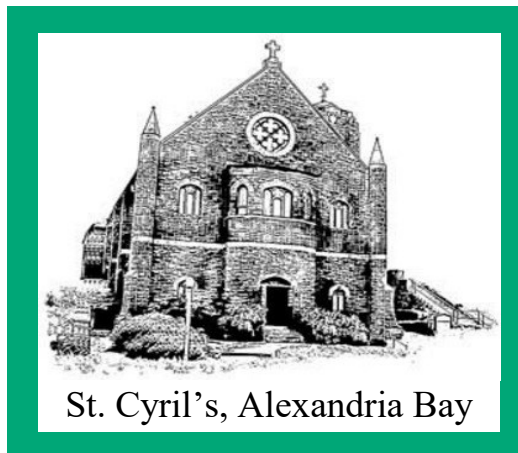
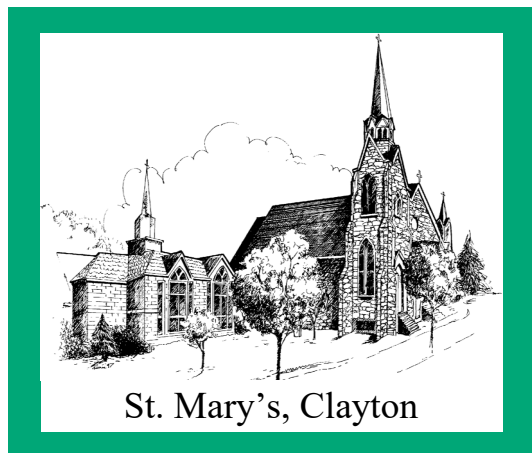


Welcome to St. Mary's Church, Clayton & the Catholic Community of Alexandria, Alexandria Bay



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September 5, 2021

23rd Sunday in Ordinary

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, 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

MONDAY, September 6

8:00 (SC) Intentions of Eva Marie Beattie by Grandma & Grandpa Ringer
 9:00 (SM) John Galli by the Beattie family

TUESDAY, September 7

8:00 (SC) Terry Bresnahan by Ellie Duffy
 9:00 (SM) Barbara Wessinger by Sandy Geiss

WEDNESDAY, September 8

8:00 (SC) Mary Townsley by Rus & Sue Pfister
 9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

THURSDAY, September 9

8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

FRIDAY, September 10

8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 9:00 (SM) Vete & Harriett Natali by Dianne Leavery & family

SATURDAY, September 11, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) Daniel & Sarah Weaver by the family
 5:30 (SC) Intentions of Mike & Jan Joyce by Deacon Bernie Slate

SUNDAY, September 12, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 (SFX) Mary DeBlasio by Fran Burns
 9:00 (SM) Lucille Zicari by Deacon Neil & Dee Fuller
~~10:30~~ (SC) Richard Hof by the Rose family

There is no more precious gift you can give than life. Our forefathers ... fought and bled to bring about in this land a nation dedicated to the premise that all men are created equal. - Dr. Pat Robertson

September 5, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord Calls: "Be strong, do not fear!" With every true vocation comes the strength and courage of the One who calls. If the Holy Spirit is prompting you to follow Christ as a priest, deacon, or in 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.

Mass Schedule Time Changes

Beginning September 11 and 12, the weekend Mass schedule will be:

Saturdays St. Mary's 4:00pm
 St. Cyril's 5:30pm

Sundays St. Francis Xavier 8:00am
 St. Mary's 9:00am
 St. Cyril's ~~10:30am~~

The next Knights of Columbus social will be Tuesday, September 14 at St. Mary's Parish Center. Social hour at 6pm and dinner at 7pm. The Ladies will meet from 6-6:30. Call Wanda with any questions 315-489-6733.



Weekly Giving

Thank you for your continued support.

