By Mike & Jan Joyce

Thursday, Dec. 10, 2010
8:00 a.m. Louis Amato by Mike & Barb Bresnahan & Family

Friday, Dec. 11, 2020
8:00 a.m. The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Saturday, Dec. 12, 2010 The Third Sunday of Advent
5:00 p.m. Keith Irwin by Tom & Barbara Bradley

Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020
8:30 a.m. (SFX) Mel Bebee by Dave & Ginnie
10:00 a.m. The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

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 28 - 29

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| Envelopes | \$1,410.00 | Tower and Stone Restoration Project | \$1,500.00 |
| Plate | \$229.00 | Campaign for Human Development | \$5.00 |
| Youth | | Christmas | \$20.00 |
| Electronic Giving | \$292.22 | Fuel Collection | \$105.00 |
| Total | \$1,931.22 | Total Fuel Contrib.to Date | \$12,589.60 |
| Last Year | \$2,244.72 | Total Fuel Goal in '16-'17 | \$21,339.00 |

During this Pandemic 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. To attend with smaller numbers, try the 8:00 a.m. Liturgy on Monday through Friday.

Please wear your mask at all times at Mass except when receiving Holy Communion.

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

BIRDS: THE BIBLE, THE SAINTS, & ART

Birds swoop in all throughout the Bible...about 300 times...and bring with them important spiritual teachings.

The raven, mentioned last week regarding its darker side, is actually dual in nature. Before Noah sends out the dove from the ark, he releases a raven. But the raven just flew back and forth, failing in its mission. Because of this, the raven is often condemned. Augustine said it “personified impure men and procrastinators”.

The raven, because of its coarse cry (it doesn't sing, it croaks) and its black plumage, sometimes represents the devil: war and destruction, doom, annihilation and death. Yet it has another side.

In Matthew, Jesus says, “Consider the birds of the air.” But in Luke, He is more specific and says, “Consider the raven.” The raven may fail and blunder; it isn't pure or innocent. It is much like us. And Jesus tells us to consider it and not be anxious, not to worry. Ravens do not stockpile food; God provides for and them and will for us as well.

God seems to have a fondness for ravens. He sent one to feed Elijah in the desert. (1Kgs 7:6) And the Lord sent a raven to guard the body of St. Vincent Ferrer. Ravens are known to have fed at least three different saints while they were in the desert: St. Benedict, St. Anthony the Abbot, and St. Paul the Hermit. Because of this, the raven also represents solitude.

Then there is the sparrow, considered the lowliest of birds, representing the least among people. It is mentioned numerous times in the Bible. The Bible indicates that we are worth more than many sparrows to the Lord, so if His eye is on the sparrow, we can be sure He is watching over us as well. “Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father's knowledge. So do not be afraid, you are worth more than many sparrows”. (Mt10: 29-30)

There are so many more birds to discuss, but we will single out three more important ones over the next weeks: the Pelican, the Cardinal and the Dove.

Judy Pearson

