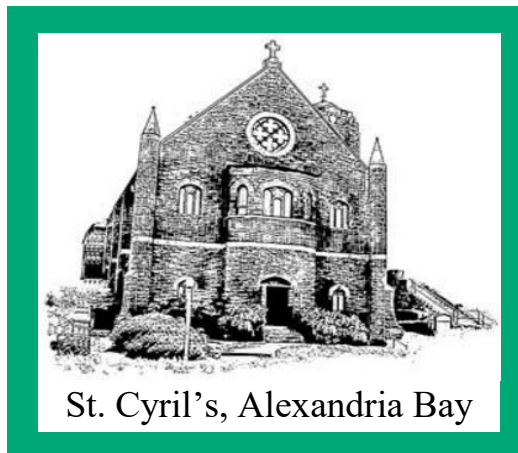
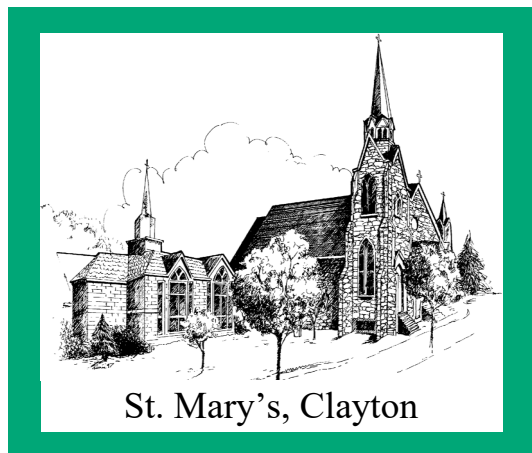


# *Welcome to St. Mary's Church, Clayton & the Catholic Community of Alexandria, Alexandria Bay*



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## **Buildings/Grounds & Cemeteries**

Call the Parish Office 315-686-3398

## **Websites:**

[www.stmarysclayton.org](http://www.stmarysclayton.org)

[www.stcyrils.org](http://www.stcyrils.org)

## **September 19, 2021**

## **25th 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 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](mailto: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 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  
 9:30 (SC) Intentions of Tom & Cheryl Krissel (50th Anniversary)

**MONDAY, September 20**

8:00 (SC) Laurie R. Gadsden  
 9:00 (SM) Mary Rose Maletta by Mary Jane & Chuck Nash

**TUESDAY, September 22**

8:00 (SC) Craig Blum by Cindy Beattie  
 9:00 (SM) Harry Bazinet by Dennis & Robin Sisler

**WEDNESDAY, September 23**

8:00 (SC) Korthas & Conroy families by Marialyce & Dick Daugard  
 9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

**THURSDAY, September 24**

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

**FRIDAY, September 25**

8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion  
 9:00 (SM) Ann Dorr by John & Catherine Heaslip

**SATURDAY, September 26, Anticipated Vigil**

4:00 (SM) Al O'Neill by Marcia & family  
 5:30 (SC) Terry Bresnahan by Helen Brennan

**SUNDAY, September 27, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 (SFX) John G. Watson by estate of Emma George  
 9:00 (SM) Elmer Greey by Tom & Cathy Harruff  
 9:30 (SC) Intentions of Jan Joyce & Louis Joyce by Kelly Crosby

**September 19, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Lord Calls:** "Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield." Praying for wisdom will help you yield to Christ's choice of your vocation. If you are discerning your vocation, talk to Fr. Art LaBaff, or Fr. Chris Carrara at ccarrara@rcdony.org / 315-393-2920, or Cathy Russell at crusell@rcdony.org / 315-393-2920.

**Mass Schedule Time Changes**

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

<b>Saturdays</b>	St. Mary's	4:00pm
	St. Cyril's	5:30pm
<b>Sundays</b>	St. Francis Xavier	8:00am
	St. Mary's	9:00am
	St. Cyril's	9:30am

**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**

*Thank you for your continued support.*

<u>Alexandria</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 2,052.00	
Plate	738.00	
Electronic	333.33	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,123.33</b>	<b>\$ 2,086.71</b>
Fuel	\$ 408.00	Fuel Goal
<b>Fuel to Date</b>	<b>\$ 10,147.65</b>	<b>\$19,357.00</b>
Tower Restoration	\$ 107.00	

<u>St. Mary's</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 2,913.11	\$ 2,022.00
Plate	\$ 930.00	\$ 1,217.00
Fuel	\$ 119.00	\$ 41.00

Please consider electronic giving...a safe and consistent way to support your parish. Sign up at [www.stmarysclayton.org](http://www.stmarysclayton.org) or [www.stcyrils.org](http://www.stcyrils.org) or contact the parish office.



*The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Mary's  
 is in Loving Memory of  
 Beatrice Arnold  
 by her daughters*

**From the Parish Life Coordinator:**

To be the greatest means to be full of love and to be humble and obedient like a child. Moreover, to be a loving person means to be welcoming of others especially the poor and oppressed – those vulnerable members of society. Therefore, whenever we think of those less fortunate, let us go out and serve our brothers and sisters. People may not notice, but God is smiling and knows the goodness that comes from our love for others.

