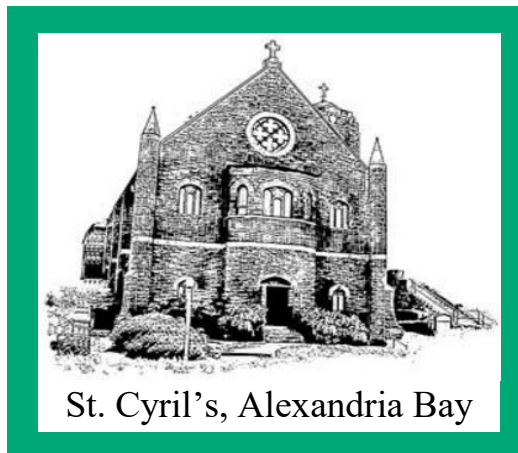
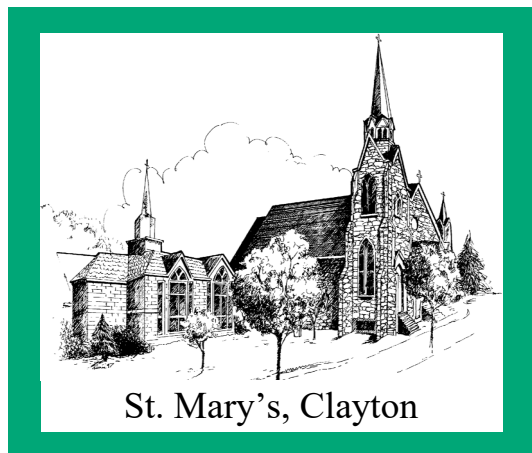


Welcome to St. Mary's Church, Clayton & the Catholic Community of Alexandria, Alexandria Bay



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September 26, 2021

26th 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

*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 25, Anticipated Vigil

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

SUNDAY, September 26, 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

MONDAY, September 27

8:00 (SC) Intentions of Nathan Urban by Mike & Jan Joyce
 9:00 (SM) People of the Parishes

TUESDAY, September 28

8:00 (SC) Mary Ringer by Cindy Beattie
 9:00 (SM) Mary Bastian by Barb Ierlan & family

WEDNESDAY, September 29

8:00 (SC) Dr. Roseann Cech by Dr. & Mrs. James Frangas
 9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

THURSDAY, September 30

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

FRIDAY, October 1

8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 9:00 (SM) Mary Ellen Bennett by Cab & Jan Burns

SATURDAY, October 2, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) People of the Parishes
 5:30 (SC) Mary Diane Phillips Daymont by Barbara Boyle

SUNDAY, October 3, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 (SFX) Mr. & Mrs. Harrison George by estate of Emma George
 9:00 (SM) Peyton Morse by Fran Lynch
 9:30 (SC) Patricia Cooley by John & Melinda Comstock

For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy. - St. Therese of Lisieux

September 26, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord Calls: "Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put His spirit on them." All Catholics share the prophetic ministry of the Lord through baptism. Is He calling you to bear witness to His truth 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.

Foster Grandparent Program: Volunteer opportunity for Jefferson, Clinton, Franklin, Essex, and St. Lawrence Counties. Make a difference in a child's life. For more info or to volunteer, contact Mhoward@catholiccharities.org or 518-359-7688.

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	\$ 1,506.00	
Plate	1,414.00	
Electronic	433.84	
Total	\$ 3,353.84	\$ 2,086.71
Fuel	\$ 553.00	Fuel Goal
Fuel to Date	\$ 10,560.65	\$19,357.00
Tower Restoration	\$ 510.00	

<u>St. Mary's</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 2,805.18	\$ 2,094.33
Plate	\$ 895.00	\$ 767.00
Fuel	\$ 316.00	\$ 25.00

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:

Individually, let us be an instrument for God to bless others. Let us always remember that every good deed, great or small, be it a gesture of giving a cup of water or monetary support to missionaries, is not lost in the sight of God. By allowing ourselves to be a channel of His love and joy to others, we will reap the reward of eternal life. On the other hand, woe to us if we become the stumbling block for others to know Christ. Woe to us if we become the reason for others to fall.

Change in Insurance Coverage at St. John's

After much discussion and consultation with Fr. Arthur LaBaff, Canonical Pastor, the Parish Trustees, and the Pastoral Councils, it is our intention to change insurance coverage of the former St. John's Church building and the white building behind the parish center to Modified Property Insurance Coverage. Modified Property Insurance Coverage permits the parish to continue coverage on the structures which will not be reconstructed if either is significantly damaged by fire or other insured peril. Full coverage will remain on the parish center.

If you have any questions or comments about this, please contact the parish office.

