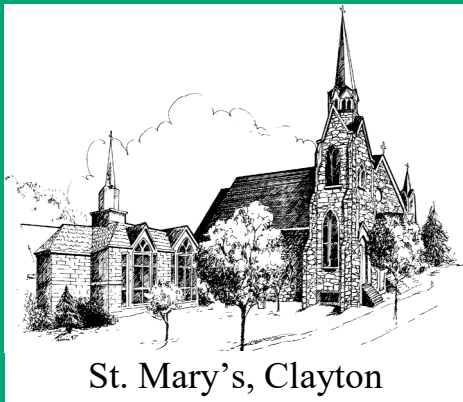
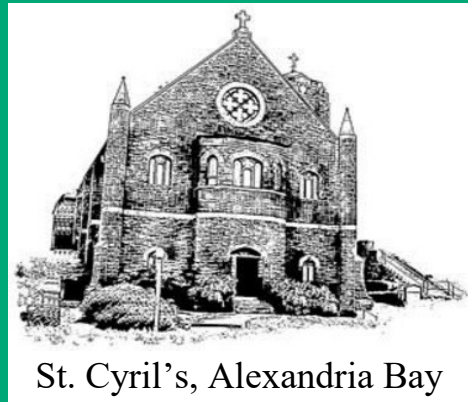


# *Welcome to St. Mary's Church, Clayton & the Catholic Community of Alexandria, Alexandria Bay*



St. Mary's, Clayton



St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay

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## **Parish Office**

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## **Websites:**

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

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

**February 13, 2022**

**6th 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 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

### MONDAY, February 14

8:00 (SC) Elizabeth Blum by the Ringer family

9:00 (SM) Bernard Lantry by John & Mary Ellen Slatery

### TUESDAY, February 15

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

9:00 (SM) Hilda Fuller by Dc. Bernie Slate

### WEDNESDAY, February 16

8:00 (SC) Mary Delaurier & Rebecca Daily

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

### THURSDAY, February 17

8:00 (SC) Terri Ann Heath Northup Polfuch by Dc. Bernie Slate

9:00 (SM) Doris Cantwell by Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

### FRIDAY, February 18

8:00 (SC) Faithful Departed

9:00 (SM) Doc & Betsy Eppolito by the family

### SATURDAY, February 19, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) People of the Parishes

5:30 (SC) Mary & Lewis Burtch by their daughter, Ann Spaziani

### SUNDAY, February 20, 7th Sunday Ordinary Time

9:00 (SM) Frederick Amore by Dc. Neil & Dee Fuller

10:30 (SC) John Durand by Mike & Suzzie Bogart

**Hiring** Diocese of Ogdensburg Camp Gugenheim Medical Director(s) for Summer Camp which runs from June 23 to August 12. For more details on this job opportunity, visit [www.rcdony.org/information/employment.html](http://www.rcdony.org/information/employment.html).

### February 13, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The Lord Calls:** "Blessed are those who trust in the Lord." Are you being called to deepen your trust in the love of the Lord by serving Him as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother? 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 ninth weekly drawing on February 4 are Carol Flannery, LuAnn Maloney, and Tom LaClair. Tickets are \$15 and are still available for this Booster Club. The **take-out only** dinner is after 4pm Mass this 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).



**The principle means** of union with God must be found in the reception of the sacraments and in prayer. — St. Francis de Sales

## Weekly Giving

*Thank you for your continued support.*

<b>St. Mary's</b>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 1,717.18	\$ 3,281.00
Plate	\$ 553.86	\$ 151.00
Fuel	\$ 379.00	\$ 159.00
Respect Life	\$ 20.00	

<b>Alexandria</b>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 1,052.00	\$ 2,228.00
Plate	109.00	\$ 101.00
Electronic	4,731.00	\$ 212.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,892.00</b>	
Fuel	\$ 226.00	Fuel Goal
<b>Fuel to Date</b>	<b>\$ 19,011.65</b>	<b>\$19,357.00</b>
Memorial Donation	\$ 1,000.00	
Tower	\$ 10.00	

Please consider electronic giving...a safe and consistent way to support your parish.

Sign up at [www.stmarysclayton.org](http://www.stmarysclayton.org) or [www.stcyrils.org](http://www.stcyrils.org) or contact the parish office.

**From the Parish Life Coordinator:**

On February 16, 1872, the Diocese of Ogdensburg was established by Pope Pius IX. This Wednesday marks our 150th Anniversary. Catholicism in what is now Northern New York, has a history dating back over 450 years when Jesuit missionaries led by Fr. Paul LeJeune first arrived and gazed upon this vast land inhabited by the Iroquois, who had never heard of Jesus Christ. These missionaries and their successors ministered to the Native Americans and the subsequent settlers from Europe for over 300 years before the Diocese of Ogdensburg was carved out of the Diocese of Albany.

