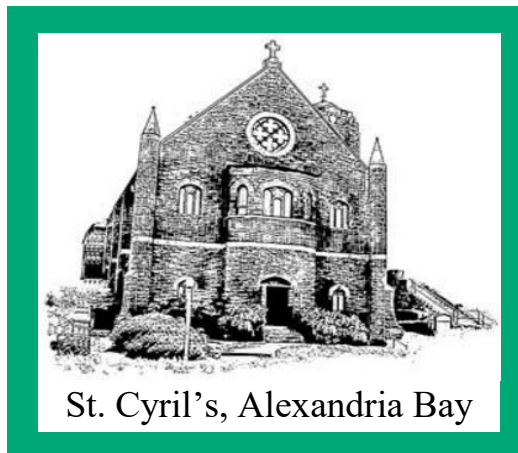
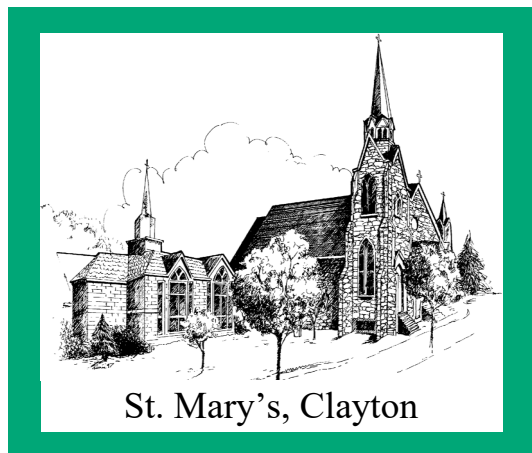


Welcome to St. Mary's Church, Clayton & the Catholic Community of Alexandria, Alexandria Bay



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September 12, 2021

24th Sunday in Ordinary

Weekend Masses

St. Mary's, Clayton

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 10:30 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 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

MONDAY, September 13
 8:00 (SC) Anthony C. Folino by Kathy & Tony Folino
 9:00 (SM) People of the Parishes

TUESDAY, September 14
 8:00 (SC) David Seymour
 9:00 (SM) Barbara Wessinger by John & Catherine Heaslip

WEDNESDAY, September 15
 8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

THURSDAY, September 16
 8:00 (SC) Terry Bresnahan by Donna Dundon & Myrna Carter
 9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

FRIDAY, September 17
 8:00 (SC) Ellen Cronk by Mike & Barb Bresnahan
 9:00 (SM) George Leavery by Dianne & family

SATURDAY, September 18, Anticipated Vigil
 4:00 (SM) Peyton Morse by Ann & Arnie O'Reilly
 5:30 (SC) Gregory Elwyn by the family

SUNDAY, September 19, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 (SFX) Morris Amyot by Deacon Bernie Slate
 9:00 (SM) People of the Parishes
 10:30 (SC) Intentions of Tom & Cheryl Krissel (50th Anniversary)

September 12, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord Calls: "Who do you say that I am?" The One who calls is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Will you follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother, or sister? 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.



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.

Weekly Giving

Because of an early bulletin deadline, giving amounts will appear in the next bulletin. Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary's and the Catholic Community of Alexandria.

Consider electronic giving—no more forgetting your envelopes or searching for a donation for the basket. For more information, contact the parish office. To sign up to give to St. Mary's, visit www.stmarysclayton.org, go to the Worship tab and click on "Please donate online here". To sign up to give to the Catholic Community of Alexandria, go to www.stcyrils.org and click on the blue Donate box. Your support is greatly appreciated.



*The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Mary's
is in Loving Memory of
Vaughn Shampine
by his wife, Helen*

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.

2021 Bishops Fund Appeal

In the coming week, you will receive a letter and brochure from Bishop LaValley asking you to join him in supporting the 2021 Bishop's Fund Appeal. Next weekend we will have "Commitment Weekend" for the Appeal in our parishes. Please remember - every gift makes a difference - every gift counts. Any gifts received after the Appeal reaches its goal will be used to further supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund which assists families in need in our community and throughout the Diocese. You are invited to bring your gift next weekend for Commitment Weekend and place it in the collection basket or return it to Bishop LaValley in the envelope provided. Online giving is also available at www.rcdony.org/bfa.html#donate. Thank you once again for your generosity and support.

