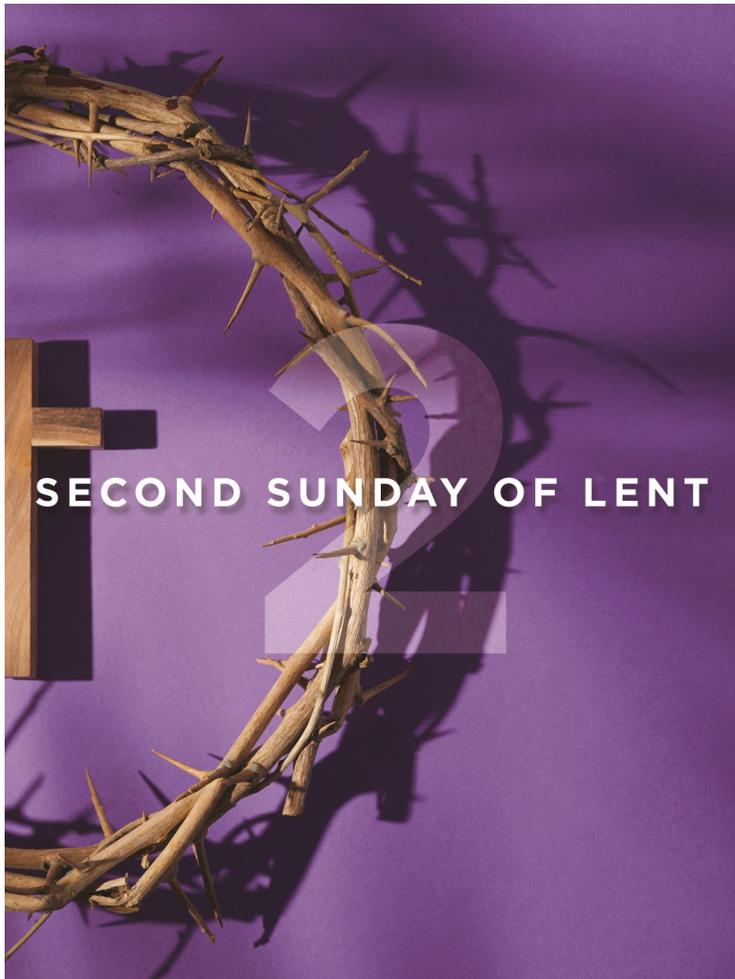


Welcome to St. Mary's Church, Clayton & the Catholic Community of Alexandria, Alexandria Bay



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5, 2023

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
Memorial Weekend to Columbus Day
Tabernacle, Thousand Island Park
July 2 to September 4

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Pastoral Life Coordinator
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Rev. Arthur J. LaBaff
Sacramental Minister

Rev. Douglas G. Comstock
Pastor Emeritus

Deacon Assistants

Bruce Daugherty Bernie Slate
Gary Frank Joel Walentuk

Websites:

www.stmarysclayton.org www.stcyrils.org

Parish Office

Phone: 315-686-3398
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Religious Education

St. Mary's: Jennifer Barton 315-686-2638
email: claytondre@rcdony.org
St. Cyril's: Trina Henry 315-482-2252
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Buildings/Grounds & Cemeteries

Jason Montondo
Call the Parish Office 315-686-3398

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

*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, March 4, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) Peyton Morse by David & Lynette Robinson

5:30 (SC) Dorothy Beach by Dc. Bernie Slate

SUNDAY, March 5, 2nd Sunday of Lent

9:00 (SM) People of the Parishes

9:30 (SC) Those who have no one to pray for them by Two Parishioners

MONDAY, March 6

8:00 (SC) William Couch by Mike & Barb Bresnahan

9:00 (SM) David Smith by Fran Lynch

TUESDAY, March 7

9:00 (SM) John Durand by Barry & Toni Kukowski

5:15 (SC) James R. Ormiston by Richard & Eugenia Kavanaugh

WEDNESDAY, March 8

8:00 (SC) Faithful Departed

5:30 (SM) Virginia Lake by the Haller family—Marcia, Sally, and Bill

THURSDAY, March 9

9:00 (SM) Louis McHale by Lora & Jack Stopper

5:15 (SC) Mai Longden

FRIDAY, March 10

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

9:00 (SM) Dr. John Burns by John Dorr

SATURDAY, March 11, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) People of the Parishes