<u>Alexandria</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 2,289.00	
Plate	1,050.00	
Electronic	224.14	
Total	\$ 3,563.14	\$ 1,879.69
Fuel	\$ 802.00	Fuel Goal
Fuel to Date	\$ 9,224.65	\$19,357.00
Tower Restoration	\$ 111.00	

<u>St. Mary's</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 4,287.29	\$ 4,381.00
Plate	\$ 1,051.00	\$ 691.00
TI Park	\$ 796.00	\$ 976.00
<i>August Electronic Giving: \$ 3,783.00</i>		

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 Pope Francis:

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.

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to a meeting on Sunday, September 12, from 1:30 to 4:00 at their Motherhouse, 1425 Washington Street, Watertown if you are interested in learning about our Lay Associate Program. Associates meet once a month to learn about the spirituality and history of the Sisters, pray together, and discuss ways to deepen one's spiritual life. This group is open to men and women. If interested, please call Sr. Kathleen, Sr. Norma, or Sr. Mary William at 782-3460.

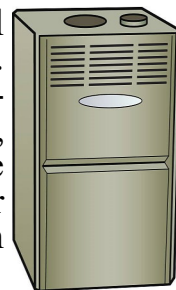
Young Adult Day of Reflection: Saturday, September 25 at the Lodge at Guggenheim from 8 am to 9pm. A day to rest, pray, socialize, and deepen faith. The day will include talks by Fr. Matt Conger and the Young Adult Team, brunch, an opportunity for confession, Mass with Bishop Terry R. LaValley, and the college students' retreat, followed by dinner. The day will include plenty of time for personal prayer, reflection, and to simply enjoy the beauty and peace of Guggenheim. For more info and to register, go to www.rcdony.org/yamretreat.

God's grace is what we want to pray for, and pray for all the more earnestly in proportion as we are humble enough to realize that we cannot do without it.

Msgr. Ronald Knox
from his book *In Soft Garments*

St. Mary's Utilities Offering

This Labor Day weekend, 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: This 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: All are invited to join in prayer for the safety and wellbeing of all first responders and public safety personnel at the Diocesan Blue Mass at 2 p.m. on September 26 at Notre Dame Church, 11 Church Place, Malone. For more info, contact Fr. Chris Carrara at ccarrara@rcdony.org or 315-605-1039.

The 2021 Bishop's Fund Appeal will begin soon in our parishes and throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg. At Alexandria, our goal is to have 108 or more families participate so we can exceed our parish goal of \$14,687. At St. Mary's, our goal is to have 199 or more families participate so we can exceed our goal of \$24,831. Your gift to the 2021 Bishop's Fund Appeal will help continue the vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need. Please consider making a pledge or one-time gift to this year's effort. The Bishop's Fund video will be shown at the after-Mass reception in our parishes...please take a moment to watch it. In two weeks, we will have Commitment Weekend for the 2021 Appeal. Please pray about your decision and consider making a pledge or a one-time gift. Any gifts received after the Appeal reaches its goal will be used to assist families in need.

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:

In the first reading, the idea of opening the ears of the deaf and the eyes of the blind are mentioned. The gospel then tells the tale of Jesus healing the deaf man, so the hymn "Open My Eyes" is appropriate for a reflection this week. While musically simple, the text presented at the beginning of each verse, "*Open my eyes/ears/heart, Lord*", is a great reminder of our need for vigilance in our own faith. While the readings provide a beautiful literal account of the opening of one's ears, the message is that we should always remain open to communicating with God. Sometimes, it's as simple as opening your eyes and ears.

There will be a 10am choir rehearsal prior to Mass today, as well as a 10am rehearsal after 9:00 Mass on September 12. All choir members are welcome to join in rehearsals, and invited to sing at the 9am Mass on Sunday, September 19. For more info about Music Ministry, contact Corrie Willis at corrinefwillis@gmail.com or 315-221-3689.

St. Mary's Booster Club: Winners of the sixth weekly drawing of August 20 are Bob and Mary Lou Benvenuto, John Heaslip, and Walt Kittle. 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!



Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1 Cor 15:58)

Religious Ed News

St. Mary's, Clayton

Jenny Barton 315-686-2638

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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 by phone or email.

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.



Let the
children
come
to me.

MATTHEW 19:14

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.