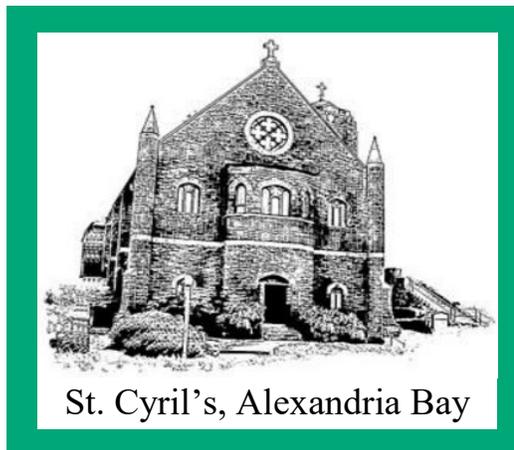
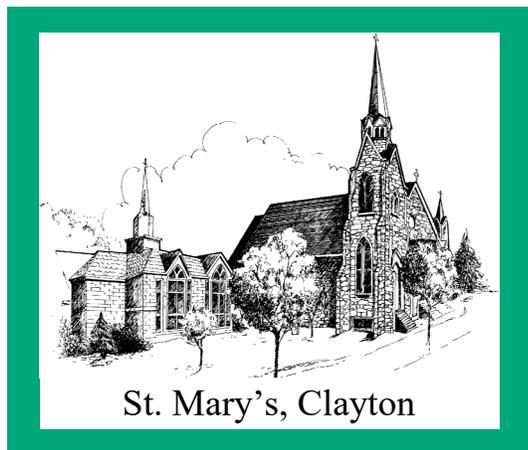


Welcome to St. Mary's Church, Clayton & the Catholic Community of Alexandria, Alexandria Bay



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November 7, 2021

32nd 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

Memorial Day - Columbus Day

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, November 6, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) People of the Parishes
 5:30 (SC) Tom Bradley by John & Melinda Comstock

SUNDAY, November 7, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 (SM) Scott Fiorentino by Margie, Meredith, & Nick
 10:30 (SC) Deceased Members of the Sudkamp & Ritner families by Gail & Jo-Ann

MONDAY, November 8

8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 9:00 (SM) Dominic Lynch by Cab & Jan Burns

TUESDAY, November 9

8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 9:00 (SM) Veronica Bogenschurz by Jack & Lora Stopper

WEDNESDAY, November 10

8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 9:00 (SM) Eduardo Vidal by Don & Patty Howell

THURSDAY, November 11

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

FRIDAY, November 12

8:00 (SC) Kenneth DeThomas by the family
 9:00 (SM) Vic Natali, Jr. by his children

SATURDAY, November 13, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) Vic Natali, Jr. by Dianne Leavery
 5:30 (SC) Louis Panunzio by his wife, Connie

SUNDAY, November 14, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 (SM) Bobbi Brabant by her husband, Joe
 10:30 (SC) Terry Bresnahan by Kelly Crosby

2022 Vocation Calendars are available at the entrances of the churches and the parish office. These calendars are thoughtfully provided to you by Cummings Funeral Services. Be sure to take one for your use or for a friend or relative. A special thank you to the Cummings family for providing these calendars.

November 7, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord Calls: “Out of her poverty she has put in everything she had.” Will you respond with generosity should the Lord choose you for priesthood, diaconate, or 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.

World Youth Day 2023: Young Adults, are you interested? World Youth Day is a worldwide encounter of Young Adults with the Holy Father that occurs approximately every three years. The next World Youth Day will be in Lisbon, Portugal from August 1-6, 2023. It is an amazing experience of the universality of the Church with thousands of young adults from around the world. If you are interested in attending World Youth Day in 2023 and will be 18 or older by late July 2023, contact Mari-ka Donders at mdonders@rcdony.org. Additional details will be released to interested parties as we get closer to the event.

Weekly Giving

Thank you for your continued support.

<u>Alexandria</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 1,350.00	
Plate	932.00	
Electronic	186.67	
Total	\$ 2,468.67	\$ 2,415.94
Fuel	\$ 150.00	Fuel Goal
Fuel to Date	\$ 14,965.65	\$19,357.00
Mission Sunday	\$ 615.00	
Tower Restoration	\$ 60.00	

<u>St. Mary's</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 1,958.00	\$ 1,710.00
Plate	\$ 591.00	\$ 580.00
Fuel	\$ 10.00	\$ 249.00
Mission Sunday	\$ 1,490.80	
<i>October Electronic Giving: \$ 3,283.00</i>		

Please consider electronic giving...a safe and consistent way to support your parish. Sign up at www.stmarysclayton.org or www.stcyrls.org or contact the parish office.

From the Parish Life Coordinator:

To humbly and selflessly give of our time, talent, or treasure is a sign of Christian maturity. Like the poor widow, true human wholeness is to be at the service of others without the expectation of being measured or compared. God's desire is for us to use our free will to give without being honored.

Deacon's Corner by Dc. Neil Fuller

The month of November is the traditional season for Catholics to prayerfully remember all those who have gone before us 'marked by the sign of faith.' Following the Solemnity of All Saints that remembers all those who have lived the life of faith with integrity and are now one with the Lord in heaven, we celebrate All Souls Day. This day of prayer for the dead provides the opportunity for us to surround our beloved dead with our prayers, especially through the Eucharistic celebration, as we companion them on their journey to the Father.