Holy Hour

**Sunday, October 3 from 1-2pm
at St. Cyril's Church, Alexandria Bay**

With exposition, rosary,
and opportunity for confession.

**2021 Bishops Fund 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 and click on the secure "Bishop's Fund Appeal" link.

Deacon's Corner by Dc. Gary Frank**Eucharist**

He was old, tired, and sweaty, pushing his homemade cart down the alley, stopping now and then to poke around in somebody's garbage.

I wanted to tell him about Eucharist, but the look in his eyes, the despair on his face, the hopelessness of somebody else's life in his cart, told me to forget it.

So I smiled, said "Hi!" - and gave him Eucharist.

She lived alone, her husband dead, her family gone, and she talked at you, not to you; words, endless words, spewed out. So I listened—and gave her Eucharist.

Downtown is nice, lights change from red to green and back again. Flashing blues, pinks, and oranges. I gulped them in, said "Thank you, Father" - and made them Eucharist.

I laughed at myself, and told myself, "You with all your sin, all your selfishness, I forgive you, I accept you, I love you." It's nice—and so very necessary too—to give yourself Eucharist.

Tired, weary, disgusted, lonely, go to your friends, open their door, say, "Look at me" - and receive their Eucharist.

My father, when will we learn you cannot talk Eucharist, cannot philosophize about it—you *do* it!

You don't dogmatize Eucharist; sometimes you laugh it, sometimes you cry it, often you sing it.

Sometimes it's a wild peace, then crying hurt, often humiliating, never deserved.

You see Eucharist in another's eyes, give it in another's hand held tight, squeeze it in an embrace.

You pause Eucharist in the middle of a busy day, speak Eucharist with a million things to do and a person who wants to talk.

For Eucharist is as simple as being on time, and as profound as sympathy.

I give you my supper,
I give you my sustenance,
I give you my life,
I give you me,
I give you...Eucharist.

(Author Unknown)

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 tenth weekly drawing of September 17 are Helen Brennan, Tom Turgeon, and Jan Burns. \$100 winners are Wendell Pierce, Janine LaClair, and Karen Comins. Thank you to all who supported this Booster Club. Tickets for the next Booster Club with dinner in January will be on sale soon. To join, volunteer, or for questions, contact Donna (778-8672), Tim (778-2484), or the parish office (686-3398).

Ordination to the Order of Deacon: Through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, the Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg will Ordain to the Order of Deacon Randy N. Besio, Gerald F. Bouchard, Brent M. Davison, Daniel G. LeRoy, Michael A. Lieber, Jr., Kenneth L. Lushia, Roderic O. Roca, Lee M. Trudeau, Robert S. Uttendorfsky, Noel D. Voos, Mark T. Webster, and Peter J. Wooschlager on Saturday, October 2 at 11am at St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg. You are cordially invited to join us at the Ordination Mass in person or via livestream at www.rcdony.org/ordination. Please note this may be subject to change due to COVID.

St. Mary's Music Ministry:

When looking through the Mass music planner for this week, an interesting tidbit jumped out: *"The struggles in today's readings are about power."* followed by a quote from Bishop Robert Barron, *"If you want power in the church, be holy"*. How Great Thou Art is a well-known and majestic work that highlights the mighty power of God, and reminds us that the proof is in the beautiful things which surround us: mountains, stars, and the rolling thunder. The gospel encourages us to continue to strive for holiness, and work to recognize the difference between power through holiness, and power for the sake of control.

Add the power of your voice to the celebration of the Mass. For more info about Music Ministry, contact Corrie Willis at corrinefwillis@gmail.com or 315-221-3689.

**Are you or someone you know ready
to come into our Catholic Faith?**

Now is the time!

On Tuesday, September 28 at 7pm we will be conducting an evening of inquiry for anyone interested in the RCIA program. There is no time like the present, why delay any longer if you feel God urging you? We will meet at St. Mary's Parish Center and we welcome our brothers and sisters from the Catholic Community of Alexandria to join as well. Do you have questions? Please contact Deacon Neil Fuller at 315-405-6910 or pastoralassociate@stmarysclayton.org

Religious Ed News

St. Mary's, Clayton

Jenny Barton 315-686-2638

e-mail: religioused@stmarysclayton.org

Education for grades 4-7 begins today in the parish center from 10-11am. Grades K-3 will meet again on October 17th. Students who are eligible for First Reconciliation will start their preparatory classes in October and information will be mailed soon. We are still in need of catechists. If interested contact me!



Catholic Community of Alexandria

Trina Henry 315-482-2252

e-mail: thenry2252@gmail.com

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.

**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. For more info, contact Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or startaglia@rcdony.org.