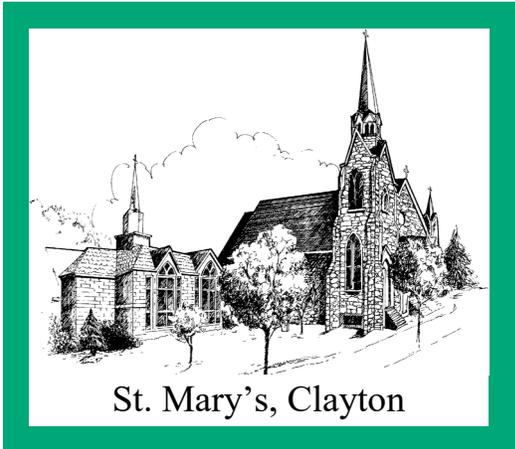
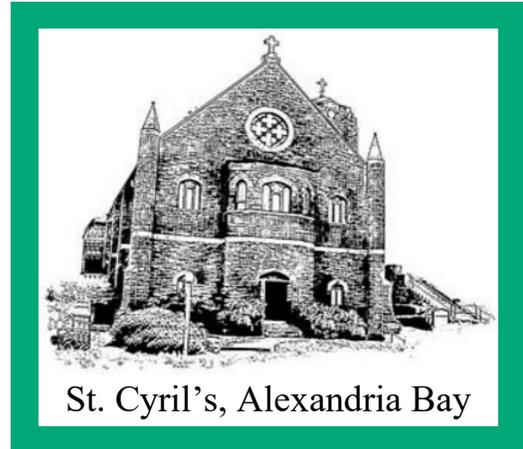


*Welcome to St. Mary's Church, Clayton  
& the Catholic Community of Alexandria, Alexandria Bay*



St. Mary's, Clayton



St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay

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**September 25, 2022**

**26th 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 9:30 a.m.

**St. Francis Xavier, Redwood**  
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, September 24, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) Al O'Neill by Marcia & family  
 5:30 (SC) Clarence & Thomasena Fowler by Kathy & Dave Perry

## SUNDAY, September 25, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 (SFX) Rev. George Maroun by Gene & Mary Kleinhans  
 9:00 (SM) People of the Parishes  
 9:30 (SC) JoAnne Callahan by Peg & Dan Wallo

## MONDAY, September 26

8:00 (SC) Danny Wong by Russ & Sue Pfister  
 9:00 (SM) Howard & Ina Maloney by their children & grandchildren

## TUESDAY, September 27

8:00 (SC) Anthony C. Folino by Tony & Kathy  
 9:00 (SM) Joanne Wood Anderson by Knit for Kids

## WEDNESDAY, September 28

8:00 (SC) Rita Visconti by Joe & Anne Bregianti  
 9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

## THURSDAY, September 29

8:00 (SC) Teresa Hof by Bonnie & Gary Grausgruber  
 9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

## FRIDAY, September 30

8:00 (SC) Richard Hof by Tony & Kathy Folino  
 9:00 (SM) John Cipullo by Mike & Sheila Kehoe

## SATURDAY, October 1, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) People of the Parishes  
 5:30 (SC) Tom Bradley by his family

## SUNDAY, October 2, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 (SFX) Harold George by the estate of his wife, Emma George  
 9:00 (SM) Fred LaClair by Brandan & Valerie LaClair & family  
 9:30 (SC) Carmen Penn by Connie Cavallario

### Christ is Here: Come Encounter Him

The presentation is an opportunity to understand how Christ draws us to Himself through all things in this world! 9am-3pm on Saturday, October 1 at St. Mary's, Massena and St. Peter's, Lowville and 9am-3pm on October 15 at Dostie Hall in Watertown. All are welcome to attend this free, in-person event. Bring your own lunch. Register at [www.rcdony.org/christ](http://www.rcdony.org/christ).

## September 25, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Priesthood Sunday

"Fight the good fight of the faith." Is your faith in Christ leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon, or in the 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.