5:30 (SC) Rev. Roland Hart by Jean, Troy, & Chad Decker

SUNDAY, March 12, 3rd Sunday of Lent

9:00 (SM) Peyton Morse by Donna Gooding, Pete & Jada Montante

9:30 (SC) Robert & Bernadine McDowell by Bob & Pam McDowell

Lent is about letting go of the things that keep us from God so that we can cling more resolutely to him. We have to shed our plans and our fears, and give way to God's designs. In a word, we need to surrender. —Fr. Patrick M. Briscoe

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

March 5, 2nd Sunday of Lent

"God has called us with a holy calling ... according to His own purpose and grace." Do you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or 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.

St. Mary's Booster Club: The next dinner will be May 20. Tickets are now available. Tickets are \$15 and enter you in 10 weekly drawings of \$30, \$20, and \$15 and three \$100 drawings. To join, volunteer, or for questions, contact Donna (778-8672), Tim (778-2484), or the parish office (686-3398).

It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish.

- St. Mother Teresa

Weekly Giving

Thank you for your continued support.

<u>St. Mary's</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 976.26	\$ 1,102.00
Plate	\$ 613.00	\$ 679.00
Fuel	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.00
East & Central Europe	\$ 924.85	

<u>Alexandria</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 935.00	\$ 1,049.00
Plate	\$ 190.00	\$ 169.00
Electronic	\$ 268.77	\$ 190.00
Total	\$ 1,393.77	
Fuel	\$ 165.00	Fuel Goal
Fuel to Date	\$ 17,046.29	\$33,010.00
Tower	\$ 20.00	
Memorial Donations	\$ 275.00	
East & Central Europe	\$ 484.00	

Donate on-line. It's quick and easy. Scan the code below to go to the parishes' giving page.



St. Mary's Church
Clayton



Catholic Community
of Alexandria

From the Parish Life Coordinator:

Even though we can be overwhelmed by our unworthiness of the greatness and goodness of God, Jesus comes to us to say, "Rise, and do not be afraid." For it is His mission to reunite us with our Father. When we lost our way and we lived in shame and sorrow because we rebelled against God, He sent His only Son to call us back, "come back to me with all your heart".

We all want change. We all want to be transformed and yet we find it difficult to do so. May the transfiguration event inspire us to return to Jesus for He alone can lead us and transform us so we can see His full glory.

Immaculate Heart Mystery Players

present

The Stations of the Cross

Through special lighting, music, pantomime, and paraliturgical readings the Paschal Mystery is recreated in a moving, dramatic presentation allowing for your meditation and contemplation of these dramatic events. We invite and encourage everyone to make this prayerful presentation part of your Lenten journey.



**Sunday, March 26 at 7:30pm
in St. Mary's Church**

From the Bishop:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

There's nothing complicated or exceptional about a table. While there are a variety of makes and models, a table is typically just four legs with a flat surface on top. Yet, extraordinary things can happen when we gather at a table.

Important family conversations and celebrations almost always include a meal with those we love. We share both nourishment and the gift of ourselves with one another around a table. There's nothing that can beat sharing stories with loved ones around the kitchen table. Beautiful and useful items are created at workshop tables, sewing tables, or crafting tables. Decisions that impact others, sometimes millions of others, are made by individuals gathered at tables to conduct business or governmental affairs.

While all those moments and all those tables can be significant, they pale in comparison to our gathering around the Lord's table at Mass. This is no ordinary table, but the very altar upon which ordinary bread and wine become the Eucharist, the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We gather around that extraordinary, sacred table as the Church, as a family of faith, offering our very lives with the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus to our Father in heaven.

