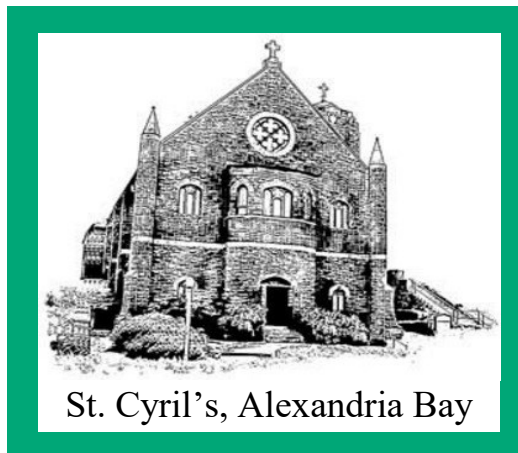
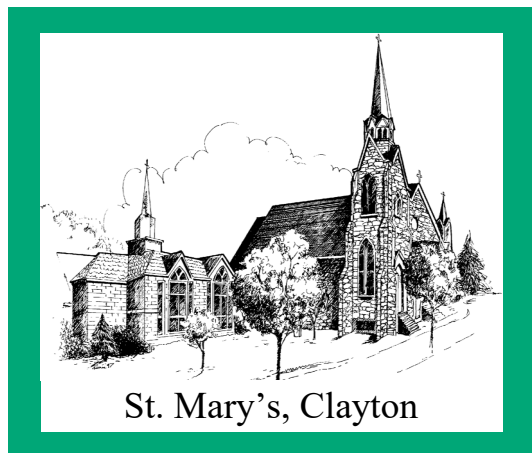


Welcome to St. Mary's Church, Clayton & the Catholic Community of Alexandria, Alexandria Bay



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October 3, 2021

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, 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

MONDAY, October 4

8:00 (SC) Intentions of Nathan Urban by Mike & Jan Joyce
 9:00 (SM) Nancy Hinerth by Carol & Bob Williams

TUESDAY, October 5

8:00 (SC) Barry Ingerson by Rebecca Rose and family
 9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

WEDNESDAY, October 6

8:00 (SC) Intentions of Molly K. Beattie by Mom & Dad
 9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

THURSDAY, October 7

8:00 (SC) George & Frank Bolus by their family
 9:00 (SM) Shirley Pitcher by Lars & Eileen Hauck

FRIDAY, October 8

8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 9:00 (SM) Hope LaLonde by Gary LaLonde

SATURDAY, October 9, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) Ann Dorr by Mike & Deb Rogers
 5:30 (SC) Joanne Novak by Tom & Cheryl Krissel

SUNDAY, October 10, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 (SFX) All of Our Parishioners
 9:00 (SM) Gisele Rainville by her children
 9:30 (SC) Terry Bresnahan by Cindy Beattie

Prayer life is an ongoing relationship, a personal, real, heart-to-heart friendship in which the two friends speak with each other about what is important to each of them.

- John Bartunek, *A Quiet Place*

October 3, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord Calls: "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them." Are you being called to bring others to Christ and His Kingdom as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother? 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.



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Holy Hour

With exposition, rosary, and opportunity for confession.

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

"The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government." - Thomas Jefferson

Weekly Giving

Thank you for your continued support.

<u>Alexandria</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 1,461.00	
Plate	962.00	
Electronic	214.42	
Total	\$ 2,637.42	\$ 2,086.71
Fuel	\$ 638.00	Fuel Goal
Fuel to Date	\$ 11,198.65	\$19,357.00
Tower Restoration	\$ 535.00	

<u>St. Mary's</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 3,117.25	\$ 1,596.00
Plate	\$ 1,177.00	\$ 823.00
Fuel	\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00

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 Fr. LaBaff:**God calls. WE respond.**

Our church has been enriched by the call to ministry and the response of so many to that CALL from God. The church grows in holiness through our service to others.