**The Bishop's Fund Appeal:** Our parishes' Bishop's Fund Appeal continues. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or one-time gift. Pledge envelopes are in the pews. Please remember every gift makes a difference and every gift counts. Any gifts received after the Appeal reaches its goal will be used to further supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund which assists families in need in our community and throughout the Diocese. Online giving is also available at [www.rcdony.org/giving/donate-now-bishop-s-fund](http://www.rcdony.org/giving/donate-now-bishop-s-fund). Thank you once again for your generosity and support. To everyone who has made a gift or pledge, on behalf of Bishop LaValley, thank you for making a difference in the lives of thousands of people across our Diocese.

## Weekly Giving

*Thank you for your continued support.*

<u>St. Mary's</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 1,936.00	\$ 2,805.18
Plate	\$ 1,184.00	\$ 895.00
Fuel	\$ 10.00	\$ 316.00

<u>Alexandria</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 1,566.00	\$ 1,506.00
Plate	\$ 739.00	\$ 1,414.00
Electronic	\$ 492.35	\$ 445.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,797.35</b>	
Fuel	\$ 564.00	Fuel Goal
<b>Fuel to Date</b>	<b>\$ 7,444.48</b>	<b>\$33,010.00</b>
Tower	\$ 10.00	

## 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:**

The parable in the Gospel this weekend is one of startling contrasts, but its central message is simple: be alert to the needs before our very eyes. It is not concerned with patterns of good living on the part of Lazarus, nor of evil-doing on the part of the rich man. But the latter closed his eyes to the needy at his gate. And without an eye for the needy around us, our life becomes self-centered and callous. Jesus is asking his listeners to open their eyes to what is around them, and to open their ears to the simple commands of the Gospel: love your neighbor.

**Catholic response** to the pro-choice objection of "Constitutional freedom demands access to abortion." *Roe v. Wade* used the reasoning of the prior decision on contraception from *Griswold v. Connecticut* that argued there was a right to privacy in the Constitution, although no such right can be found there. This fabricated right became the basis for the argument that the State could not interfere with issues related to human sexuality. *Roe v. Wade* does acknowledge that the State has a vested interest in the birth of new citizens, and we tend to overlook the relationship of children to the common good in part because of our distorted understanding of sexuality. Although the health of a nation depends upon the willingness of its citizens to raise a family, it is also a path to genuine happiness, which is found in giving of ourselves for others.

*To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.* - Proverbs 21:3

**Faith Community Nurse Ministry:** The Catholic Community of Alexandria and St. Mary's Church now have two Commissioned Parish Nurses to serve the health needs of parishioners and their families to extend the healing mission of Jesus in mind, body, and spirit. You will have an opportunity to meet with Mary Kleinhans in the chapel at St. Cyril's after the October 1st weekend Masses and to meet with Jennifer Lucia in the parish center at St. Mary's after the October 8th weekend Masses to learn more about how a parish nurse can help. A confidential survey is in this weekend's bulletin for you to complete and drop in the box at the entrances of the churches or hand it to your parish nurse before October 17. Your participation will help us identify and address your needs. For questions, call Jennifer at 513-304-2264 or Mary at 315-486-0471.

**Deacon's Corner** by Dc. Bernie Slate

We hear in the Gospel of Luke 14:1,7-14 about Jesus telling about a festive gathering where the invited guests are to exercise true humility and seek out the lowest places to be seated. In fact, the hosts of such banquets are to invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

Did you receive an invitation to the feast, this eucharistic celebration, this greatest of feasts that we know we would never afford to pay back in kindness or generosity? Do you consider yourself at home here in church? Are you counted among the poor, lame, or blind in some way? I'd like to suggest that we enjoy this feast to the extent that we are aware of our own poverty.

If we are in poor health or in poor shape financially, that might be easy to identify. But what if our poverty is less obvious? What if I am impoverished by my own prejudices, or you are impoverished by your stinginess in offering forgiveness?