I invite the faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg to also "Gather at the Table" with the *North Country Catholic* this year. Our editor, Darcy Fargo, and editorial assistant, Christine Ward work hard in preparing the menu that is offered to our readers. The *NCC* shares stories of individuals, couples, and families who love the Lord and do great things in His service here in the North Country. The newspaper shares information about events and happenings around the diocese and helps us learn about opportunities to further connect and grow in faith and love of the Lord. Through the *North Country Catholic*, I communicate with Catholics around the diocese as we move forward together in this journey of faith, guided by the One we encounter at the Sacred Table, Jesus Christ.

This weekend, the annual *North Country Catholic* subscription campaign begins. I ask that every Catholic family subscribe to our diocesan paper. If you are a current subscriber, thank you for renewing your subscription in this week's campaign. Why not consider obtaining a subscription as a gift for a family member? I invite those who do not currently subscribe to consider the importance today to be an informed Catholic Christian and allow our diocesan newspaper to be a vehicle to help you and your families grow in faith.

"Gather at the Table" with us by subscribing to the *North Country Catholic*. Thank you for your prayerful support.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

Stations of the Cross during Lent



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

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

The North Country Catholic annual subscription campaign begins. The paper features regular messages from Bishop LaValley, authoritative information about what the church teaches on the issues that you face in 21st-century life, 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 the *North Country Catholic*, PO Box 106, Canajoharie, NY, 13317. Or "Go green" and receive your *NCC* via email every Monday. If interested, write your email address on the envelope.

Lenten Workshop on "*The Universal Call to Holiness*": This is an excellent two-evening video presentation offered by Dr. Petroc Willey, Theology Professor from the Franciscan Catechetical Institute of Steubenville. Monday and Tuesday, March 6 and 7 from 6:30-8pm at St. Mary's Parish Center. Monday and Tuesday, March 27 and 28 from 6:30-8pm at St. Cyril's Parish Hall. All are invited and encouraged to attend. This program is also appropriate for our teens. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments.

Religious Ed News:

St. Mary's Parish

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e-mail: claytondre@rcdony.org

Classes will resume for K-7 on March 12. A great resource for Catholic families during Lent is Holy Heroes Lenten Adventure. There are daily activities that arrive in your inbox which include videos, worksheets, recipes and crafts. My family has enjoyed participating for years. Sign up at www.lentenadventure.com

Catholic Community of Alexandria

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Religious Ed is a home-study program. If you have questions, please contact me.

St. Cyril's Lenten Soup Suppers

Beginning March 2nd, St. Cyril's will add Soup Suppers to their Thursdays. Attend Mass at 5:15pm, followed by Soup Supper, followed by Stations of the Cross.

St. Mary's Lenten Soup Suppers: Wednesdays of Lent. Mass at 5:30pm followed by the Soup Supper. Feed body and soul! Here are the dates, sponsor groups, and contact persons. Your help is needed to provide food or work. If you would like to help, please contact the person listed for the week.

March 8: Knit for Kids, Dee Fuller

March 15: Men's Group, Scott Beeles

March 22: Women's Group, Jennifer Lucia

March 29: K of C, Chris Woodley

April 5: Religious Ed, Jenny Barton

Lenten Retreat at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown on Sunday, March 12, 2-4pm. Deacon Tom Yousey, St. Peter's Parish, Lowville will speaker on "Where then can you get this living water?" (Jn. 4: 12b). There will be time for silent prayer, reflection, for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and refreshments. The retreat will close with Benediction. If you plan to attend, please contact Sister Mary Eamon, smelyngssj@yahoo.com or Sister Bethany, srbethssj@gmail.com or at 315-782-3460.

Music Ministry Notes:

St. Mary's, Clayton

This Sunday's communion hymn, *Transfigure Us, O Lord*, not only has an overt link to the Gospel in its literal use of the term "transfiguration", but also provides a connection to our overall focus during the season of Lent. The hymn's first verse: "*Down from heights of glory into the depths below, the love of God self emptied, the love of God to show. You light the path before us, the way that we must go.*" parallels our Lenten call to seek humility, show love and mercy to others, and discipline ourselves to be more like Christ.

If interested in sharing your voice, contact Corrine Willis at corrinefwillis@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.