Protecting life is our duty as Catholics, and ending legal protection for abortion is imperative.



Denver Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila
January 22, 2013

Deacon's Corner by Dc. Bruce Daugherty

When I see you or others, I wonder if you recognize that in the last 20 years I have lost a lot of hair and the rest has grown gray faster than I would have liked. Have you noticed that I have gained weight and then lost some too? Did you realize that I had lost my mom and brother and others in these past 20 years?

It is hard to believe all that has changed since the Towers have fallen. We have lost so many Americans that we may never have known, or maybe they were brothers, sisters, mother or fathers, aunts or uncles, or even husbands or wives that were fighting over in Iraq or Afghanistan. We have been there fighting to save the freedoms that we hold dear to our hearts. We had a son that was injured there and he came home O.K., the same looking child that we sent, but now the man that he has become. Many of you may have seen the same situation happen in your family too. We have sent many, many people overseas and most have returned, but some have not. Those that we have lost will make many people grieve for years to come.

When the towers were attacked, people came together and prayed and wanted to be close to those they love. Singers wrote songs to remind us to remember and never forget this day. We did things differently and tried to make life better... for a short time. Then something happened. Some of us have forgotten. In all walks of life, in everything of life, yes we forgot.

Why did we forget? Did we think that all was OK now and we did not have to remember any more? How would your wife or husband feel if you forgot a birthday or anniversary? What would your children do if you forgot their birthday or graduation? Thinking if this happened, the doghouse is probably going to be your cot for a few nights.

How often does this happen? We say we are going to do something or going to help and we forget. We tell God we are sorry and we forget what we told him and do it again.

When we talk with God we are making a promise and we await His answer. We may have to wait a long time like St. Monica while praying for her son, St. Augustine to come to the Lord (30 years of prayer). We never should give up with our prayers or promises to God. He is with us and He is listening. He is there to hold you tight, grey hair, chunky or thin. God is a blessing to us, He loves to love us. Make Him the one you bring home to dinner, let him spend the night and maybe find space in your life forever more.



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

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

St. Mary's Booster Club: Winners of the seventh weekly drawing of August 27 are Helen Brennan, Tom Turgeon, and Joe Thomas. 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!

Thank you Red Cross Blood Donors: The August 31 blood drive held at St. Mary's netted 23 units that could potentially save 69 lives! Another blood drive is being planned for Friday, October 15. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go online to redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment to donate. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are appreciated.

Gwen's Food Pantry, serving the town of Orleans, is now open in their new location, the parish center behind St. John's Church in LaFargeville. They are open Saturdays, 9am-noon. All are invited to stop in to see and learn about the Food Pantry during these hours.

St. Mary's Music Ministry:

"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it". As we approach the 20th anniversary of 9/11, this closing passage from the gospel seems to stand out. One of the results of the tragic events that occurred 20 years ago was the fierce sense of unity we all seemed to share, and the pride we felt for our country. While we mourn those who lost their lives in the horrific attack on our nation, we also celebrate those things which bring us together, and therefore make us stronger. Please join in exuberantly singing our patriotic closing hymn as we remember and reflect on a historical moment of great loss, and continue to pray toward unity.

There is choir rehearsal after today's 10am Mass. 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.

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

A Reflection on Holy Communion

It is not possible to “eat” the Risen One, present under the sign of bread, as if it were a simple piece of bread.

To eat this Bread is to communicate, to enter into communion with the person of the living Lord. This communion, this act of “eating,” is truly an encounter between two persons, it is allowing our lives to be penetrated by the life of the One who is the Lord, of the One who is my Creator and Redeemer. The purpose of this communion, of this partaking, is the assimilation of my life with his, my transformation and conformation into he who is living Love.

-Pope Benedict XVI (Homily on 5/26/2005)

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.