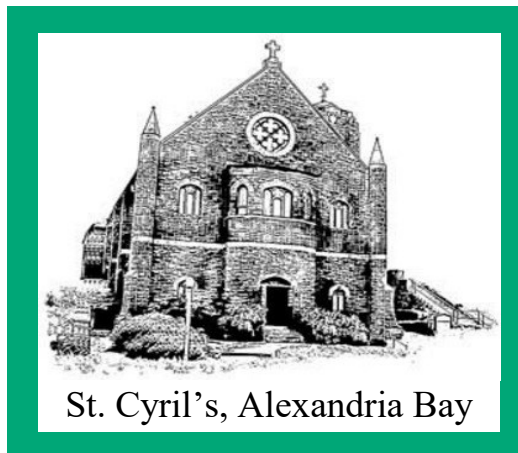
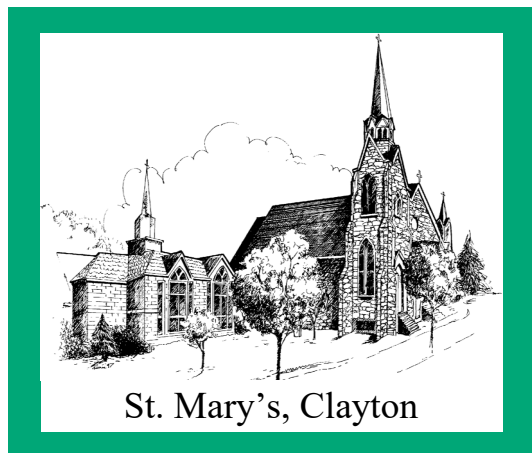


Welcome to St. Mary's Church, Clayton & the Catholic Community of Alexandria, Alexandria Bay



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November 14, 2021

33rd 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

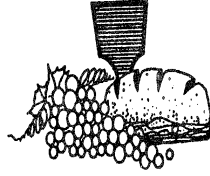
after 9:00 a.m. Mass on the first

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 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

MONDAY, November 15

8:00 (SC) Michael Hardy by Grandma & Grandpa Ringer
9:00 (SM) People of the Parishes

TUESDAY, November 16

8:00 (SC) George & Frank Bolus by their family
9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

WEDNESDAY, November 17

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

THURSDAY, November 18

8:00 (SC) Sommers & Korthas families by Marialyce & Dick Daugard
9:00 (SM) Ann Dorr by Breck & Louise Hart

FRIDAY, November 19

8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion
9:00 (SM) George Leavery by Dianne & family

SATURDAY, November 20, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) People of the Parishes
5:30 (SC) Craig Blum by Mike & Meg Ringer

SUNDAY, November 21, Our Lord Christ the King

9:00 (SM) Deceased Knights of Columbus members & wives
10:30 (SC) Guilio Rubino by the Rose family

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 14, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord Calls: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away." How is Christ calling you to share His eternal words of salvation? Consider a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or 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	\$ 1,518.00	
Plate	206.00	
Electronic	202.95	
Total	\$ 1,926.95	\$ 3,666.42
Fuel	\$ 245.00	Fuel Goal
Fuel to Date	\$ 15,210.65	\$19,357.00
Human Development	\$ 60.00	
Tower Restoration	\$ 5.00	

<u>St. Mary's</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 2,695.07	\$ 4,087.00
Plate	\$ 732.25	\$ 257.00
Fuel	\$ 949.00	\$ 180.00
Human Development	\$ 20.00	

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

From the Parish Life Coordinator:

This past week the good folks of St. Cyril's hosted their annual Election Day Ham Dinner. I was told this dinner has been happening for many, many years. It was amazing and they made it look so easy! And it was a delicious meal! This is a wonderful tradition and thank you very much to everyone who made this happen.

St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting

October 4, 2021

Religious Education: Each grade level meets in person once a month, with work sent home for other weeks. Attendance is down for various reasons. Covid protocols are being followed. We have 12 candidates for First Reconciliation. Confirmation classes have begun with 4 students from St. Mary's and possibly 3 from St. Cyril's. First year Confirmation has potentially 5 candidates.

Finances: 2020-21 Financial Report was reviewed. Envelopes are up; plate down; total up by \$2400. Christmas collection was up; fuel collection was down. Votive candle sales were up. Bishop's Fund up by \$4000. The cost for propane and air conditioning was up \$7400 over last year. Liturgical, Household, Maintenance, Social, and Religious Ed expenses were lower than last year. We are moving our savings accounts with the Diocese to new Trust accounts.

