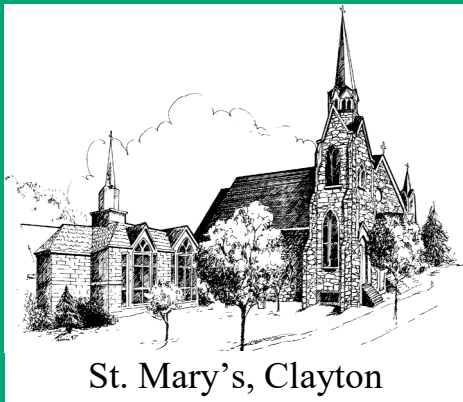
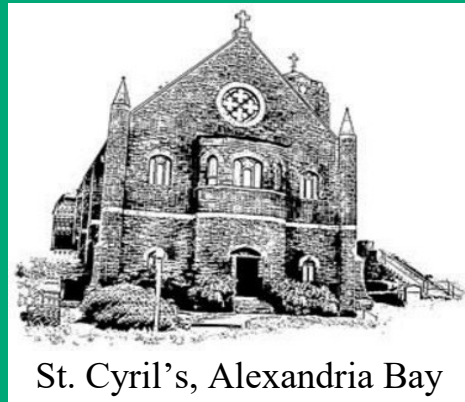


# *Welcome to St. Mary's Church, Clayton & the Catholic Community of Alexandria, Alexandria Bay*



St. Mary's, Clayton



St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay

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[www.stmarysclayton.org](http://www.stmarysclayton.org)

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## **February 6, 2022**

## **5th 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](mailto: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, February 5, Anticipated Vigil**

4:00 (SM) People of the Parishes

5:30 (SC) Thomas Bradley by Gary & Bonnie Grausgruber

### **SUNDAY, February 6, 5th Sunday Ordinary Time**

9:00 (SM) Elmer Greey by John & Mary Ellen Slattery

10:30 (SC) Dorothy Petrie by Bob & Cindy Nelson

### **MONDAY, February 7**

8:00 (SC) Intentions of Paul & Kevin Trimper

9:00 (SM) Carl & Mary Heaslip & John, Jr. by John & Catherine Heaslip

### **TUESDAY, February 8**

8:00 (SC) Veterans of Northern New York by Jean Decker

9:00 (SM) John Ward by John & Mary Ellen Slattery

### **WEDNESDAY, February 9**

8:00 (SC) Faithful Departed

9:00 (SM) George Leavery by Dianne & family

### **THURSDAY, February 10**

8:00 (SC) James Picard by his wife, Ann Marie

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

### **FRIDAY, February 11**

8:00 (SC) John Durand by the Ringer family

9:00 (SM) Eileen Burns by John & Mary Ellen Slattery

### **SATURDAY, February 12, Anticipated Vigil**

4:00 (SM) Rick Gifford by Dc. Neil & Dee Fuller

5:30 (SC) Craig Blum by Dc. Bernie Slate

### **SUNDAY, February 13, 6th Sunday Ordinary Time**

9:00 (SM) People of the Parishes

10:30 (SC) Neil Spence by Jack, Anne, & Mary Lou Burtch

**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](http://www.rcdony.org/information/employment.html).

### **February 6, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Lord Calls:** "They left everything and followed Jesus." If you sense that Christ may be calling you to the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life, contact Fr. Art LaBaff, Fr. Chris Carrara at [ccarrara@rcdony.org](mailto:ccarrara@rcdony.org) / 315-393-2920, or Sister Mary Eamon Lyng at [elyng@rcdony.org](mailto:elyng@rcdony.org) / 315-393-2920, ext. 1345.

**St. Mary's Booster Club:** Winners of the eighth weekly drawing on January 28 are Bill Ose, Patrick Paquin, and Walt Cummings. 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).



## **Weekly Giving**

*Thank you for your continued support.*

<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Envelopes	\$ 1,565.30	\$ 1,744.00
Plate	\$ 265.00	\$ 182.00
Respect Life	\$ 140.00	
<i>January Electronic Giving: \$ 3,788.00</i>		

<b>Alexandria</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Envelopes	\$ 564.00	\$ 971.00
Plate	110.00	\$ 86.00
Electronic	300.00	\$ 4,195.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,267.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,252.94</b>
Fuel	\$ 63.00	Fuel Goal
<b>Fuel to Date</b>	<b>\$ 18,755.65</b>	<b>\$19,357.00</b>
Respect Life	\$ 112.00	
Tower	\$ 50.00	

**Online Giving is perfect for** you to give 24/7 on a secure site at your convenience with regular or one-time contributions, automatically withdrawn from your bank account or charged to your credit card on the date you specify. No need to remember a weekly envelope or to make-up contributions after traveling or being unable to attend Mass. Signing up is quick and easy at your parish website. For more questions, contact the parish office at 315-686-3398.

**From the Parish Life Coordinator:**

God can reach you in many different ways, through a Sunday homily or through a friend or even a sorrowful event. In whatever way God tries to reach you, know that God wants to reach you personally, like he did with Simon. What an astounding thought, Jesus was willing to leave the crowds in order to focus on just one person.

**Your Opinion is Important**

A few weeks ago there was a bulletin insert asking for your opinions on how you felt your parish and the universal Catholic church was doing and where you feel improvements could be made.

