

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

March 13, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF

Lent

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Lent is Different

Lent is quite different from the rest of the year. The Liturgy during Lent brings us to a different reality.

We begin the Liturgy by a procession without singing a prayer. Rather it is a time to remember that this is a different time. We pause before the Altar and ask God's mercy that we may offer praise with a renewed heart. It is a time to ask ourselves how the past week has gone. How well did we experience Lent as a time preparing for Easter. The altar is draped with a purple drape. The priests and deacon wear purple vestments as a sign and call for repentance.

We do not sing the Gloria until Holy Thursday. No Alleluia's are sung before the Gospel.

The Eucharistic Prayer is a prayer that calls us to respect and accept God's forgiveness for the times that we have not listened to God's call to avoid sin and to do penance.

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, we thank God for allowing us to celebrate this feast and to be grateful for the Eucharist which is present in our minds and hearts as we go out of church to continue our Journey of Faith.

Living Lent will draw us together again next week.

MASS SCHEDULE



SATURDAY, March 12, Anticipated Vigil
 4:00 (SM) Peyton Morse by K of C Ladies Auxiliary
 5:30 (SC) Tom Bradley by Dick Company

SUNDAY, March 13, 2nd Sunday of Lent
 9:00 (SM) People of the Parishes
 10:30 (SC) Faithful Departed

MONDAY, March 14
 8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 9:00 (SM) Mike Geiss by Tim & Donna Orvis

TUESDAY, March 15
 9:00 (SM) Hilda Fuller by Toni & Barry Kukowski
 5:15 (SC) Pat Simpson by Jeanne Snow & family

WEDNESDAY, March 16
 8:00 (SC) James Picard by his wife, Ann Marie
 5:30 (SM) Patricia Link by Knights of Columbus Auxiliary

THURSDAY, March 17
 9:00 (SM) William Niles by Mary
 5:15 (SC) Mr. & Mrs. John G. Watson by the estate of Emma George

FRIDAY, March 18
 8:00 (SC) Faithful Departed
 9:00 (SM) Tony & Mary Pietrapaoli by John & Catherine Heaslip

SATURDAY, March 19, Anticipated Vigil
 4:00 (SM) Veronica Bogenschutz by Harv & Sherry Hurley
 5:30 (SC) Tom Bradley by Dc. Bernie Slate

SUNDAY, March 20, 3rd Sunday of Lent
 9:00 (SM) People of the Parishes
 10:30 (SC) Sam & Josephine Sparacino by Connie Cavallario

Registration is open for the Summer Camp Guggenheim. Camp runs weekly from July 3rd to August 12th. For questions or concerns, contact Tom Semeraro, Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry at 315-393-2920 ext. 1415 or email tsemeraro@rcdony.org. Register at www.rcdony.org/youth/camp.

March 13, 2nd Sunday of Lent

The Lord Calls: “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother, 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.

St. Mary’s Booster Club tickets are now on sale! Dinner will be June 4th. Tickets are \$15 and enter you in 10 weekly drawings of \$30, \$20, and \$15 and three \$100 drawings. That’s 33 drawings and dinner for only \$15! Get your ticket today. 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.

<u>St. Mary’s</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 1,883.06	\$ 1,030.00
Plate	\$ 364.00	\$ 288.00
Fuel	\$ 526.00	\$ 10.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 375.00	

<u>Alexandria</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 2,443.00	\$ 1,931.00
Plate	315.00	\$ 188.00
Electronic	231.00	\$ 115.94
Total	\$ 1,408.00	
Fuel	\$ 130.00	Fuel Goal
Fuel to Date	\$ 19,571.65	\$26,357.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 591.00	
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Please consider electronic giving...a safe and consistent way to support your parish.

Cemetery Lots: The cost of a grave in the St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in Redwood and St. Cyril’s Cemetery in Alexandria Bay will be increased to \$700 beginning June 1, 2022. The current price is \$600 and will be honored until that time. If you would like to purchase lots in either cemetery, please contact Deacon Neil Fuller at 315-405-6910 or pastoralassociate@stmarysclayton.org.

From the Parish Life Coordinator:

As the cruelty and war continues to rage in the Ukraine, the Church encourages us to pray for those who are suffering as a result of this evil. Pope Francis invited us to make Ash Wednesday a Day of Fasting for Peace. We must make a concerted effort and continue to pray and sacrifice as an end to this humanitarian crisis.

Here is Pope Francis' message:

My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up. Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some; who wants us to be brothers and not enemies. I pray that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilizing coexistence between nations, and bringing international law into disrepute.

