

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



April 10, 2022

**Palm Sunday
of the
Lord's Passion**



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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.*

Catholic Community of Alexandria, Alexandria Bay—Redwood



PALM MASS
Sunday **SCHEDULE**

SATURDAY, April 9, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) Timothy Bristol by the family
5:30 (SC) Tom Bradley by Shirley Irwin

SUNDAY, April 10, Palm Sunday

9:00 (SM) Grant & Theresa Roden by the family
10:30 (SC) Madeline Rosby by Connie Cavallario

MONDAY, April 11

8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion
9:00 (SM) Margie Swint by Fran Lynch

TUESDAY, April 12

9:00 (SM) Hilda Fuller by Sandy Geiss
5:15 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

WEDNESDAY, April 13

8:00 (SC) Intentions of Easton Hepper by Grandma & Grandpa Ringer
5:30 (SM) Barbara Dier by Toni & Barry Kukowski

HOLY THURSDAY, April 14

5:15 (SC) Intentions of the Celebrant
5:30 (SM) Intentions of the Celebrant

GOOD FRIDAY, April 15

12:00 (SM) Passion of the Lord
5:15 (SC) Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, April 16, Easter Vigil

8:00 (SM) Intentions of the Celebrant
8:00 (SC) Intentions of the Celebrant

SUNDAY, April 17, Easter Sunday

9:00 (SM) People of the Parishes
10:30 (SC) Robert McDowell by Robert & Pamela McDowell

St. Mary's Gala & Raffle is back this year! It will be held Tuesday evening, August 9th at the Cerow Arena in Clayton. Letters have been mailed to those who purchased a ticket in 2019 (the last Gala & Raffle held) offering the chance to buy a ticket or receive the ticket they paid for in 2020 when the Gala was cancelled due to covid. Respond to the letter by May 3rd to get your same ticket number. Open sales begin May 4th. Don't miss this fun event! Tickets are limited. Open to all.

April 10, Palm Sunday

The Lord Calls: "The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious." Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or 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 Sanctuary Lamp at St. Mary's
is in Loving Memory of
Ron Houppert
by Anne*



Weekly Giving

Thank you for your continued support.

St. Mary's	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 2,163.00	\$ 935.00
Plate	\$ 456.00	\$ 462.00
Fuel	\$ 298.00	\$ 40.00
Flower Memorials	\$ 76.00	
No Co Catholic	\$ 127.00	
Holy Father/Cath Relief	\$ 91.00	
Eastern Europe	\$ 10.00	

Alexandria	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 1,019.00	\$ 2,885.00
Plate	189.00	\$ 648.00
Electronic	161.50	\$ 115.94
Total	\$ 1,369.50	
Fuel	\$ 130.00	Fuel Goal
Fuel to Date	\$ 20,277.65	\$26,357.00
Tower	\$ 40.00	
Flower Memorials	\$ 125.00	
Good Friday/Holy Land	\$ 30.00	

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:

Jesus told His first priests, the Apostles: **Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, their sins are forgiven (John 20:22).**

As we continue our Lenten journey, please set some time aside and prepare for the Resurrection of Jesus by seeking forgiveness. This Sunday (Palm Sunday) Fr. LaBaff and Fr. Comstock will be offering Confession during a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Rosary, and quiet prayer beginning at 1pm at St. Cyril's Church in Alex Bay and 3pm at St. Mary's in Clayton.

Please join us...absolution is an awesome gift.

Christ gave us this sacrament of grace and forgiveness because He loves us. It is a divine gift of mercy and love – not merely an obligation.

The Light Is On For You

Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance

Sunday, April 10

1pm at St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay

3pm at St. Mary's, Clayton

Holy Hour, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, and opportunity for confessions.

Monday-Tuesday of Holy Week, April 11-12

following 9am Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday-Saturday of Holy Week, April 13-16

following Morning Prayer at 8:40am at St. Mary's

Regular Confession Times:

3-3:30pm every Saturday at St. Mary's

After 5:30pm Saturday Mass at St. Cyril's

or by appointment

Plan to make confession a part of your Lent.

