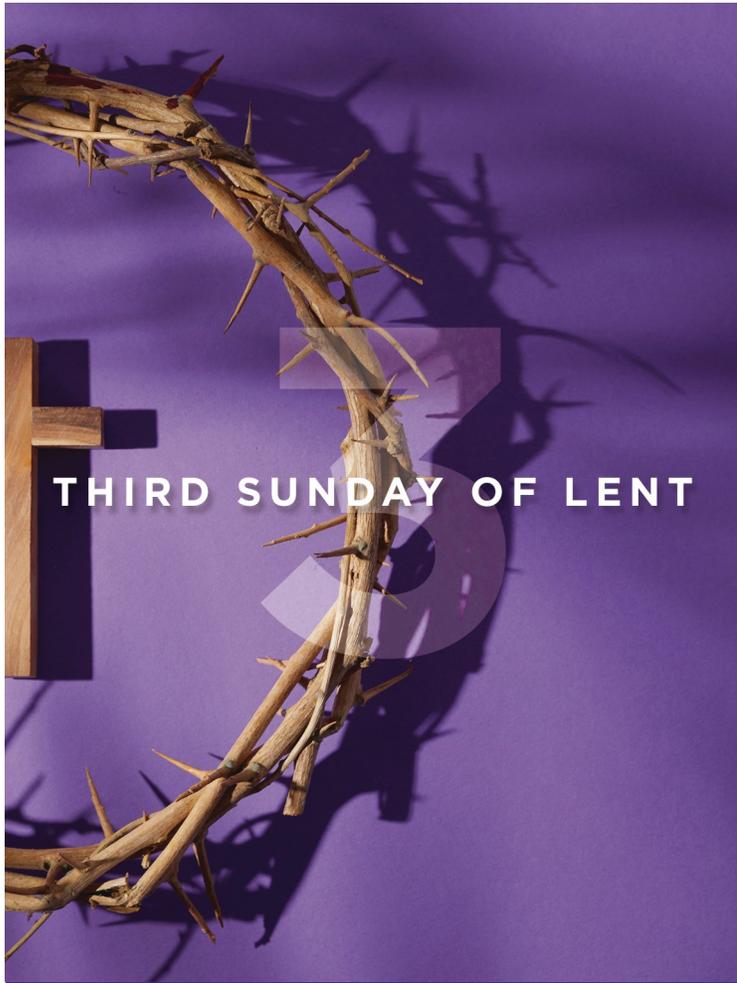


Welcome to St. Mary's Church, Clayton & the Catholic Community of Alexandria, Alexandria Bay



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 12, 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

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Religious Education

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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 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

MONDAY, March 13

8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 9:00 (SM) Mary Flynn by Margie, Meredith, & Nick

TUESDAY, March 14

9:00 (SM) Rex Buker by Barry & Toni Kukowski
 5:15 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

WEDNESDAY, March 15

8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 5:30 (SM) Barbara Dier by John & Catherine Heaslip

THURSDAY, March 16

9:00 (SM) Virginia Lake by Knit for Kids
 5:15 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

FRIDAY, March 17

8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 9:00 (SM) Anthony Winter by Dc. Bernie Slate

SATURDAY, March 18, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) Mary Lindsay by Patricia Bristol & family
 5:30 (SC) Cherylanne Pierre by Deborah & Dwayne Trickey

SUNDAY, March 19, 4th Sunday of Lent

9:00 (SM) People of the Parishes
 9:30 (SC) Dean Honeywell by Bob & Cindy Nelson

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

Easter Flower Memorials: Honor deceased loved ones by adding their name to our Easter Flower Memorials list to be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Flower envelopes are in your Sunday envelope sets or extras are located at the entrances to the churches. Names need to be submitted by March 29th to be included in the Easter bulletin.



March 12, 3rd Sunday of Lent

"But whoever drinks the water I give, will never be thirsty." Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? 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.

