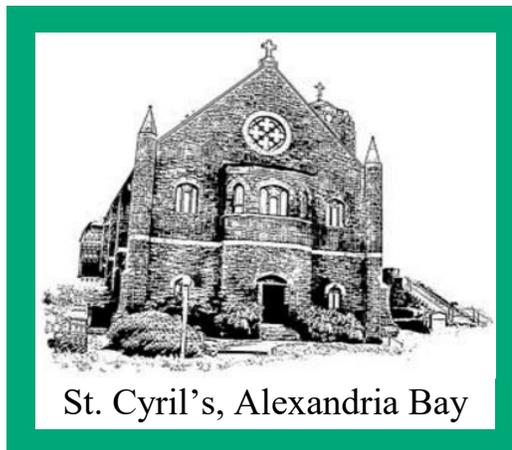
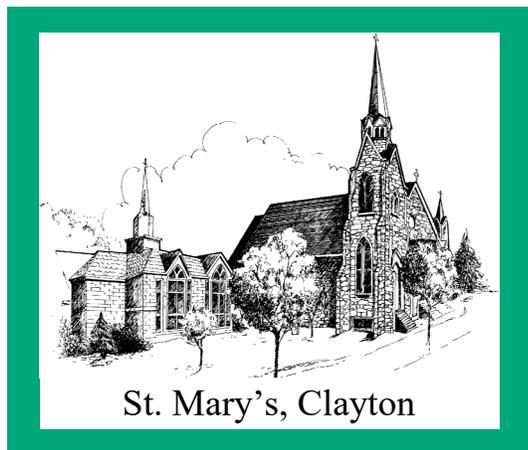


Welcome to St. Mary's Church, Clayton & the Catholic Community of Alexandria, Alexandria Bay



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July 25, 2021

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend Masses

St. Mary's, Clayton

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

Tabernacle, Thousand Island Park

Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

St. Francis Xavier, Redwood

Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

Weekday & Holy Day Masses

See page 2 or call the Parish Office

Reconciliation

3:00–3:30pm Saturdays at St. Mary's

Saturdays after 5:30pm Mass at St. Cyril's
and by appointment

First Friday Holy Hour

after 9:00 a.m. Mass on the first
Friday of the month at St. Mary's

Prayer Line

315-285-5541 or smsjprayerline@gmail.com

*No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church;
No matter what your current family or marital situation;
No matter what your past or present religious affiliation;
No matter what your own personal history, age, background, race, or color;
No matter what your own self-image or esteem;
You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected
at St. Mary's, St. Cyril's, and St. Francis Xavier Catholic Churches.*

MASS SCHEDULE:



SATURDAY, July 24, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) Mimi Kendall by Don & Patty Kendall & family
 5:30 (SC) George Yund by Walter & Janice Benny

SUNDAY, July 25, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 (TIP) Richard Wallenhorst by Leo & Marie McAlister
 8:00 (SFX) Korthas & Conroy family by Marialyce & Dick Daugard
 9:30 (SC) Carolyn Curley by Mike & Jan Joyce
 11:00 (SM) deceased Slattery family by John & Mary Ellen Slattery

MONDAY, July 26

8:00 (SC) Terry Bresnehan by Cathy & Nick
 9:00 (SM) Caryl Bushnell by Toni & Barry Kukowski

TUESDAY, July 27

8:00 (SC) Intentions of Robert Hepper by Mom & Dad
 9:00 (SM) Phil Bourque by Betty & Jim Hofman

WEDNESDAY, July 28

8:00 (SC) Dean Senecal by Mike & Barb Bresnehan
 9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

THURSDAY, July 29

8:00 (SC) George & Frank Bolus by their family
 9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

FRIDAY, July 30

8:00 (SC) Intentions of Camilla Ingerson by Grandma & Grandpa Ringer
 9:00 (SM) People of the Parishes

SATURDAY, July 31, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) Gus Brown by the Napodano family
 5:30 (SC) Teresa Bresnehan by Dorothy Beach & Dennis Griffin

SUNDAY, August 1, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 (TIP) Katherine Dziewisz, Frances Bonadonna, and Frances Bonadonna Lux by the Dziewisz family
 8:00 (SFX) William & Catherine McBride by their family
 9:30 (SC) Joseph Tarkowski by Bob & Pam McDowell
 11:00 (SM) Art Sboro by Cindy Beattie

July 25, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord Calls: “Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness.” Have you considered a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or the consecrated life? Talk to Fr. Art LaBaff, or Fr. Chris Carrara at ccarrara@rcdony.org / 315-393-2920, or Cathy Russell at crussell@rcdony.org / 315-393-2920.

