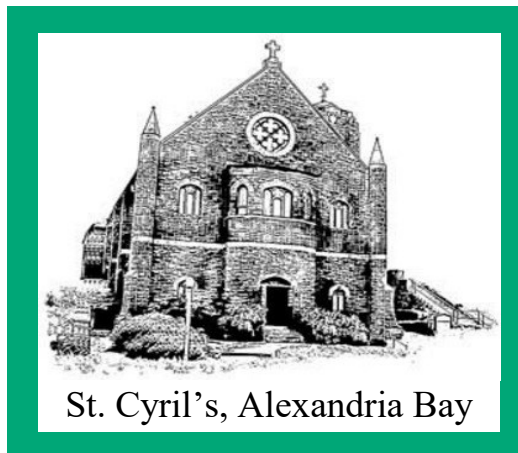
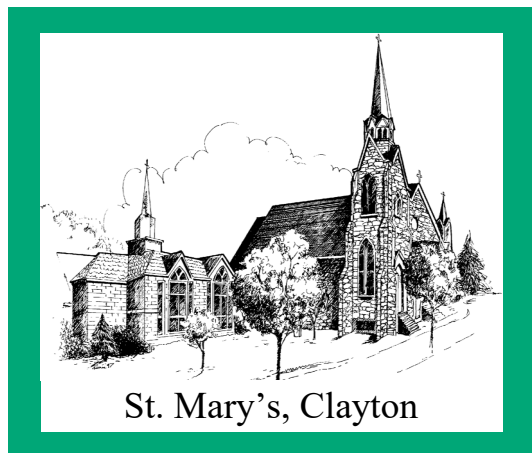


Welcome to St. Mary's Church, Clayton & the Catholic Community of Alexandria, Alexandria Bay



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www.stmarysclayton.org

www.stcyrils.org

August 29, 2021

22nd 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

315-686-3970 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, August 28, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) Gus Brown by Joanne & Brian Bansbach
 5:30 (SC) Intentions of Peter & Mary Palamar (60th Anniversary) by Dc. Bernie Slate

SUNDAY, August 29, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 (TIP) Allen Lyle by his family
 8:00 (SFX) Harold George by Estate of Emma George
 9:30 (SC) Ben Cole by Helen Brennan
 11:00 (SM) People of the Parishes

MONDAY, August 30

8:00 (SC) Terry Bresnahan by Tony & Kathy Folino
 9:00 (SM) Harry Bazinet by Mike & Jerry Brayen

TUESDAY, August 31

8:00 (SC) Intentions of Eddy Hepper by Grandma & Grandpa Ringer
 9:00 (SM) Lawrence, Catherine, & Larry James by Dave & Nancy Zanoni

WEDNESDAY, September 1

8:00 (SC) Richard Hof by Bonnie & Gary Grausgruber
 9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

THURSDAY, September 2

8:00 (SC) Intentions of Madison Hepper by Mom & Dad
 9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

FRIDAY, September 3

8:00 (SC) All Souls
 9:00 (SM) Barbara Wessinger by LuAnn Maloney

SATURDAY, September 4, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) People of the Parishes
 5:30 (SC) Allen & Pauline Tidd by Roderick, Lisa, Cristofer, & Dominic Tidd

SUNDAY, September 5, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 (TIP) Fred & Peg Theobald by the family
 8:00 (SFX) Mr. & Mrs. Harrison George by Estate of Emma George
 9:30 (SC) George & Frank Bolus by the family
 11:00 (SM) Phil Ivey, Jr. by Joyce & girls

August 29, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord Calls: “Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.” Jesus is the Word who calls you to serve Him in truth. Is He inviting you to 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.

*The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Mary's
 is in Loving Memory of
 Lewis Sr., Julia, Timothy, & Steven Bevens
 & Vaughn Shampine
 by family*

Knights of Columbus assisting our parishes: Recently the covered entrance at St. Francis Xavier Church received a fresh coat of paint. A big thank you to the K of C for providing the material and labor to complete this job. Anyone interested in joining the Knights can call Grand Knight Bob Heckmann at 315-285-5193.

Weekly Giving
Thank you for your continued support.

<u>Alexandria</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 2,519.51	
Plate	487.00	
Electronic	302.22	
Total	\$ 3,317.73	\$ 3,655.50
Fuel	\$ 3,050.65	Fuel Goal
Fuel to Date	\$ 8,422.65	\$19,357.00
Tower Restoration	\$ 658.51	

<u>St. Mary's</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 2,197.22	\$ 1,420.00
Plate	\$ 1,094.00	\$ 847.00
TI Park	\$ 556.00	\$ 1,057.00

Please consider electronic giving...a safe and consistent way to support your parish. Sign up at www.stmarysclayton.org or www.stcyrils.org or contact the parish office.

From the Parish Life Coordinator:

Thanks to God and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19. They grant us the hope of ending the pandemic, but only if we work together. Getting inoculated "is an act of love" for oneself, family, friends, and all people. When each individual makes a small act of charity, like getting the COVID-19 vaccine, every gesture added together can transform the world. Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable.

I pray to God that everyone may contribute their own small grain of sand, their own small gesture of love; no matter how small, love is always great. Contribute with these small gestures for a better future. God bless you, and thank you.

Deacon's Corner

by Dc. Neil Fuller

The Knights of Columbus have maintained a presence in our Catholic communities since the 1890's. The founder of our Order, Fr. Michael McGivney, was declared Blessed by Pope Francis in 2020. His feast day is celebrated on August 13th.

