
 <p><b>St. Cyril of Alexandria</b> 28 Walton St. Alexandria Bay, NY</p> <hr/> <p>Saturday 5:30 p.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>The Catholic Community of Alexandria</b> 17 Rock St. Alexandria Bay, NY 13607 315-482-2670</p> <p><a href="mailto:pastor@stcyriils.org">pastor@stcyriils.org</a>   <a href="http://www.stcyriils.org">www.stcyriils.org</a></p> <p><b>Rev. Douglas G. Comstock, Pastor</b> <b>Bernard Slate, Deacon</b> <b>Joel Walentuk, Deacon</b></p>	 <p><b>St. Francis Xavier</b> 28685 Butterfield Lake Rd Redwood, NY</p> <hr/> <p>Sunday 8:00 a.m.</p>
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**Liturgy Schedule for Week of June 6, 2021**

**Saturday, June 5, 2021      The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**  
**5:30 p.m.**      Miriam Bowes by Peg & Dan Wallo

**Sunday, June 6, 2021**  
**8:00 a.m. (SFX)**      Peter Mellon by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Frauenheim  
**9:30 a.m.**      Terry and Mike Bresnahan by Mike & Jan Joyce

**Monday, June 7, 2021**  
8:00 a.m.      Missy Hardy by Mom & Dad Ringer

**Tuesday, June 8, 2021**  
8:00 a.m.      Walter and Leah Benny by Walter & Janice Benny

**Wednesday, June 9, 2021**  
8:00 a.m.      Carmella Folino by Tony & Kathy Folino

**Thursday, June 10, 2021**  
8:00 a.m.      Stephen Sudkamp by Gail, Karen & Julia

**Friday, June 11, 2021**  
8:00 a.m.      Mike Kost by Mike & Barb Bresnahan

**Saturday, June 12, 2021      *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
**5:30 p.m.**      Richard Corrienti by Becky Wallo Rose & Family

**Sunday, June 13, 2021**  
**8:00 a.m. (SFX)**      Mr. and Mrs. John G. Watson by the Estate of Emma George  
**9:30 a.m.**      Cecilia Tidd by Rod, Lisa, Cristofer & Dominic Tidd

<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>After 5:30 Mass at St. Cyril of Alexandria Church or by appointment</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:30 – 7:45 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church</b>

**Our Stewardship**  
May 29 - 30, 2021

Envelopes	\$2,980.00	Catholic Charities	\$10.00
Plate	\$1,344.00		
Youth		Tower Restoration	\$200.00
Electronic Giving	\$195.42	Fuel Collection	\$842.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,519.42</b>	<b>Total Fuel Contribution to Date</b>	<b>\$14,234.16</b>
Last Year	\$2,035.42	<b>Total Fuel Goal in '20 – '21</b>	<b>\$21,339.00</b>

**During the Continuing Pandemic Period**

**Wearing a mask during Mass is still required unless you have been fully vaccinated, as is maintaining a social distance of six feet between persons who are not from the same household or bubble.**

**Our Weekend Mass may be viewed any time on [www.stcyriils.org](http://www.stcyriils.org)**

## Cedar Tree: Symbol of Mary

The cedar tree is a tree planted by God (Psalm 104:16, Isaiah 41:19). It is considered to be the first of trees (1 Kings 4:33). The Bible describes the cedar tree as strong and durable (Isaiah 9:10), graceful and beautiful (Psalm 80:10, Ezekiel 17:23), high and tall (Amos 2:9, Ezekiel 17:22), fragrant (Song of Songs 4:11) and spreading wide (Psalm 80:10-11). The eagle makes its nest and perches in the high branches of the cedar trees (Jeremiah 22:23, Ezekiel 17:3-5). The cedar tree is mentioned 72 times in the Bible.

The cedar tree symbolizes resilience. And in Lebanon, the tree serves as an important cultural symbol for that reason. Poets and artists have conveyed the tree as a sign of strength and eternity, especially given the tree's endurance through tumultuous periods of history.

Cedar wood was imported by King Solomon (1 Kings 10:27, 1 Kings 5:10-11) and used in building temples, palaces and ships; he even made himself a chariot out of cedar.

Cedars grow best in deep soil and near banks of water so that the roots have access to water. Mary is called "the Cedar of Lebanon" as her roots are deep into the earth of Lebanon. The cedar of Lebanon has been the national emblem of Mary in the heart of Lebanon, known for its diversity and non-Christian environment. The branches of the Lebanon cedar withstand the changes of the season; Mary's beauty and grace withstand all time.

The cedar is mentioned in Sirach 24:13, known as the *cedrus exaltata*, the exalted cedar. Mary has been exalted like the cedar tree. Fragrance and oil of the cedar repels and destroys snakes, symbol of evil. Similarly, Mary protects the Church and its message against heresy. The cedar is known for its longevity and resistance to decay. Similarly, Mary's sinlessness is an expression of immortality and absence of bodily degeneration. The cedar is a tall and noble tree. It becomes thus a symbol for Mary's considerable spiritual stature, excellence and human perfection in God.

The litanies of the Virgin Mary in Lebanon add the invocation, "Cedar of Lebanon, pray for us."

**Note:** There are only four recognized species of cedar - the Atlas cedar, the Cyprus cedar, the Deodar cedar, and the Lebanon cedar. There is a cedar tree, species unknown, on the Black River Trail.

[Article based in part on comments by Fr. Johann Roten, SM; University of Dayton]

*Judy Pearson*

