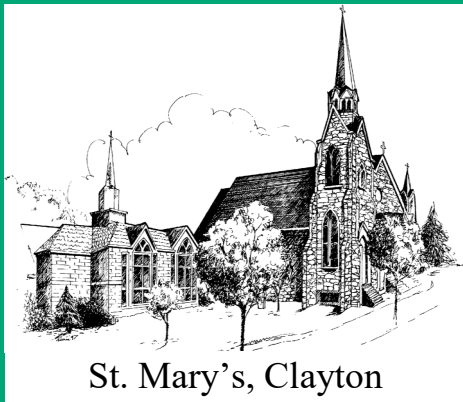
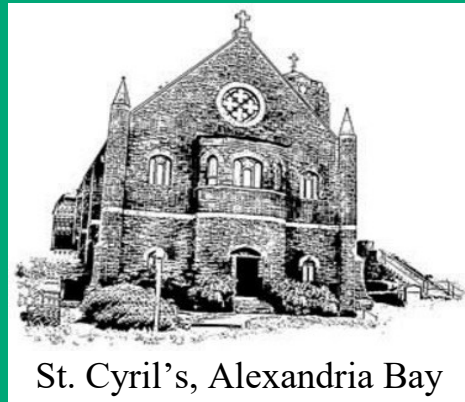


Welcome to St. Mary's Church, Clayton & the Catholic Community of Alexandria, Alexandria Bay



St. Mary's, Clayton



St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay

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January 16, 2022

2nd 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 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, January 15

4:00 (SM) People of the Parishes
 5:30 (SC) John Durand by John & Maryann Weldon

SUNDAY, January 16, 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

9:00 (SM) Philip Ivey, Jr. by Joyce & girls
 10:30 (SC) Sally Sourwine by Thomas Sourwine

MONDAY, January 17

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

TUESDAY, January 18

8:00 (SC) No Liturgy
 9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

WEDNESDAY, January 19

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

THURSDAY, January 20

8:00 (SC) No Liturgy
 9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

FRIDAY, January 21

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

SATURDAY, January 22

4:00 (SM) Intentions of John & Catherine Heaslip on their 66th anniversary by Jim & Mary Paul
 5:30 (SC) Thomas Bradley by Michael Walentuk & Sharon Merrihew

SUNDAY, January 23, 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

9:00 (SM) People of the Parishes
 10:30 (SC) Intentions of Amelia Bresnehan by Mike & Barb Bresnehan

St. Mary's Booster Club: Winners of the fifth weekly drawing on January 7 are Millie Savarese, Doug Rogers, and Mary Rose Warneck. Tickets are \$15 and are still available for this Booster Club. The **take-out only** dinner is after 4pm Mass on Saturday, February 12. The Booster Club is a fun, social event that supports St. Mary's parish. To join, volunteer, or for questions, contact Donna (778-8672), Tim (778-2484), or the parish office (686-3398).

January 16, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord Calls: "There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit." Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Art LaBaff, Fr. Chris Carrara at ccarrara@rcdony.org / 315-393-2920, or Sister Mary Eamon Lyng at elyng@rcdony.org / 315-393-2920, ext. 1345.

The Bishop's Fund: Congratulations to St. Mary's parishioners for reaching their Bishop's Fund goal with 144 households donating/pledging \$26,982.21. The Catholic Community of Alexandria achieved their goal with 77 households giving \$14,701.00. The Diocese is at 96.62% of its goal with \$1,256,000.56 received from 6,856 households. You can still make a donation on-line or with envelopes that are available at church entrances.

Weekly Giving

Thank you for your continued support.

<u>St. Mary's</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 1,889.00	\$ 1,412.00
Plate	\$ 266.54	\$ 540.00
Fuel	\$ 88.00	\$ 80.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 20.00	
Christmas	\$ 430.00	
Religious Retirement	\$ 25.00	
Respect Life	\$ 100.00	

<u>Alexandria</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 1,517.00	\$ 1,423.00
Plate	155.00	\$ 99.00
Electronic	321.95	\$ 940.75
Total	\$ 1,993.95	\$ 2,462.75
Fuel	\$ 150.00	Fuel Goal
Fuel to Date	\$ 18,196.65	\$19,357.00
Donation	\$ 500.00	

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.

Food Pantry Contact Numbers:

Clayton Food Pantry: 315-767-1220
 Orleans Food Pantry: 315-658-4796

From the Parish Life Coordinator:

For the next three weekends Fr. Comstock and Fr. LaBaff will be enjoying some well-deserved time off in a warmer climate.

We are very blessed to have Father Corneille with us to celebrate Mass on the weekends assisted by our deacons. Our deacons and lay ministers will also offer Liturgy of the Word services with Communion during the week.

We can always count on our musicians, altar servers, lectors, ushers, greeters, collection counters and office personnel to keep our Churches "functioning" as usual while our priests are away.

Please, pray that Fr. Comstock and Fr. LaBaff have safe travels and pray for all of our ministers so faithful to our church.

Respect Life Sunday is January 23

Why is it... that when a woman is happy about her pregnancy, it's a "baby"? She is asked questions like, "when is your baby due?" When she goes to an abortion clinic, she is often told that "it" (the growing child) is only a blob of tissue or a product of conception?

Why is it... that you can kill an unborn baby anytime you want to, for any reason under the sun, but if you destroy a turtle egg on a Florida beach, you go to jail?