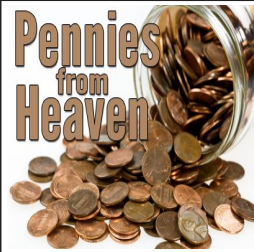
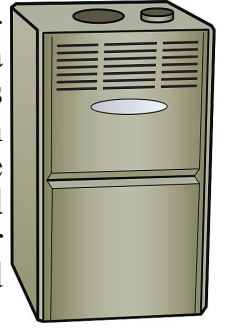
Our local K of C council is currently transitioning to a parish based council, meaning we will no longer own and maintain a clubhouse. This transition allows us to concentrate on our real purpose, which is to support refugee relief, Catholic Education, our parishes and diocese, and global Catholic social and political causes.

Much credit is owed to our current slate of officers who have spearheaded our transition. Currently, our members are collecting donation after each Mass to help aid seminarians in their efforts to become priests in our diocese. We are also selling C&B tickets after Mass. C&B benefits the K of C on the local and state level. Very recently, our members bought paint and supplies and painted the covered walkway at St. Francis Xavier Church in Redwood. We are very grateful for their generosity.

Please pray for these Knights of Columbus, for their mission, and for the cause of Fr. McGivney's sainthood.

St. Mary's Utilities Offering

On Labor Day weekend, September 4/5, we will take up a second collection at St. Mary's Masses for fuel and electric. In the fiscal year 2020-2021, we paid \$22,314.19 for propane and \$5,298.86 for electricity. Your generosity is greatly appreciated in this special second collection.



Pennies From Heaven: Next weekend, Thousand Islands Council 350 Knights of Columbus will conclude its "Pennies From Heaven" program for the year. All monies received help Seminarians and Religious with their cost of education and related expenses. Thank you for your continued generous donations and prayerful support. The Seminarians and Religious are very grateful for your financial assistance and prayers. Please continue to pray for vocation.

Blue Mass: Bishop Terry R. LaValley cordially invites all Police, Corrections, Fire, and EMS Personnel to the Diocese of Ogdensburg Blue Mass at 2 p.m. on September 26 at Notre Dame Church, 11 Church Place, Malone. The entire New York North Country Community is invited to join in prayer for the safety and wellbeing of all first responders and public safety personnel. For more info, contact Fr. Chris Carrara at ccarrara@rcdony.org or 315-605-1039.

Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, August 31, noon-4pm at St. Mary's Church parish center. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go online to redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment to donate. Use sponsor code: StMarysClayton.

"I believe that life is valuable, even when it is unwanted, even when it is physically imperfect. I believe our society has a responsibility to defend the vulnerable and the weak. And I believe our nation should set a goal that unborn children should be welcomed in life and protected in law." - Pres. George W. Bush (June 7, 1999)

Summer Receptions After Weekend Masses

All are welcome to join fellow worshipers for a few moments of socialization and light refreshments.

St. Cyril's offers coffee and pastries after the 9:30am Sunday Mass all year round.

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:

Today's readings seem to center around the strength of our actions, as opposed to merely our words, which immediately brings to mind the Beatitudes. The hymn, "We are the Light of the World: is a wonderful musical representation of these calls to action, and in particular the lyric, "*That they may see the good that we do and give glory to God*", sends the message of living a life of purity and selflessness. I hope that this musical setting of The Beatitudes helps to reignite the importance of our call to serve our brothers and sisters, in addition to our service to the Lord.

For more info about Music Ministry, contact Corrie Willis at corrinefwillis@gmail.com or 315-221-3689.

Job Opening: The Diocese of Ogdensburg is seeking an Assistant Director for the Western Region Faith Formation Program & Director of Formation for Ministry. The individual will be responsible for the management of the western regional office of Faith Formation and the supervision of the Formation for Ministry Program. Visit www.rcdony.org/information/employment for more job description. Submit letter of interest, resume, and three professional references by September 10 to Human Resources Office, Diocese of Ogdensburg, P.O. Box 369, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 or e-mail ksnover@rcdony.org.

St. Mary's Booster Club: Winners of the fifth weekly drawing of August 13 are Frances La-Clair, Walt Kittle, and Toni Kukowski. The dinner will be Saturday, September 18 after 4pm Mass and will serve ham. 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!

Religious Ed News

St. Mary's, Clayton

Jenny Barton 315-686-2638

e-mail: religioused@stmarysclayton.org

www.facebook.com/stjohnsreligioused

Registration paperwork will be in the mail in the near future. The projected plan to start will be that each grade level will meet in person one time per month. Also if anyone is interested in being a catechist, please reach out to me at religioused@stmarysclayton.org. or 315-686-2638.

Catholic Community of Alexandria

Trina Henry 315-482-2252

e-mail: thenry2252@gmail.com

Any parents interested in information for Religious Education for their children in grades 1st through 6th for St. Cyril's, please contact Trina Henry at 315-482-2252.

The Mystery of the Holy Eucharist Believe, Celebrate, Live

The purpose of this event is to refocus our attention on the Holy Eucharist as a "Mystery to be believed, a Mystery to be celebrated, a Mystery to be lived". (Bishop LaValley, Chrism Mass Homily, 3/20/2021) Those serving in any ministry in their parish are welcome to attend. Saturday, September 18, 9am-3:30pm at several locations: IHC in Watertown, St. James School in Gouverneur, St. Peter's Church in Lowville, the parish center in Waddington. Register by September 9 at www.rcdony.org/mysteryeucharist. Bring your own lunch, light refreshments provided.

Marriage and Consecrated Life Jubilee Sunday, October 3 at 2:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg

This Mass is to honor married couples celebrating their anniversaries and also Religious Sisters for their decades of service to the Church. Family and friends are welcome to attend. A light reception will follow. Married couples who register online at www.rcdony.org by Friday, September 24 will receive a certificate from Bishop LaValley and have their names included in the program. For more info, contact Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or startaglia@rcdony.org.