The season of Lent helps us prepare for Easter when we renew our Baptismal promises. In the Baptismal promises, we are asked: "Do you renounce Satan and all his works?...Do you renounce the lure of evil so that sin may have no mastery over you?" So during Lent we ask ourselves what temptations cause us to sin and how can we turn away from the temptation, and thus, the sin. Lent is a gift, an opportunity for self-improvement. It is time to turn away from sin, return to God, making ourselves the person God intends us to be.

Deacon's Corner

by Dr. Neil Fuller

Some people are cleaning cobwebs and some are cleaning silver. Some people are making the house fresh with air from the outside fresh winds of spring. Others may be making special breads and meals to serve on Easter Sunday. Many are just getting their children and grandchildren new outfits to wear to church and a nice meal with the family.

But what about the people who are home and alone? Who are they going to eat with this Easter? Who are they going to dress special for? Are they even able to get out of the house and drive to church or a friend's home who may have asked them to celebrate with them?

Spring is a time when we see new birth, new flowers in the gardens of homes on our streets. The sun is warming the days and lighting the nights past 4 p.m. But some people are not lit up and happy. Some have no one to call on Easter Sunday, no one to make a basket for. No one to even get a card from.

What can we do? How can we change the season to be happy and fun for those who are not able to do those happy things?

Maybe a card from your family will cheer their days. Maybe some flowers sent to some of the homebound people may bring a smile to their face. Maybe even a card and candy bunny will make them happy.

Maybe there is a family who lives here without other family, could you ask them to dinner on Easter Sunday or maybe Palm Sunday if they are going to be gone on Easter.

Just a bit of a "good old 1000 Islands greetings and offers" is all that you need to do. Remember that if you are cleaning and baking, someone out there will probably enjoy a new welcome from someone like you! Try it, it could be a lot of fun.

The North Country Catholic subscription campaign continues. 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 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 receive your NCC via email every Monday, just provide your email.

Religious Ed News

St. Mary's, Clayton

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There are no RE classes this week due to the beginning of the school break. Enjoy your time off. Reminder: the Religious Education department is hosting the soup supper Wednesday April 13th. Please consider donating your time or donating a food item (soup, bread, etc). There is a sign-up in the parish center outside my office door. Thank you!

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If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call or email me.

Music Ministry Notes:

St. Mary's, Clayton

Jesus' fervent prayer at the Mount of Olives is as strong a testament to his humanity as any. During the Good Friday service this week, the Taizé meditative piece "Stay with Me" will highlight the aforementioned snippet from today's Gospel while we venerate the cross. The choir hopes that this piece provides you the peace and reflection that we experience when we sing it. *"Stay with me, remain here with me. Watch and pray."*

Our Easter choir rehearsal schedule for Holy Week is Sunday, April 10 at 10am and Tuesday, April 12 at 5-7pm. Please plan on arriving 30 minutes prior to each scheduled mass for Holy Week. Thank you for your time and talent!

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

In the Church before Mass we don't talk to one another, not because we don't want to be friendly, but because we know we are there to see someone greater than all of us. It is time to center our hearts and minds on our encounter with Jesus, who will be present body and blood, soul and divinity in the Mass.

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

Wednesday, April 13th

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 fol-
lowed by the Soup Supper.

Your help is needed to provide food or
work. If you would like to help, please contact
the Jenny Barton at 315-658-2252

Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 14

8:40am Morning Prayer & Confessions at St.
Mary's

5:15pm Mass followed by Stations of the
Cross at St. Cyril's

5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's

Good Friday, April 15

8:40am Morning Prayer & Confessions at St.
Mary's

12:00noon Celebration of the Lord's Passion
& Holy Communion at St. Mary's

5:15pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion &
Holy Communion at St. Cyril's

7:00pm Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's

Holy Saturday, April 16

8:40am Morning Prayer & Confessions at St.
Mary's

8:00pm Easter Vigil at St. Mary's

8:00pm Easter Vigil at St. Cyril's

Easter Sunday, April 17

9:00am Mass at St. Mary's

10:30am Mass at St. Cyril's

St. Mary's Booster Club: Winners of the first
weekly drawing on April 1 are Judy George,
Christine Tabolt, and Bernie Slate. Tickets are
still available! The dinner is Saturday, June 4
after 4pm Mass. To join, volunteer, or for
questions, contact Donna (778-8672), Tim
(778-2484), or the parish office (686-3398).