

 <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@stcyriils.org www.stcyriils.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 27, 2020

Saturday, Dec. 26, 2010 The Holy Family
5:00 p.m. Mary Aline Decker by Deacon Bernie Slate

Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020
8:30 a.m. (SFX) Joe Cullen by the Rose Family
10:00 a.m. James Armiston, Jr. by Dick & Eugenia Kavanaugh

Monday, Dec. 28, 2020
No Liturgy

Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2020
8:00 a.m. Roberta Trosset

Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020
8:00 a.m. Aaron Sobieski by Amanda Rydbery & Crystal Sutton

Thursday, Dec. 31, 2010 New Year's Eve Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
5:00 p.m. [SFX] Our Parishioners

Friday, Jan. 1, 2021
10:00 a.m. [SC] Michael Bresnahan, Sr. by The St. Cyril's Choir

Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021 The Fourth Sunday of Advent
5:00 p.m. Peter Mellon by Tom & Kerri Weldon

Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021
8:30 a.m. (SFX) Mr. and Mrs. John George by the Estate of Emma George
10:00 a.m. Marjorie LaBella by Bonnie & Gary Grausgruber

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

December 12 – 13, 2020

Envelopes	\$4,864.00	Retirement Fund for Religious	\$185.00
Plate	\$198.00	Christmas & Priests' Retirement	\$2,720.00
Youth		Christmas Flowers	\$210.00
Electronic Giving	\$253.59	Fuel Collection	\$245.00
Total	\$5,315.59	Total Fuel Contrib.to Date	\$12,982.60
Last Year	\$2,284.91	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.

Our Sunday Mass may be viewed on www.stcyriils.org

The Dove - Peace

The dove appeared sporadically in the Old Testament, and probably most remembered in relation to the Great Flood. During the last days of the flood, Noah sent out a raven to search for dry land, but it failed in its mission, so Noah sent a dove in the raven's place. On several occasions, the dove returned to the ark, signifying that the waters had not yet receded. Finally, on a separate flight, it returned with a freshly picked olive leaf and after another 7 days, did not return at all, indicating to Noah that dry land was ahead. Thus the dove began to be noted as the harbinger of peace and the symbol of hope and new life.

The dove is also seen in the sacrificial system of the Mosaic Law as doves and turtledoves, because of their perceived purity, were the only birds considered acceptable sacrifices. They were often purchased and used by those who could not afford more expensive offerings, as in the Purification of a woman after birth. A lamb was the required sacrifice for those who could afford it; Mary & Joseph, being poor, gave turtledoves.

In the Old Testament, the dove ...as a symbol of purity, gentleness and grace... is shown in these phrases:

“Ah, you are beautiful, my beloved, ah, you are beautiful; your eyes are doves!” (Sng 1:18G)

“When you lie down among the sheepfolds, You are like the wings of a dove covered with silver,
And its pinions with glistening gold.” (Ps 68:13)

“I say, ‘If only I had wings like a dove that I might fly away and find rest.’” (Ps 55:7)

At Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, descended upon Him indicating Jesus' divinity. The Holy Spirit was a symbolic fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy leading to Pentecost.

“Today, the dove symbolizes the Holy Spirit, the fulfillment of Scripture through the life and ministry of Jesus, and the peace, purity and propitiation for sin that comes in relationship with God.” (Quotes and information based on writings by Joel Ryan, Teacher at Life Pacific University, San Dimas, CA.)

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Year End Thanks

*Heartfelt thanks to those who helped decorate our churches for the Christmas Season.

*Grateful thanks for your support of our annual Bishop's Fund: To date \$17,099.11 has been given or pledged by 85 families/parishioners which is 116.42% of our parish goal.

*Thank you for your generous gift in our Christmas collection. Like every North Country parish we forward 50% of the collection to the diocese to fund pensions for retired priests. Pension needs for the future as well as obligations for the next year are being met thanks to your generous donation.