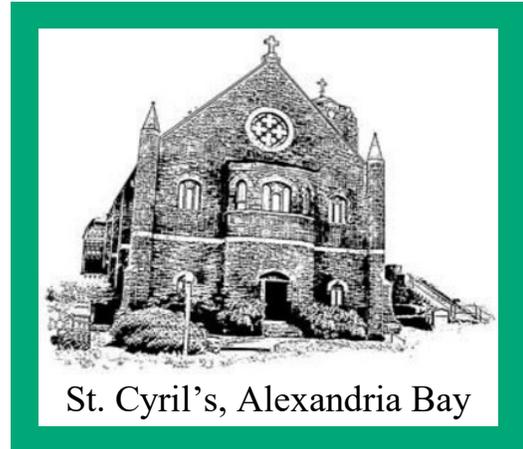
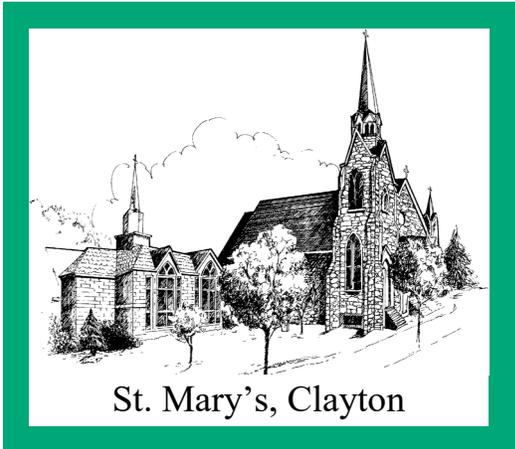


*Welcome to St. Mary's Church, Clayton  
& the Catholic Community of Alexandria, Alexandria Bay*



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**August 28, 2022**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Weekend Masses**

**St. Mary's, Clayton**  
Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.  
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

**St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay**  
Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.  
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

**St. Francis Xavier, Redwood**  
Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

**Tabernacle, Thousand Island Park**  
Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

**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, August 27, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) Lawrence, Catherine, & Larry James by Nancy Zaroni

5:30 (SC) Dolores Belack by Kelly Crosby

## SUNDAY, August 28, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 (SFX) Aloysius & Dolores Swiatkowski by Kathi Wozniak

8:00 (TIP) People of the Parishes

9:30 (SC) John Durand by Susan Merihew & Michael Walentuk

10:00 (SM) Patricia Link by Brandan & Valerie La-Clair & family

## MONDAY, August 29

8:00 (SC) Miranda Cone by Russ & Sue Pfister

9:00 (SM) Jan Hanyak by John Holthaus & family

## TUESDAY, August 30

8:00 (SC) The Intentions of Marty Hartman by the Morning Mass Group

9:00 (SM) Intentions of Steven Sidmore by Cab, Jan, Sara, & Jared

## WEDNESDAY, August 31

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

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## THURSDAY, September 1

8:00 (SC) Matthew F. Bondellio, Sr. by Mike & Barb Bresnahan

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

## FRIDAY, September 2

8:00 (SC) All Souls

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

## SATURDAY, September 3, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) People of the Parishes

5:30 (SC) John Durand by Ted & Patty Kielecki

## SUNDAY, September 4, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 (SFX) Fr. Roland Hart, pastor at St. Francis Xavier from 1977-1985

8:00 (TIP) Fred & Peg Theobald by the family

9:30 (SC) George & Frank Bolus by Veronica Bolus

10:00 (SM) Phil Ivey, Jr. by Joyce & girls

## August 28, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“An attentive ear is the desire of the wise.” Is your prayer attentive to the wisdom of Christ? Is He inviting you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother? Contact Fr. Art LaBaff, Fr. Chris Carrara at ccarra-ra@rcdony.org / 315-393-2920, or Sister Mary Eamon Lyng at elyng@rcdony.org / 315-393-2920, ext. 1345.