Why is it... so many people are uninformed about abortion and it receives so little coverage in the media, despite the fact that it is the number-one cause of death in the US every year.

The Respect Life second collection is the weekend of January 22/23, near the anniversary of the Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision which legalized abortion in our nation. Grants from the collection benefit pro-life projects in our diocese. Thank you for your support of efforts to build a culture of life.

Deacon's Corner

by Dr. Neil Fuller

Traditions are a big part of the Holiday Season, especially the food. I enjoyed all the home-made cookies, candies, and fruitcakes and I thank everyone for sharing their special treats with me. I think I have gained a few pounds since Thanksgiving.

Each Christmas, after midnight Mass, my parents always served up oysters and tourtiere. Tourtiere, also known as French meat pie, was brought to New England and Northern New York by the French Canadians (my father's side) during the 19th century. Traditionally, the pie was made from any kind of ground meat or wild game that was available to the early settlers of Quebec. Often times, it contained pork, venison, beef, veal, quail, elk, and even moose. Along with potatoes and onions, it was highly seasoned with cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg along with other seasonings. All baked in a pastry crust.

Additionally, we also would have an oyster stew. Irish-Americans (my mother's side) are often credited with introducing oyster stew to America. As I understand, in the days before refrigeration, oysters were only available inland during the cold winter months, when they could be safely transported, by horse and wagon, without the danger of spoilage. Usually, the oysters would become available at local groceries just before Christmas and since Christmas Eve was a day of fasting and abstinence in the Catholic Church, many families would enjoy an oyster stew as their evening meal.

It is important to keep traditions alive. Tradition contributes a sense of comfort and belonging. It brings families together and enables people to reconnect with friends. Tradition reinforces values such as freedom, faith, integrity, a good education, personal responsibility, a strong work ethic, and the value of being selfless.

Eucharist – Discovering the Mass in the Bible is a 10-week study being offered by the Catholic parishes in Watertown. Classes begin the week of January 23. Each class is offered Monday evening at 6:30pm at Msgr. Sechi Hall at St. Anthony's Church, Arsenal Street and repeated Tuesdays at 12:45pm in the Chapel of St. Patrick's Church, Massey Street. The first sessions are January 24 at St. Anthony's and January 25 at St. Patrick's. The series, presented as part of the Lectio series from Augustine Institute, will be hosted on video by Dr. Brant Pitre. Deacon Kevin Mastellon will facilitate the local sessions and discussions. Details and registration at www.catholicwatertown.org. For further information, contact Deacon Kevin Mastellon, kmastellon@spwatn.org.

To love God is the true object of our heart.
—St. Ignatius of Loyola

Religious Ed News

St. Mary's, Clayton

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There are no classes this Sunday, January 16. January 23rd will be a class day for grades 4-7. Grades K-3 will meet on January 30th (not on original calendar - this is a make up day due to the cancelled class).

Catholic Community of Alexandria

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Because of the way the Pflaum Weekly Readers are mailed to us, we will not need to meet again until March 6. The packet that was passed out at our second meeting takes us to this date. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call or email me.

Second graders will need to be prepared for their First Reconciliation. Once done, please return all the First Reconciliation media, books, etc. to the Church Hall (first table) then I will make sure you get all First Communion things for the next step.

Cleaning at St. Cyril's: We are trying to organize a group of parishioners who might be willing to clean the Church (light cleaning such as dusting, wiping down pews, and cleaning altar, etc), meeting perhaps once a month. When we have a group of volunteers, we will all decide what is a good time to meet for this task. Please contact Trina Henry (315-428-2252) to volunteer or for more information.

Hiring Diocese of Ogdensburg Camp Guggenheim Director, Assistant Director, and Counselors for Summer Camp which runs from June 23 to August 12. For more details on these job opportunities, visit www.rcdony.org/information/employment.html. Submit letter of interest, resume, and three professional references, one of which should be from your pastor to Thomas Semeraro, Director for the Office of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Ogdensburg, PO Box 369, Ogdensburg, NY 13669, tsemeraro@rcdony.org, 315-393-2920, ext. 1415.

Thank you for wearing a mask!

Current New York State regulations require **all person over 2 years of age to wear a mask in public places, including worship sites, regardless of vaccination status.**

Extra masks and hand sanitizers are available at church entrances.

When everyone wears a mask, we help protect ourselves and others. Also we make others feel safer attending the Liturgy.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



The parish office at St. Mary's will be closed on Monday, January 17 in recognition of Martin Luther King Day. Regular office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9am-4pm.

Music Ministry Notes:

St. Mary's, Clayton

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit." This excerpt from today's second reading prompted a reflection on what it means to receive a spiritual gift. Sometimes, I think we are conformed to believe that gifts must be an overt talent visible during Mass: lectoring, singing, serving on the altar, etc. In actuality, there are as many different spiritual gifts as there are people in our parish. Thinking beyond the traditional idea of "gifts" can manifest some amazing and unique ways in which to serve. This new year, if discovering your spiritual gift is something with which you've been struggling, try thinking outside of the box to find an opportunity that aligns with your natural abilities and interests. You may just find that your spiritual gift, while on the surface perhaps untraditional, is very much needed in our community of faith!

If you are interested in joining the choir, contact Corrine Willis at corrineswillis@gmail.com or 315-221-3689.

St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay

The St. Cyril's Choir gathers at 9:45 for practice before 10:30 Mass. We love new members. For questions, contact Becky Rose at becky.a.rose@gmail.com or 315-778-8419.