Sunday, July 25 — World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and Elderly

Lord, Look with love on grandparents and the elderly. They are a source of enrichment for families and all of society. May they continue to be strong pillars of Gospel faith and teachers of wisdom.

Help families and society to value their presence. May they always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.

Keep them constantly in your care and accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage. And welcome them into your heavenly presence when their time on earth is completed. Amen.

Weekly Giving

Thank you for your continued support.

| | This Year | Last Year |
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| Envelopes | \$ 2,070.00 | |
| Plate | 1,180.00 | |
| Electronic | 307.79 | |
| Total | \$ 3,557.79 | \$ 3,248.81 |
| Fuel | \$ 1,006.00 | Fuel Goal |
| Fuel to Date | \$ 2,358.00 | \$19,357.00 |
| Tower Restoration | \$ 410.00 | |

| St. Mary's | This Year | Last Year |
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| Envelopes | \$ 3,989.00 | \$ 2,688.00 |
| Plate | \$ 940.00 | \$ 1,576.00 |
| TI Park | \$ 772.98 | \$ 892.00 |

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 Sign up at www.stmarysclayton.org or www.stcyrils.org or contact the parish office.

From the Bishop:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Paul Anka wrote the lyrics. Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley made the tune a hit: "*I Did It My Way*." The theme captured well the spirit of the day as well as the current philosophy of life. In too many cases, when it comes to decision-making, God's ways take a back seat (if God is in the vehicle at all). Persuasive commercials and alluring ads exert a certain seductive power over our decision making. "Have it your way." "Just do it." Such is the world that tries to distance itself from the Divine, or at least ignore, restrict, or usurp God's reign.

National *NFP Awareness Week (July 25-31)* provides you and me the opportunity to study God's ways in one important element of family life. Natural Family Planning leaves God's sovereignty over marital life intact. The married couple cooperates with God in planning to have or not have children at a given time, rather than leaving God out of the picture by using artificial barriers in the couples becoming one flesh. *NFP* is about fidelity to God and making God the center of married life and love.

Following the teachings of the Church seems especially difficult today for many reasons. I might find myself struggling to follow Jesus because: 1) I don't fully understand Church teaching; 2) outside pressure, stress, or even ridicule from others sours me toward it; 3) it affects my personal pursuit of worldly goods; or 4) my pride convinces me that the Church has got this wrong. Struggle can be good and healthy, so can obedience to a higher Power.

It is only by taking the time to reflect on Scripture and on the life of Christ, by praying regularly and celebrating the Eucharist, will I gain the humility to allow God to be God and not me. As Catholic Christians, we owe it to ourselves to understand Church teachings. To help you in your faith journey, I encourage you to learn more about what the Church teaches about marital love by visiting our Natural Family Planning office at our diocesan webpage: www.rcdony.org/nfp.html. We are truly blessed to have Suzanne and Angelo Pietropaoli directing our diocesan *NFP* efforts as well as all those who assist with its instruction in our marriage preparation classes.

This year's theme: ***To Have, To Hold, To Honor***, focuses our attention on how *NFP* supports God's gifts of love and life in marriage. Pope Francis tells us that *NFP* is about healthy, effective, morally acceptable, and truly organic approaches to family planning. He wrote: "These approaches are to be promoted, since these methods respect the bodies of the spouses, encourage tenderness between husband and wife, and favor the education of an authentic freedom." (*Amoris Laetitia*, 222) Respect, Tenderness, Authentic Freedom are the fruits realized by those who practice *NFP* and live marriage God's Way.

A child is never a threat, a diminution of freedom, a limitation of self-fulfillment. The future will surely suffer if we deny ourselves the one force that can give us the future: children.