## FALL MASS SCHEDULE 2022

### September 10 to October 9

Saturdays	St. Mary's	4:00pm
	St. Cyril's	5:30pm

Sundays	St. Francis Xavier	8:00am
	St. Mary's	9:00am
	St. Cyril's	9:30am

*The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Mary's  
is in Loving Memory of  
Lewis Sr., Julia, Timothy, & Steven Bevens  
& Vaughn Shampine  
by the family*

## Weekly Giving

*Thank you for your continued support.*

St. Mary's	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 1,756.00	\$ 2,197.22
Plate	\$ 1,158.00	\$ 1,094.00
TI Park	\$ 1,133.00	\$ 556.00
Fuel	\$ 0.00	\$ 405.00
Assumption of Mary	\$ 109.00	

Alexandria	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 1,655.00	\$ 2,514.51
Plate	\$ 1,217.00	\$ 473.19
Electronic	\$ 344.60	\$ 310.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,216.60</b>	
Fuel	\$ 427.00	Fuel Goal
<b>Fuel to Date</b>	<b>\$ 5,113.16</b>	<b>\$33,010.00</b>
Tower	\$ 20.00	

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.

## Reconciliation

3:00–3:30pm Saturdays at St. Mary's  
Saturdays 4:45-5:15 at St. Cyril's  
and by appointment at either parish

**From the Parish Life Coordinator:**

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus was invited to the Pharisee's home along with the affluent members of the community. As what he does everywhere, He took the occasion to teach what needs to be done for the sake of the Kingdom of God. One must not seek the praise of men but to be humble and to look after those who are humbled due to their circumstances, such as poverty and physical and mental disabilities. Moreover, when doing something good, do not expect to be compensated. Allow God to be glorified in whatever you do and let Him be the one to repay you. Above all, do something for the marginalized and if possible, work for the common good so that peace and justice will prevail.

**Catholic response** to the pro-choice objection of "Stop pushing your religious views on me.": This argument assumes that opposition from abortion stems solely from faith. It is true that our faith teaches us that murder (the intentional killing of an innocent human being) is wrong, but it is also a clear precept of the natural law. Abortion is wrong by its very nature because it violates the inherent dignity of the human person as a rational being. We can explain the evil of abortion without reference to faith, even though faith and reason are in agreement on this point. When the government not only allows but also supports the destruction of human life, the rule of law becomes undetermined and even arbitrary.

**The Bishop's Fund Appeal** provides us the opportunity to share our blessings with others as we continually serve those who most need our help throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg. We have great hope that together we will be successful in our 2022 Appeal. Please respond as generously as possible when you receive your request from Bishop LaValley asking for your support of this year's Appeal.

**Catholic Community of Alexandria Cemeteries:** We are extending the offer to purchase graves at St. Cyril's Cemetery and St. Francis Xavier Cemetery at \$600 each until September 1st. Take advantage of this offer before the price goes up in September. For more information, please contact Dc. Neil Fuller at 315-405-6910.



**Diocese of Ogdensburg**  
*Blue Mass*  
 TO HONOR THE WORK OF ALL PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL

**September 25 at 2:30pm**  
**at St. Mary's Church, Clayton**

Bishop Terry R. LaValley cordially invites all Police, Corrections, Fire, and EMS Personnel to attend the Blue Mass.

All are invited and encouraged to attend as we pray for the safety and wellbeing of all first responders and public safety personnel.

For more info, contact, Fr. Chris Carrara at [ccarrara@rcdony.org](mailto:ccarrara@rcdony.org) or 315-605-1039.

**Deacon's Corner** by Dc. Bruce Daugherty

When summer comes, we are usually excited about the warmth of the sun and the ability to get outside from the winter of cold and snow. Sometimes we have so much on our plate that we forget all about our life with God. We may forget even to go to Mass. Now I am not going to judge, but I want you to think about something that you can do daily that may assist you in remembering that God really is the center of your and my life.

When you are outside, look at the sky and remember that Jesus ascended into heaven and sits on the right side of his father. When you are on the lake or river remember the water of your baptism.

When you see the fire reds in the sunset, remember the fire of the Holy Spirit when he descended on Pentecost Sunday. When you see the white clouds remember the Eucharist – pure and holy that you receive at Mass.

When you see people gathered, remember your church community. When you share dinner with someone remember that the Last Supper was for you and your friends.

You can remember God all summer long, along with the summer sun and the summer beauty. That is why God gave you the beauty and the season, so you can remember all that he has given to you with no strings attached.

