
 <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 March 14, 2021

Saturday, March 13, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Dick Barnello by the Becky Wallo-Rose Family

Sunday, March 14, 2021

8:30 a.m. (SFX) Mr. and Mrs. John G. Watson, parents by the Estate of Emma George

10:00 a.m. Sam and Josephine Sparacino by Connie Cavallario

Monday, March 15, 2021

8:00 a.m. The Needs of our Parishioners

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

5:15 p.m. Richard A. Talbut by a Portaferry Friend

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

8:00 a.m. The Intention of Melissa and Mat Hardy by Meg & Mike Ringer

Thursday, March 18, 2021

5:15 p.m. Sandra J. Meyer by Becky Rose & Family

Friday, March 19, 2021

8:00 a.m. *Liturgy of the Word with Communion*

Saturday, March 20, 2021 Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Donald Whitney by Becky, Kevin, Ashley & Katie Rose

Sunday, March 21, 2021

8:30 a.m. (SFX) The Deceased Members of the Sourwine Family by Tom Sourwine

10:00 a.m. Neil Sheridan by Bonnie & Gary Grausgruber

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. at St. Cyril of Alexandria Church

Sunday 8:00 – 8:15 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church

Our Stewardship

March 6 - 7, 2021

Envelopes	\$1,931.00	North Country Catholic	\$417.00
Plate	\$188.00		
Youth			
Electronic Giving	\$115.94	Fuel Collection	\$85.00
Total	\$2,234.94	Total Fuel Contribution to Date	\$12,405.16
Last Year	\$1,455.24	Total Fuel Goal in '20 – '21	\$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 in Our Lady's Chapel of St. Cyril's Church.

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

Our Weekend Mass may be viewed any time on www.stcyriils.org

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

St. Joseph's Day

St. Joseph's Day, March 19, is the principal feast day of St. Joseph; it has the rank of a solemnity in the Catholic Church.

It is the Patronal Feast day for Poland and Canada and all named Joseph, variations of Joseph, religious institutions, schools and parishes bearing his name, and carpenters.

It is also Father's Day in some Catholic countries, namely Spain, Portugal and Italy.

March 19 was dedicated to St. Joseph in several Western calendars by the 10th century and established in Rome by 1479. Pope Pius V extended it to the entire Roman Rite in July 1570.

It is observed as a Solemnity of a Saint even during Lent. It is one of the few times during Lent the Gloria may be said or sung, the vesture is changed from the purple/violet of Lent to white or gold, the Collect and the Eucharistic Prayer's Preface and other prayers are from the Solemnity, not Lent; the hymns joyful, the Creed is said. The Alleluia is absent.

The rank of a solemnity and all Sundays are of the highest rank, so if St. Joseph's Day falls on Friday in Lent, abstinence is not obligatory on this feast. From the Code of Canon Law 1251: Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, **unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday.**" There is no fasting or abstaining ever required on Sundays or solemnities. So it will be a truly special day.

On this day, we celebrate an age-old Italian Tradition...*tavola di San Giuseppe*...St. Joseph Table or Altar.

This celebration dates back to the Middle Ages, when Sicily underwent a drought that threatened a massive famine. The people prayed to their patron saint, Joseph, to bring them rain. In exchange, they promised to honor St. Joseph with a proper banquet. St. Joseph interceded to God who answered their prayers and in return, they feasted on local foods.

There are three tiers of tables representing the Trinity and the three members of the Holy Family...Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The dishes are varied, traditionally meatless, and include fava beans, the sustaining food during the drought and now considered a "lucky bean."

The St. Joseph's table tradition was brought to the United States by the late 19th/early 20th century by Sicilian immigrants into Texas, California, Louisiana and New York.

Due to COVID, it is uncertain if there will be a St. Joseph's Table at any of the churches, but one can prepare a similar, smaller one at home to honor his special day.

The custom is to wear red on St. Joseph's Day.

Judy Pearson