St. Joseph, Pillar of Families, Pray for Us.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

St. Mary's Booster Club: Tickets are now available for the next Booster Club with dinner on September 18. A \$15 ticket enters you in 10 weekly drawings of \$30, \$20, and \$15 and three \$100 drawings on the evening of the dinner. Turn your ticket in by July 19 to be in all drawings. To join, volunteer, or for questions, contact Donna (778-8672), Tim (778-2484), or the parish office (686-3398). Don't miss out on all the fun!

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Did You Know...

by Judy Pearson

American-Born Saints - Part 4

Venerable is the title given to a deceased person recognized formally by the pope as having lived a heroically virtuous life or offered their life (martyr).

Ven. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was born in El Paso, Illinois. An American bishop (later archbishop) known for his preaching and especially his work on television and radio. He held this position 1966-69. He is often referred to as one of the first televangelists. In 2002, Archbishop Sheen's Cause for Canonization officially opened under the leadership of the Diocese of Peoria. In 2012, Pope Benedict XVI announced that Archbishop Sheen's life was one of "heroic virtue," and proclaimed him Venerable Servant of God. In 2014, the board of medical experts who advise the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints unanimously approved a reported miracle attributed to his intercession. His beatification was scheduled for December 2020, but is currently on hold.

Ven. Bishop Alphonse Gallegos Apodaca was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico; his family moved to Los Angeles, CA, when Alfonso was a young man. He suffered from poor vision, myopia, despite several surgeries. After his death in 1991, people felt that Alphonse was a special "soul" with great virtues: he was simple, welcoming, merciful, and kind. He was known to be a man of prayer, servant of the poor and the youth, defender of the unborn and immigrant. In 2016, Pope Francis officially recognized his heroic virtues and proclaimed him Venerable Bishop Alphonse Gallegos.

Other American-Born Venerables:

Mother Celestine Bottego (Ohio) Established the Xaverian Missionary Sisters of Mary. Proclaimed Venerable by Pope Francis in 2013.

Cornelia Connelly (Philadelphia) Foundress of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, and the first of many Holy Child schools, in England. Declared Venerable in 1992 by Pope John Paul II.

Aloysius Schwartz (Washington, DC) Founder of World Villages for Children and the Sisters of Mary; modern Missionary to Korea. Declared Venerable by Pope Francis in 2015.

Nelson Baker (Buffalo, NY) Had devotion to Our Lady of Victory, and under her patronage developed minor basilica, an infant home, a home for unwed mothers, a boys' orphanage, a hospital, a grade and high school. Played a significant role in the formation of Catholic Colleges throughout western NY. Named "Venerable" in 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI.

Henriette Delille (New Orleans) Black Catholic nun from New Orleans, "Servant of Slaves"; founded the Sisters of the Holy Family in 1836 and served as their first Mother Superior. Decreed Venerable by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010.

Summer Receptions After Weekend Masses

All are welcome. It is a time for a few moments of socializing with the people with whom we worship. Just a few minutes is all that is needed. Light refreshments will be available.

St. Cyril's offers coffee and pastries after the 9:30am Sunday Mass through the summer.

St. Mary's offers a bit of wine and cheese after the 4pm Saturday Mass or pastry and coffee on Sunday after the 11am Mass every weekend through Labor Day/September 5th.



St. Mary's Music Ministry

This week's gospel tells the story of the loaves and the fishes. While there are so many beautiful hymns that mention bread, or tie into our celebration of the Eucharist, the one that spoke to me this week was Gift of Finest Wheat: *"You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat; come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat"*. I hope these lyrics speak to you as well, and that they share with you the readings' messages of faith and trust.



Music Ministry Meet & Greet: St. Mary's Parish center, Wednesday, August 4th from 6-7pm. If interested, but unable to attend, please contact Corrie Willis at 315-221-3689 or corrinefwillis@gmail.com

To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees, or volunteers, contact **Victims Assistance Coordinator**, Terri-anne Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com; phone 518-651-2267 days or 518-569-0612 evenings; or Fr. Chris Carrara, the Vicar for Clergy; ccarrara@rcdony.org, phone 315-393-2920 X1340.

If you have a complaint of suspected sexual abuse or related misconduct by the bishops, contact the **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service** at 800-276-1562 or www.ReportBishopAbuse.org.