**2021 Bishops Fund Appeal**

You should have received a letter and brochure from Bishop LaValley asking you to join him in supporting the 2021 Bishop's Fund Appeal. As we begin "Commitment Weekend" for the Appeal, it is our hope that we can continue or increase our support to this vital Appeal. The theme of this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal is "**Family of Faith in Action**". Please prayerfully consider supporting the many good works of the Diocese. This year, 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 own community and throughout the Diocese. Your pledge will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you in advance for your support. Use the response envelope you received in the mail or there are extra envelopes in the church entrances or to make your Bishop's Fund gift online, visit [www.rcdony.org](http://www.rcdony.org) and click on the secure "Bishop's Fund Appeal" link.

**Join Fr. Chris Looby on a Pilgrimage:**

**Holy Land** November 3-11, 2021. Includes Caesarea, Church of the Transfiguration, Cana, Tiberias, Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Church of the Nativity, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Western Wall, Via Dolorosa, daily mass. Double \$4,049pp, single \$4,849pp, Triple, \$4,019pp.

**Shrines of Ireland** March 10-18, 2022. Includes Irish Night, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Book of Kells, the St. Patrick Centre, Down Cathedral, Armagh, Westport, Marian Shrine of Knock, Croagh Patrick, Kylemore Abbey, Galway, Cliffs of Moher. Double \$3149 pp, Single \$3449 pp, Triple \$3119 pp.

If interested, call Mary McIntosh at Watertown AAA at (315) 558-6372.

**Did You Know...** *by Judy Pearson***Reverence for the Eucharist  
The Angel of Peace at Fatima**

In 1916, in preparation for the visit from Our Lady in Fatima, the Angel of Peace appeared three times to Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco. On the third visit, the Angel brings the Eucharist, suspending the Host and Chalice in the air, and prostrates himself on the ground. He has the children repeat a prayer three times, which offers to God the "Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus."

This angel prostrates himself on the ground while many of us may stand in line with our minds filled with distractions, walk up and receive Communion, return to our pews and go back to 'business as usual', thinking about our day ahead, what's for dinner, our plans after Mass.

Yet an angel, "a pure spirit, who lives constantly in the intimate presence of God, *prostrates* himself before the Eucharist in adoration." Of course, we will not go to Communion and actually prostrate ourselves before receiving, but we can do so interiorly. As Vinny Flynn says, "Whether we stand or kneel to receive, we can always in our hearts, minds and souls, be prostrate in adoration of the living God in the Eucharist."

Some things many of us already do, like bowing slightly before receiving.

Here are a few other things to remember. Think of how one would act if one were meeting a celebrity or good friend of whom one was fond. The person would most likely dress nicely, show attentiveness, and be delighted to be in his/her presence. How much more should we do for Jesus in the Eucharist!

It is also important that the Priest or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or the recipient handles the Eucharist with respect. The elements of the Eucharist should be raised, lowered, presented, or received slowly and gracefully, in a dignified manner, not hurriedly, carelessly, or unthinkably.

One should have a joyful spirit of expectation with a differential bow and an "Amen" said with sincerity and conviction. All show a powerful profession of faith. [Quoted sentences from "7 Secrets of the Eucharist" by Vinny Flynn]

**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 eighth weekly drawing of September 3 are Bob Heckman, Christine Palumbo, and Deanna Henry. Winners for the ninth week/September 10 are Christine Stirling, Fr. LaBaff, and Richard Comins. The dinner is this 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).

**St. Mary's Knit for Kids** group meets on Thursdays after 9am Mass in the parish center. Knit for Kids makes hats, mittens, and blankets for children in need in the US and around the world. For more information on Knit for Kids, contact Maureen at 315-771-1989.

**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:**

The Summons is a beautiful, lyric-driven work that is quite reflective in nature. Regarding this week's readings, the lyric "*and admit to what I mean in you, and you in me*" comes to mind. The Gospel discusses the disciples' concern for their own greatness above their future as followers of Christ, while the foreshadowing from the readings to Christ's eventual death also portray the conflict the disciples faced in the event of Christ's persecution. Admitting to what Christ means in us is easy when our environment is an accepting one, but can prove to be difficult when faced with the adversity of differing beliefs. Let us pray that the lyrics from The Summons assists all of our endeavors to live like Christ, when it is easy and even more so when it is challenging.

Consider offering your voice to the Lord by joining the choir. For more info about Music Ministry, contact Corrie Willis at [corrinefwillis@gmail.com](mailto:corrinefwillis@gmail.com) or 315-221-3689.

## Religious Ed News

### St. Mary's, Clayton

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Religious Ed begins today! Grades K-3 meet today from 10:00 - 11:00 in the parish center. Grades 4-7 will meet September 26th same time. We are still in need of catechists. If interested contact me!



### Catholic Community of Alexandria

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Any parents interested in enrolling their 1st-6th graders for Religious Education for St. Cyril's, please contact Trina Henry at 315-482-2252 by October 1. The program will be home-based handouts and a monthly meeting to check on progress and answer questions.

**Young Adult Day of Reflection:** Saturday, September 25 at the Lodge at Guggenheim from 8am 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](http://www.rcdony.org/yamretreat).

### 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](http://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](mailto:startaglia@rcdony.org).