Each and every one of us will be touched by the reality of death in the course of our journey of faith. We have all experienced the painful loss of a loved one in death as we prepare for our own 'going forth' through death to eternal life in Christ.

The funeral rites of our Church help us to remember that no one truly dies alone but is accompanied by the community of believers as eternity opens for each one of us. The liturgy of our Church and particularly its funeral rites provide opportunities for family and friends of the deceased to actively enter into this moment of passage as we shape a truly fitting farewell for our loved ones.

Let us set aside some time, especially this month, and pray for all our faithful departed that they find eternal rest in the heavenly kingdom.

Veterans Day Prayer

Lord, we know that freedom isn't free and a special few pay the price for many. We owe a debt of gratitude to all the courageous men and women who have served and sacrificed to protect us and our freedoms. Today as we remember our veterans, we ask you to bless each one and meet their every need. We pray they will know how valued, respected, and appreciated they are. Please bless their families for their many sacrifices as well. We ask for your protection over all who are serving now and ask you to bring them home safely. We also ask you to comfort all who are missing someone who served. In Jesus' name we ask these things. Amen

From the Bishop:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (Peter 4:10)

We all have received unique gifts from God. He calls each of us by name to use these gifts for the service of others in our parishes, communities, and diocese. We all strive to live lives with a deeper purpose and to make a difference in the world and in the lives of those around us.

Next weekend we will observe Stewardship Sunday in parishes across the Diocese of Ogdensburg. I ask that you prayerfully reflect on the many gifts that God has entrusted to you and ask yourself, "How can I serve God? What is He calling me to do with the gifts He has given to me? How can I use my gifts, talents, and time to serve others in my parish and community?"

I invite you to speak with your pastor about the various ministries in your parish in which you can participate. I encourage you to become energized and engaged in those ministries. It is through our service that each of us become *Living Stones*, contributing to the vibrancy of our parishes as we support one another in our common journey with Christ.

I am grateful to the many parishioners who are generously sharing their time, talents, and resources. Thank you for saying "Yes" to God's call to serve your family of faith here in the North Country. May God continue to bless the work of your hands and hearts.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg



Prayer Ministry of the Catholic Communities of Clayton & Alexandria

A little over 4 years ago, a ministry fair was held at St. Mary's highlighting the different ministries in which people could volunteer. About 12 people signed up as prayer ministers and St. Mary's and St. John's Prayer Ministry was born. Prayer requests come to us through email (smsjprayerline@gmail.com) or phone (315-686-3970). The prayer intentions are shared with the prayer ministers and we PRAY. Prayer ministers do not meet, nor pay dues, we just take the requests to God in prayer. We pray when doing dishes or just sitting at home, when driving the car or cutting the grass. Some days there are no prayer requests, some days there may be 4 requests. But we do pray. We have prayed for those with cancer, illnesses, covid, accidents, and for those on their death bed. Four years and many prayers later, this ministry is expanding to include our sister parish of Alexandria. New prayer ministers are always welcome and appreciated. If you are interested in becoming a prayer minister or just want to give it a try, contact Liz at 315-686-3970 or smsjprayerline@gmail.com.

Music Ministry Notes:

St. Mary's, Clayton

Today's readings can be summarized in one word: sacrifice. The first reading and the Gospel in particular provide a focus on the sacrifices made by those who have little. In a time where many are struggling, let us remember these readings and their significance in helping us to recognize our blessings, while also calling us to give to others. *"Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life."*

St. Mary's choir is preparing for our Advent & Christmas season! We rehearse at 10:00 am on Sundays, and if you are interested in joining us, please reach out to Corrine Willis at corrinefwillis@gmail.com or 315-221-3689.

St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay

The St. Cyril's Choir is singing together again, and we love to welcome new people! The Choir gathers in the loft at St. Cyril's at 9:45 for practice before 10:30 Mass. We also will be creating a Children's Choir in addition to our Adult Choir for the Christmas Holidays. For questions, contact Becky Rose at 315-778-8419 or becky.a.rose@gmail.com.

2021 Bishops Fund Appeal

The Bishop's Fund Appeal continues. Please prayerfully consider supporting the many good works of the Diocese. Thank you in advance for your support. Use the response envelope at 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.

Catholic Community of Alexandria:

Goal: \$14,687.00 108 donors
Given to Date: \$11,136.00 59 donors

St. Mary's:

Goal: \$24,831.00 199 donors
Given to Date: \$19,749.21 115 donors

Respite Haven is a new Senior Program to be offered by the Jefferson County Office for the Aging. Volunteers, 18 and older, can offer as little as 4 hours a week to assist in this program sharing their compassion and companionship to elders. Two locations, Clayton and Watertown, are currently being planned. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, contact the Office for the Aging at 315-785-3191 or www.co.jefferson.y.us/departments/OfficefortheAging. A presentation to learn more about "Respite" will be held on November 30, 2-4pm at River Community Church. Call 315-785-5018 to attend this presentation.

Religious Ed News

St. Mary's, Clayton

Jenny Barton 315-686-2638

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This Sunday, November 7th, grades K - 3, and Confirmation grades 8 and 9 will meet in person.

Catholic Community of Alexandria

Trina Henry 315-482-2252

e-mail: thenry2252@gmail.com

Grades 1 through 6 will meet this Sunday, November 7th after 10:30 Mass in St. Cyril's Church hall to review student progress, answer your questions, and hand out the next month's materials.

Parents of 7th graders and Confirmation students are asked to please contact Deacon Neil Fuller at 315-405-6910 about the upcoming program.