And now I would like to appeal to everyone, believers and non-believers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make March 2, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

Franciscus

Forgiven:**The Transforming Power of Confession**

Explore the transforming power and healing grace of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Saturday, March 26, 9:00am-3:30pm. Attend this in-person only event at Dotsie Hall in Watertown, St. Mary's Parish Center in Clayton, or Fr. Amyot Parish Center in Norfolk. Attendees must bring their own lunch. Register for a location at: <https://www.rcdony.org/forgiven>.

Deacon's Corner

by Dr. Joel Walentuk

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday reminding us that we are dust and dust we shall return, that we are ambassadors for Christ, and that righteous deeds should be done in secret.

On the First Sunday of Lent, we learn about the temptation of Jesus in the desert, that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved, and as a sign of gratitude offer "first-fruits".

Now in our second week of Lent we are told to listen, quiet our minds and trust in God's covenant. This begins with consciousness of our thoughts, the "drawing" of God (John: 6:44). Are we cooperating with and trusting in God or is our sinful nature tempting and luring us away from God?

We'll leave the light on. Please take advantage of our sacrament of reconciliation and spiritual directors this Lenten season. Semper Paratus (always ready)!

Please stay strong in your faith, hope, and love.

Support Latakia: Bishop Chbeir and the people of Latakia, Syria face daunting challenges every day, including feeding and providing medical care for refugees displaced by the civil war. Their country is facing devastating inflation, shortages of food and clothing, and widespread sickness and poverty. Since 2017 the Diocese of Ogdensburg has been helping the Diocese of Latakia in Syria support refugee camps, provide education for its youth, feed the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Please also remember these people in prayer this Lent and, if you are able, make a donation to help. Just place your donation in an envelope marked "Latakia". Also our Lenten Folder sacrifice will go to this cause. Thank you for your support of others in need.

The North Country Catholic subscription campaign begins. The paper features regular messages from Bishop LaValley, authoritative information about what the church teaches on the issues, and inspiring stories about people living out their faith here in the North Country. Please place your subscription envelope in the collection basket or mail a check for \$27 to North Country Catholic, PO Box 106, Canajoharie, NY 13317. Or 'go green' and receive your NCC through email every Monday. If interested, please provide your email address.

Religious Ed News

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Grades 4-7 meet this morning. Candidates for First Communion have been preparing. Please pray that they can somewhat fathom the importance and gift that the Eucharist is to us as Catholics.

The Religious Education department has been assigned the soup supper on April 13th. Please visit the sign up outside my office door if you are willing and able to help.

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Religious Ed materials for March have been handed out. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call or email me.

Prayer for Life

God our Creator, We give thanks to you, who alone has the power to impart the breath of life as you formed each of us in our mother's womb. Grant, we pray, that we whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Protect all life. Change the hearts and minds of those who would bring harm to the unborn. Give us strength to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

Music Ministry Notes:

St. Mary's, Clayton

"Break the chains that bind us, speak your healing word, and where you lead we'll follow. Transfigure us, O Lord".

Our Easter choir will rehearse today at 10 am. Next Sunday, March 20, will be a choir Mass. Please plan on arriving at 8:00 am to rehearse, and we will rehearse Easter music after Mass from 10:30-11:00 only, in order to observe the St. Joseph's Brunch.

If you are interested in joining the choir, contact Corrine Willis at 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 or 315-778-8419.

Stations of the Cross during Lent



Thursdays after 5:15pm Mass
at St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay

Fridays at 7pm
at St. Mary's Church, Clayton

St. Mary's Mass and Soup Suppers

5:30 Mass at St. Mary's, Clayton
followed by Soup Supper

All are invited and encouraged to attend. Take a mid-week break...attend Mass followed by the Soup Supper. Feed body and soul.

Your help is needed to provide food or work. If you would like to help, please contact the person listed for the week.



March 16—Knit for Kids, Dee Fuller

March 23—Men's Group, Scott Beeles

March 30—Women's Group, Jennifer Lucia

April 6—K of C, Chris Woodley

April 13—Religious Ed, Jenny Barton

St. Joseph's Brunch: On Sunday, March 20th, St. Mary's will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph with a brunch following the 9:00am Mass.



Since the fifteenth century, Sicily has honored St. Joseph with a celebration called St. Joseph's Table. One year the entire country had been devastated by a severe drought. The feudal land owners turned to St. Joseph, the patron saint of Sicily, asking for his intercessions. They promised that they would prepare a feast for all the people of the town in his honor if the rains would come. When the rains came the land owners set up huge banquet tables in the public square and served food to the poor themselves. This marked the beginning of this custom which has survived throughout centuries and continues on today.

Please volunteer to provide food and/or help serving or cleaning up by calling Sandy Geiss at 315-686-2425. Sign up sheets are at St. Mary's Church entrances this weekend to volunteer to provide food and/or work.