Jesus came among us so that we could have life, eternal life. He went among us teaching and calling all, saints and sinners, to build up his church. Do you remember that passage from St. Luke where Jesus entered the Synagogue and read from what we call the Old Testament: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, ... to bring Good News and tidings to the poor. He sent me to proclaim liberty to captives, recover of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.... He then sat down and said: "Today this scripture is fulfilled in you hearing."* (Lk 4:21). Jesus is the MEDATOR BETWEEN God and us.

Jesus gave us the gift of Priesthood and he gave authority to the Apostles to ordain successors to themselves. They soon realized that they needed helpers - DEACONS were ordained to be of service. They could baptize, proclaim the gospel, preach the homily, bless marriages, preside at funerals, and minister in roles of charity.

Since the Second Vatican Council restored the diaconate, the Diocese of Ogdensburg has been blessed abundantly through the ordination of men married and single. Our parishes have been blessed through their ministry. Our parishes have truly been the recipient of the ministry of permanent deacons.

Next weekend we will honor our deacons serving in both parishes at St Mary's 9am Liturgy with a reception to follow in the Parish Center. I have asked all the deacons to be present for this liturgy. Later we will have a similar liturgy at St Cyril's.

Pray for vocations to priesthood and the Permanent Diaconate. Pray for the men who are seeking to discern if the Lord is calling them to this ministry.

Remember to keep your information up-to-date. Have you had a change of address, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, or family members? Contact your parish office with updates.

From the Parish Life Coordinator:

Jesus teaches us to call God "Father" for a reason, so that we may understand our place in the Trinitarian life. We are called to share in the Lord's family life, embraced as His children at the Wedding Feast of the Lamb at the end of days. That *caritas* love and acceptance cannot be withdrawn; divorce will not take place between God and His people. And all children will come to Him, because we are *all* children in the Lord's eyes.

Catholic Men's Group meets the second Saturday of the month at 9am at St. Mary's Parish Center. For more information, contact Scott at 315-686-1303.

Women's Group: All women of our parishes are invited to join other women for fellowship time together as Catholic Christian women every second Saturday of the month at 9am at St. Mary's parish center. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Lucia 513-304-2264.

HOPE—St. Mary's and St. John's Substance Abuse Ministry. If you or a loved one suffer from the ravages of drug or alcohol abuse, perhaps we can help. Email stmarysclaytonsam@gmail.com or call 315-783-5268.

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.

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.



Beginning the weekend of October 16 & 17, weekend Masses will be:



St. Mary's, Clayton
Saturdays at 4:00pm
Sundays at 9:00am

St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay
Saturdays at 5:30pm
Sundays at 10:30pm

St. Francis Xavier, Redwood

No Masses until next Memorial Day Weekend

Right now, the American Red Cross has an emergency blood shortage. The Red Cross national blood inventory is the lowest it has been at this time of year since 2015, with less than a day's supply of certain blood types in recent weeks. The Red Cross is working around the clock to meet the blood needs of hospitals and patients – but can't do it alone. We need your help! There will be a

Blood Drive

**Friday, October 15, noon-4pm
at St. Mary's Parish Center**

St. Mary's Music Ministry:

"Love is patient, love is kind". This popular verse from Corinthians discusses all the things that love is, and what it isn't, but it neglects to mention that love can also be difficult. Certain people in our lives are very easy to love, while others seem to make the job quite challenging. It's important to remember how God loves us: *"I have loved you, with an everlasting love. I have called you, and you are mine."* There are no exceptions or addendums to this declaration, which is why it is so powerful. Let us strive to love one another as God loves us: without conditions and with a full heart.

The choir will rehearse today after Mass in preparation for our choir Mass on October 10th. For more info about Music Ministry, contact Corrine Willis at corrinewillis@gmail.com or 315-221-3689.

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.

Religious Ed News

St. Mary's, Clayton

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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

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The program for grades 1 through 6 will be home-based handouts and a monthly meeting. The first meeting will be Sunday, November 7th after the 10:30 Mass in St. Cyril's Church hall. This meeting will be for me to check on student's progress, answer your questions and, hand out the next month's packet of weekly readers.

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.