PA System Update: The company who installed it came to fix it and it worked fine.

Defibrillator: Training will be held soon. Jenny Barton has volunteered to do this.

St. John's: The statues will be left there and heat (50 degrees) will be left on for the winter.

Personnel: Cheyenne Denny will resign effective November 1 and Jason Montondo will begin full time work as custodian. Cathy Haruff has moved and Corrie Dartnell is our new head of Music Ministry.

Ministries Report: Jennifer Lucia has been appointed to the Commissioned Lay Ministers Board. There are seven new candidates training for the next class of CLMs. Greeters will now pass out bulletins at the end of Masses. We are planning to add ushers to the ministry schedule. Communion to the homebound continues. The Prayer ministry, Men's group, and Women's group are all quite active.

RCIA: Classes will meet twice a month for our four candidates.

Christmas Mass Schedule: 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve; 10am Mass on Christmas morning.

Christmas Community Table will be Saturday, December 4. We will also have a living nativity and children's choir. The Confirmation class will have an Advent Wreath Sale.

Christmas Dinner: This will tentatively take place on Saturday, December 11 after 4:00 Mass. Open House Rectory will tentatively be on Sunday, December 12.

Buildings and Grounds: New roof and Garage Repairs: We will borrow money from the Diocese, and then have a capital campaign for a new church roof as well as the stonework repairs. We will begin to get estimates on a new roof and repairs to the garage. We may put envelopes in the pews asking for donations next summer.

Lupini... Tower Work: We have paid \$80,000 of the \$200,000 cost for this year. We will get a loan to cover the balance. We will need to have another Capital campaign in the future.

Other Issues: Dave Morse has talked to Siena College and they would like the Stations of the Cross from St. John's in memory of Peyton. The Morse family has put up a sign and flagpole in memory of Peyton at the LaFargeville Cemetery. The Morses also attended the Blue Mass where they had a tribute to Peyton.

Deacon's Mass: There will be a Mass for our Deacons on Sunday, October 10 with a reception after. We are especially honoring Deacon Gary Frank on his 25th Anniversary of ordination. Our newest candidate to the Diaconate is JB Kavanaugh.

Next Meeting: February 28, 2022

**Black and Indian Mission Collection
Weekend of November 20-21**

This important collection exists to help diocesan communities to build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God.

Ever since the first Collection in 1884, the national **Black and Indian Mission Collection** has reflected the generosity of the good People of God and has enabled the Commission to give helpful grants to dioceses across the country to operate schools, parishes, and other missionary services that build the Body of Christ in Native American, Alaska Native, and Black Catholic communities.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Ogdensburg provides collection and distribution support for Black and Indian Mission Collection. Help build up the Church and faith formation in African American, Native American, and Alaska native communities throughout the United States with a gift to this collection. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Mary's Booster Club tickets are now on sale! Dinner will be February 12th. Get your ticket today.

Music Ministry Notes:

St. Mary's, Clayton

In today's Gospel regarding the final judgment, the disciples seem confused and frightened. The story of the fig tree and Christ's words of comfort are meant to remind his disciples to be ready, and pay attention. As we approach Advent, so too must we prepare and make ourselves ready to celebrate the coming of our savior. *"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne."*

St. Mary's choir is preparing for our Advent and 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 corrinewillis@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: \$11,511.00 63 donors

St. Mary's:

Goal: \$24,831.00 199 donors
Given to Date: \$19,839.21 117 donors

When John leapt in Elizabeth's womb, Jesus was hidden in the womb of Mary. Every time we approach the altar, we are near Jesus hidden in the bread and wine. I am not suggesting anyone do cartwheels down the aisle at Mass, but do we approach Jesus with joy and anticipation? Do we take the time to prepare our hearts and minds to fully be present to Jesus as he comes to us? Do we go away from our encounter with him changed in heart and mind? Do we live the truth of the Eucharist with so much joy that others are drawn to us, so that like John the Baptist, we too can point them to Jesus and say, "Behold the Lamb of God"?

- Sheryl O'Connor
at inspirationdaily@diocesan.com

Religious Ed News

St. Mary's, Clayton

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This Sunday, November 14th, grades 4-7, will meet in person.

Catholic Community of Alexandria

Trina Henry 315-482-2252

e-mail: thenry2252@gmail.com

Grades 1 through 6 will meet next on Sunday, December 5th 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.