What if either of us is blind to our neighbors in need? Yes, we too, are welcomed and, in fact, have been invited here because there is no better cure for such maladies than to receive Jesus in the words of Scripture and in the Body and Blood of Christ.

But let's turn the tables a bit and consider others who live in spiritual or physical poverty. If the most needy persons we know or have encountered came through the doors of this church, would they have the experience of being at home with us? What would they see when they looked around them? Is this a place that makes them feel at home? Do our faces and our gestures welcome them?

If we feel a bit uncomfortable imagining what the poor might see and feel in our place of worship, or if we feel uneasy identifying the poverty of our own lives, that simply means that God may be at work in us. Perhaps God is inviting us to do some self-examination so that we can move about in the world more assured of his love even in the weaknesses of our lives. Perhaps God is also urging us to make a way for the poor in the home that is our parish.

## **Syracuse Women's Conference**

### **Maintaining a Eucharist Heart in a Broken World**

Saturday, October 15 at the Oncenter

Doors open at 7:30am. 9:00am Mass with Bishop Douglas Lucia. Adoration, confession, inspiring speakers, vendors, lunch provided, women 18 and older, nursing infants welcome.

Speakers are Sonja Corbitt (author, podcaster and Bible study teacher is self-proclaimed "evangelista" with a simple message — Jesus literally loves you to death; let Him), Sister Jane Dominic Laurel, (Dominican Sister, teacher, and author. Founder in Catholic Faith & Culture Program at University of Dallas.), and Bishop Terry R. LaValley (Bishop of Ogdensburg since 2010. His motto is "follow me"— seen in all four Gospels, Jesus' invitation to His apostles and disciples).

The cost is \$55 online through October 8 or by mail if postmarked by October 1 (\$70 at the door IF space allows) No refunds. If for some reason you cannot attend, your ticket will be donated to a religious sister or other in need of sponsorship. For more information and to register: [www.SyracuseCatholicWomen.org](http://www.SyracuseCatholicWomen.org).

We are encouraging women from our parishes to attend. If interested, contact Jennifer Lucia at 513-304-2264.

**RCIA inquiry sessions** are coming soon. Inquiry sessions are an opportunity for those interested in learning more about becoming Catholic or receiving First Communion and/or Confirmation. Contact Deacon Neil at 315-405-6910 or 315-686-3398.

### **Music Ministry Notes:**

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

As we encounter readings and psalms surrounding the concept of service today, I find it connects to the sacrifices public service personnel make on a daily basis for the protection of others. I am so honored that our parish is the host for the Blue Mass this Sunday, and as we prepare for a most magnificent celebration to honor those who protect us, I am drawn to the final verse of our communion hymn, Servant Song: *"I am your song and servant, singing your praise like Mary; Surrendered to your Spirit, "Let it be done to me.""*

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



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.

**St. Mary's Booster Club:** Winners of the 10th weekly drawing of September 17 are Catherine Cummings, John Healy, and Karen Collins. \$100 winners are Joy Rhinebeck, Myrna Carter, and Wendell Pierce. Thank you to everyone who supported this Booster Club. Tickets for the next Booster Club will be available soon. 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! The dinner is February 11, 2023. To join, volunteer, or for questions, contact Donna (778-8672), Tim (778-2484), or the parish office (686-3398).

### **Religious Ed News—St. Mary's**

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Our RE year for grades K-7 begins today! We will meet after Mass from 10:00-11:00am. Grade 8 and 9 Confirmation classes will have a slightly altered schedule and you should have or will be contacted by your respective catechists. Also, this Sunday during Mass we will celebrate Catechetical Sunday. Please join me in thanking those who will donate their time to pass along their love of the Catholic Faith to our young parishioners. There is still time to volunteer to be a catechist. Call or text 315-771-5512.

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Religious Ed this year will again be a home-study program. If you have questions, please contact me.