Father James Mackey, who had reigned as vicar apostolic of NNY since 1841, welcomed the new Shepherd of Ogdensburg, Bishop Edgar Wadhams, by exclaiming "God knew I needed help, at last after 31 years it has arrived; now things will get better". Indeed, things did get better and we have been blessed with many men and woman who have served God faithfully under the care of 14 Bishops.

Today, over an area of 12,000 square miles, Bishop Terry LaValley shepherds his flock of over 140,000 Catholics. We are certainly blessed by his leadership, and as your Pastoral Life Coordinator, under the tutelage of Fr. Comstock and Fr. LaBaff, I see a bright future for our parishes and for our diocese. I pray for our future and for all the people of our diocese. May God's Blessing be upon you all....

**150th Anniversary Holy Hour:** On February 16, 1872, Pope Pius IX separated the northernmost counties of New York State from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany forming the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg. The Diocese of Ogdensburg is opening its celebration with a prayer service and Holy Hour on February 12 at 3pm at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. Other events are being scheduled this year, culminating with a diocesan Anniversary Mass on the Feast of St. Lawrence on August 10th. Please join us to *Remember, Renew, and Rejoice!*

**"Isn't it interesting** that all of those people who support the choice of abortion have already been born?" - Pres. Ronald Reagan

**National Marriage Week** (February 7-14) and **World Marriage Day** (Sunday, February 13) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme is "Called to the Joy of Love". Visit [www.foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week/](http://www.foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week/) for tips, articles, and podcasts for married and engaged couples and those who support them.

**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.

**Valentine's Day:** The Feast of Saint Valentine was established by Pope Gelasius I in AD 496 to be celebrated on February 14 in honor of Saint Valentine of Rome, who died on that date in AD 269. In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed St. Valentine from the General Roman Calendar, because so little is factually known about him. It is believed that Valentine was arrested for trying to convert people to Christianity and secretly marrying couples so husbands would not have to go to war. It is also said that he was martyred because he refused to deny his faith and to worship pagan gods. Another story is that while imprisoned he healed the jailer's daughter of blindness and on the day of his execution left the girl a note signed "Your Valentine". St. Valentine is the Patron Saint of affianced couples, bee keepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, plague, travelers, and young people. He is represented in pictures with birds and roses. St. Valentine's Day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries.

*Happy Saint Valentine's Day!*



## Religious Ed News

### St. Mary's, Clayton

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Grades 4-7 will meet today. After this weekend we have a couple weeks off due to the school break. Enjoy! Your children may have brought home offertory envelopes. The offering doesn't have to be monetary. Have your child write down a good deed or sacrifice they completed in Jesus' name, insert in envelope and put it in the collection during Mass. Jesus doesn't want a child's allowance, he wants their love and good deeds.

### 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.

**Standing at the door** of your heart is a Divine Physician who is patiently knocking and waiting for you to let him in and tell him where it hurts. He wants to do the work of healing you; however, he is a perfect gentleman, and he will only come in if he is invited. If you want to be healed by him, you have to ask.

—Kevin and Lisa Cotter  
from their book *Dating Detox*

**Ministry to Separated and Divorced:** The Family Life Office is offering the Surviving Divorce Program, beginning mid-February in Watertown, Gouverneur, Canton, and Potsdam to help 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).

**The Curé of Ars** often pointed to the tabernacle, saying: "Jesus is really there, and if you knew how much he loves you, you would be the happiest person in the world."

-Fr. Florian Racine, from *Could You Not Watch with Me one Hour?*

## 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.



**If we wish to appreciate** the full nature of the Eucharist, in keeping with scripture and the fathers, we must begin by freeing ourselves from an individualistic understanding. This certainly does not mean that Communion is something other than personal fellowship and unity with Jesus Christ; but in the Bible, in the early Church, and in the tradition of the high Middle Ages, this fellowship and unity with Christ in the Eucharist are always seen in the larger context of the fellowship (*communio*) of the Church.

-Cardinal Walter Kaspar, *Sacrament of Unity*

### A Prayer for World Peace

Lord Jesus, You came that the world might know the peace that You have experienced with the Father eternally. Yet, You taught us that in this life there will be wars and rumors of wars. Nations will rise against nations as violence works itself out in the world. However, through You, the world may be saved. O Lord, send your spirit into the hearts of all men, that the world might know true peace through Your abundant mercy. Amen

### Music Ministry Notes:

#### St. Mary's, Clayton

Our Easter choir will be meeting after Mass today to distribute music and briefly rehearse. Please plan on picking up music after Mass even if you cannot stay to rehearse. We will begin our regular rehearsal schedule starting on February 27th. If you are interested in joining the choir, contact Corrine Willis at [corrinefwillis@gmail.com](mailto:corrinefwillis@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.