

 <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 13, 2020

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)

Monday, Dec. 14, 2020
8:00 a.m. The Living & Deceased Members of the Beth & Phil Cooper Families
By Mike & Jan Joyce

Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020
8:00 a.m. *Liturgy of the Word with Communion*

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020
8:00 a.m. Joanne Burritt by Deacon Bernie Slate

Thursday, Dec. 17, 2010
8:00 a.m. Mildred and Leo Bowdy by Marialyse & Dick Daugard

Friday, Dec. 18, 2020
8:00 a.m. Henry (Hank) Murphy by Deacon Bernie Slate

Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020 The Fourth Sunday of Advent
5:00 p.m. Frank Cavallario by his wife, Connie

Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020
8:30 a.m. (SFX) Arthur Watson by the Estate of Emma George
10:00 a.m. Carmella Folino by Tony & Kathy Folino

Sacrament of Reconciliation in Preparation for Christmas

Sunday	Dec. 20	8:00 a.m.	Confessions at St. Francis Xavier, Redwood
		1:00 p.m.	Confessions at St. Mary's, Clayton (2 priests)
		3:00 p.m.	Confessions at St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay (2 priests)

Our Stewardship
December 5 – 6, 2020

Envelopes	\$3,669.00	Tower and Stone Restoration Project	\$1,500.00
Plate	\$163.00	Christmas & Priests' Retirement	\$832.50
Youth		Christmas Flowers	\$100.00
Electronic Giving	\$115.94	Fuel Collection	\$70.00
Total	\$3,947.94	Total Fuel Contrib.to Date	\$12,659.60
Last Year	\$2,113.24	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

Due to the increasing numbers of COVID-19 infections, the Diocese of Ogdensburg ask that members of the congregation age 2 and older, wear masks or cloth face coverings during indoor Masses (except when receiving Holy Communion) to decrease the spread of airborne droplets and the subsequent risk of transmission. Wearing face coverings is a risk-reduction measure that permits as many people as possible to attend Mass in person. In particular, this helps guard against transmitting the virus to the elderly and immune compromised members of the congregation and to those who assist in their care. We appreciate your cooperation with this request. (The priests and other ministers do not need to wear masks during the liturgy, except for during the distribution of Holy Communion, given their sacred roles and given that they will be a sufficient distance from the congregation for most of the Mass.

The Mother Pelican-Sacrificial Love

Many works of Christian art include a pelican, often shown feeding her babies. An image of a mother pelican with her chicks is carved into the capital on top of a pillar at the Cenacle, the upper room on Mt. Zion in Jerusalem. Tradition holds that it was here that Jesus shared the Last Supper with His apostles and instituted the Eucharist. It is the only artwork in the entire room, a symbol for Jesus and the Eucharist.

The symbolism of the mother pelican feeding her babies is rooted in an ancient legend which actually preceded Christianity. The legend held that during times of famine, the mother pelican would strike her breast with her beak to feed the young with her blood to prevent them from starving. Some legends include that she, in turn, lost her own life to save the little ones. Thus, the legend was adopted by the early Christians to symbolize Christ who gave His life to save us. Jesus continues to feed us with His body and blood in the Holy Eucharist.

These traditions, along with others, are found in the *Physiologus*, an anonymous early Christian work of the second century which appeared in Alexandria, Egypt. Here, the legend of the pelican feeding her babies is a bit different. It is described as: The little pelicans strike their parents; the parents strike them back and kill them. But on the third day, the pelican strikes her side and pours blood over the dead babies, and they are revived and made well. It is, in essence, likened to the story of Easter.

The work was noted by St. Epiphanius, St. Basil, and St. Peter of Alexandria. It was popular in the Middle Ages and became the source for the symbols used in the various stone carvings and other artwork of that time, especially on the front of an altar. In early times, when tabernacles were sometimes suspended over the altar, they were shaped like pelicans.

The 6th verse of the hymn, "*Adoro te devote*", written by St. Thomas Aquinas reads:

"Like what tender tales tell of the Pelican / Bathe me, Jesus Lord, in what Thy Bosom ran / Blood that but one drop of has the power to win / All the world forgiveness of its world of sin."

The pelican, then, is a strong reminder of our Lord who suffered and died to give us eternal life, great sacrificial love. [Adapted & quoted from "The Symbolism of the Pelican" by Fr. William Saunders, The Arlington Catholic Herald 11/20/03]

Judy Pearson