Your opinion is important! Please take a moment to provide your views and suggestions. Extra forms are found at the entrances to the churches or the parish office. This is your parish, your universal church and your opportunity to make your opinions heard.

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** is administered to bring spiritual and even physical strength during an illness, especially near the time of death. It is most likely one of the last sacraments one will receive. A sacrament is an outward sign established by Jesus Christ to confer inward grace. In more basic terms, it is a rite that is performed to convey God's grace to the recipient, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The anointing of the sick conveys several graces and imparts gifts of strengthening in the Holy Spirit against anxiety, discouragement, and temptation, and conveys peace and fortitude (CCC 1520). These graces flow from the atoning death of Jesus Christ, for "this was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, 'He took our infirmities and bore our diseases'" (Matt. 8:17).

"The special grace of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects: the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church; the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age; the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of penance; the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul; the preparation for passing over to eternal life" (CCC 1532).

Does a person have to be dying to receive this sacrament? No. The *Catechism* says, "The anointing of the sick is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived" (CCC 1514).

**The "Last Rites":** In his steadfast love for us, the Lord gives us the sacraments involved in the last rites to comfort us in our final days and prepare us for the journey ahead. "These include penance (or confession), confirmation (when lacking), anointing of the sick . . . and Viaticum (which is meant to be the last reception of Communion for the journey from this life to eternity). . . .

"The present ritual orders these sacraments in two ways. The 'continuous rites of penance and anointing' include: Introductory Rites, Liturgy of Penance, Liturgy of Confirmation, Liturgy of Anointing, Liturgy of Viaticum, and Concluding Rites. The 'rite for emergencies' includes the sacrament of penance, Apostolic Pardon, Lord's Prayer, Communion as Viaticum, prayer before anointing, anointing, concluding prayer, blessing, sign of peace" (Fr. Peter Stravinskas, *Catholic Encyclopedia*, 572).

The most important part of the last rites is the reception of the Lord in one's final Communion, also called "Viaticum" (Latin: that which you take on the road, i.e., provisions for a journey) This special Communion prepares us to travel with the Lord on the final part of our journey.

The comfort of Viaticum has been valued by Christians since the beginning of Church history. The first ecumenical council, held at Nicaea in 325, decreed: "Concerning the departing, the ancient canonical law is still to be maintained, to wit, that, if any man be at the point of death, he must not be deprived of the last and most indispensable Viaticum" (canon 13). Having repented of our sins and received reconciliation, we travel with the Lord Jesus out of this earthly life and to eternal happiness with him in heaven.

Excerpts from : [www.catholic.com/tract/anointing-of-the-sick](http://www.catholic.com/tract/anointing-of-the-sick)

## Religious Ed News

### **St. Mary's, Clayton**

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K-3 students will meet this Sunday morning after 9:00am Mass.

### **Catholic Community of Alexandria**

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We will meet next after Mass on Sunday, March 6. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call or email me.

Happy is he who wishes for nothing but God;  
for God will satisfy all the desires of his heart.  
- St. Alphonsus Ligouri

**Ministry to Separated and Divorced:** The Family Life Office is offering the Surviving Divorce Program, beginning mid-February in Watertown, Gouverneur, Canton, and Potsdam. This program helps participants find personal healing and hope by working through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce. Meetings are 2-3 hours once a week. The dates are TBA based on the availability of the participants. The facilitator for each group will contact registrants to give information about the start date and times. Cost is \$25. Register online at [www.rcdony.org/survivingdivorce](http://www.rcdony.org/survivingdivorce). For more info, contact Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or [startaglia@rcdony.org](mailto:startaglia@rcdony.org).

**World Day For Consecrated Life** is celebrated in parishes this weekend. All who are baptized are consecrated "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" to live the Christian life in faith, hope, and love. Living the Christian life, a call is given to each of us to live His love in a particular way of life to love Him more and to serve others.

There are religious communities within our diocese that continue to serve the People of the North Country by their daily prayer, active involvement in parishes, Catholic schools, Religious Education programs, Diocesan Offices, etc.

All are encouraged to pray for and encourage vocations, discern one's own vocation, and thank those with a religious vocation.

## 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.



### Prayer for World Peace

O Lord God, we pray for peace and love in all the nations, among all the people that all wars and hatred will end. We pray for those who suffer from war, injustice, and intolerance, for the children, young people, the poor and neglected ones. We pray for peace in our life, lands, nations, families, and in our hearts. Lord give us world peace. We ask your mercy in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

**"All of us** must put our energy and effort into ending the legal protection for abortion. It is, and must be, the primary political objective of American Catholics—it is difficult to imagine any political issue with the same significance as the sanctioned killing of children."

- Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila - 1/22/2013

### Music Ministry Notes:

#### St. Mary's, Clayton

In today's first reading, we hear of Isaiah's cleansing of sin, followed by his eager response to the Lord's inquiry, "Whom shall I send?". Sometimes the readings have a tendency to exist in my mind in a permanent place of the past, and it's easy for me to forget that it is still relevant and necessary to be cleansed of sin and be a messenger of the Lord. Let us pray for the wisdom to acknowledge our sins, and for the courage to respond, "Here I am, Lord" when God calls us.

If you are interested in joining the choir, contact Corrine Willis at [corrinewillis@gmail.com](mailto:corrinewillis@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](mailto:becky.a.rose@gmail.com) or 315-778-8419.