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. Turn your ticket(s) in by March 15 to be in all drawings. 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	\$ 2,680.05	\$ 1,883.06
Plate	\$ 423.70	\$ 364.00
Fuel	\$ 418.01	\$ 526.00
East & Central Europe	\$ 26.00	
Holy Father/Cath Relief	\$ 100.00	
Easter Flower Memorials	\$ 45.00	
North Country Catholic	\$ 647.00	
<i>February Electronic Giving: \$ 4,438.00</i>		

<u>Alexandria</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 1,406.00	\$ 2,443.00
Plate	\$ 269.00	\$ 315.00
Electronic	\$ 119.22	\$ 231.00
Total	\$ 1,794.22	
Fuel	\$ 110.00	Fuel Goal
Fuel to Date	\$ 17,387.37	\$33,010.00
North Country Catholic	\$308.00	

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



St. Mary's Church
Clayton



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From the Parish Life Coordinator:

Jesus is truly the savior of the world. He came to draw all people to His Father regardless of background. He knows everything about everyone. He is the light and nothing is hidden to Him. Yet, He does not allow our dark secrets to hinder us from receiving His offer of salvation. On the contrary, He makes the initiative to make Him known to us though we are unworthy because He first loved us. He says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will eat with him, and he with me".

The woman at the well may be the least person in Samaria to have a face to face encounter with the Lord yet it is to her that He made Himself known as the source of living water. God's love is powerful and His mercy is available to anyone. After her encounter with Jesus, this woman left her water jar and became an instant evangelist. She went around proclaiming that she met the Christ and many people began to believe in Him.



St. Joseph's Brunch: On Sunday, March 19th, 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 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.

He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life; that is, the Bridge which leads you to the height of Heaven.—St. Catherine of Siena

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**

Deacon's Corner

by Dc. Joel Walentuk

I noticed in the bulletin recently we talked about extending olive branches. Lent may be time to reflect and find where we may need to receive or extend an olive branch. "Living years" recorded by Mike and the Mechanics comes to mind when I read this bulletin message.

Living years, is a soft rock ballad that was written by B. A. Robinson and Mike Rutherford after their dads had recently died. It reveals their rocky generational relationship and regret. The lyrics send a warning of extending an olive branch before it is too late.

God speaks to us through the events in our life and our relationships with others. Please take time this Lenten Season to embrace God's will and find how He may be revealing himself to you. An olive branch may find its way to you or maybe it may be a time to extend one of your own.

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

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.

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 continues. 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 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.

The Carmelite Community meets the 2nd Monday of the month in Our Lady's Chapel at St. Cyril's Catholic Church beginning at 5:25pm. For more information, contact Deacon Joel Walentuk.

Religious Ed News:

St. Mary's Parish

Jenny Barton 315-686-2638
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Grades K-7 meet today. Talk to your children about how their lent is going. Are they praying, doing acts of charity and fasting?

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

St. Cyril's has added Soup Suppers to their Thursdays. Attend Mass at 5:15pm, followed by Soup Supper, followed by Stations of the Cross. Satisfy your body and soul!

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 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

Music Ministry Notes:

St. Mary's, Clayton

Recently my husband and I started watching "*The Chosen*" which is a free television series depicting the life of Christ and his disciples. One of the first season episodes elaborates on the story of the woman at the well, which is the focus of today's Gospel. The acting, cinematography, writing, and attention to detail are all exceptional, and I strongly recommend this series to anyone, especially those of us who resonate with visual story-telling. "*O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.*" <https://www.angel.com/watch/the-chosen>

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.

Holy Father/Catholic Relief Collection: On March 18 and 19, we will take up a combined second collection. The collection supports Peter's Pence, which helps the Universal Church and the working of the Holy See, including Pope Francis' charitable efforts that benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society. The Catholic Relief Services Collection provides food to the hungry, supports displaced refugees, and brings Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. More info at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief and www.usccb.org/peters-pence.