Then I would appreciate it if you would stop by church on Sunday or Saturday and say thanks for the wonderful gifts that you have received. Maybe even share what they have meant to you.

## After Mass Social Time

**St. Cyril's** encourages everyone to join fellow worshipers for a few moments of socialization and light refreshments in the parish hall after the Sunday 9:30am Mass.

**St. Mary's** offers a bit of wine and cheese after the 4pm Saturday Mass or pastry and coffee after the Sunday morning Mass every weekend through Labor Day/September 4th.

### Religious Ed News—St. Mary's

Jenny Barton 315-686-2638

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Still in need of catechists for this upcoming RE year...teaching, co-teaching, or being a sub. Reach out with questions at 315-771-5512. The children need you!

**St. Mary's Booster Club:** Winners of the 6th weekly drawing of August 19 are Mary Lou Bellavia, Ed Higgins, and Walter Patrick Cummings. Tickets are still available. The dinner is Saturday, September 17. To join, volunteer, or for questions, contact Donna (778-8672), Tim (778-2484), or the parish office (686-3398).

### Music Ministry Notes:

#### St. Mary's, Clayton

During one of our ministry workshop prayer sessions, I found myself wildly distracted and unable to focus on being in a prayerful state. Frustrated, I decided to try something new, so I randomly opened a hymnal in hopes to use whatever I stumbled upon as a focus for prayer. "Come to Me", by Gregory Norbet, was what popped up, and as I read "*Come to me all who labor and are heavy burdened, and I will give you rest*" I thought how appropriate this prayer can be for everyday life. Seeing as today's gospel acclamation is "*Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.*", this seemed like the perfect Sunday to include this piece for our communion hymn. I hope it provides for you the same spiritual guidance, wisdom, and comfort that it gives me.

If you are interested in joining the choir, contact Corrine Willis at [corrineswillis@gmail.com](mailto:corrineswillis@gmail.com) or 315-221-3689.

#### St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay

The St. Cyril's Choir gathers at 8:45 for practice before 9:30 Mass. For questions, contact Becky Rose at 315-778-8419 or [becky.a.rose@gmail.com](mailto:becky.a.rose@gmail.com).

St. Cyril's Church of Alexandria Bay presents:

**We're back Raising a Joyful Noise!!**

Our 12th Free Summer Concert

**Sunday August 28th, 4:00 p.m.**

**at St. Cyril's Church, Alexandria Bay**

After one of the longest intermissions in history, please join the world-traveled St. Cyril's Choir, under the direction of Rebecca Rose, as they present their 12th free summer concert. The choir will be performing a program of religious, pop, patriotic, and inspirational music including a selection of both old and new favorites. In this turbulent world of ours today, we are excited to present this inspirational program of joy, peace, and love.

**Married and Religious Jubilee:** All families are invited to the annual Married and Religious Jubilee on September 11, at 2:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. Whether you have been married for less than 1 year, over 50 years and beyond, or anything in between, we want to acknowledge your commitment and celebrate with you. Married couples who wish to receive a certificate signed by Bishop LaValley and have their names appear in the program should register no later than September 2 at [www.rcdony.org/family-life/jubileereg.html](http://www.rcdony.org/family-life/jubileereg.html). There will be refreshments after the Mass. For more info, contact Steve Tartaglia at [startaglia@rcdony.org](mailto:startaglia@rcdony.org) or 315-393-2920.

**Loving Authentically Program:** The Loving Authentically program is a free workshop offered Saturday, September 10, 9am-3pm at St. Anthony's in Watertown. Lunch is provided. The program examines Church doctrine on sexual morality and shows how it connects to our happiness. For more information, please contact Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or [startaglia@rcdony.org](mailto:startaglia@rcdony.org). To register or see all the workshop dates and locations, go to <https://www.rcdony.org/lovingauthentically>

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat:** If you (or a friend) are suffering after an abortion, you're not alone. Consider participating in the next Rachel's Vineyard retreat on September 2-4 at the Guggenheim Center in Saranac Lake. Each retreatant will have their own room. Open to women and men. Registration is online or contact the Respect Life office 518-524-0774 or [cminer@rcdony.org](mailto:cminer@rcdony.org). Don't suffer alone. Help is available.