

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



**January 9, 2022  
Baptism of the Lord**

**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 10:30 a.m.

**St. Francis Xavier, Redwood**  
Memorial Day - Columbus Day

**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)

**Deacon Neil Fuller**

**Pastoral Life Coordinator**

Phone: 315-405-6910

email: [pastoralassociate@stmarysclayton.org](mailto:pastoralassociate@stmarysclayton.org)

**Rev. Arthur J. LaBaff**

**Sacramental Minister**

St. Mary's Rectory: 315-686-3398

**Rev. Douglas G. Comstock**

**Pastor Emeritus**

St. Cyril's Rectory: 315-482-2670

**Deacon Assistants**

Bruce Daugherty  
Gary Frank

Bernie Slate  
Joel Walentuk

**Parish Office**

Maribeth McFadden, Secretary

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**Mailing Address:** 521 James Street, Clayton, NY 13624

**Office Hours:** Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm

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**St. Mary's:** Jennifer Barton 315-686-2638

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**St. Cyril's:** Trina Henry 315-482-2252

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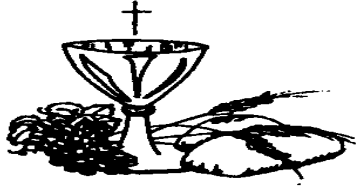
Call the Parish Office 315-686-3398

**Websites:**

[www.stmarysclayton.org](http://www.stmarysclayton.org)

[www.stcyrils.org](http://www.stcyrils.org)

# MASS SCHEDULE:



## SATURDAY, January 8

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

## SUNDAY, January 9, Baptism of the Lord

9:00 (SM) Patricia & William Streets by their daughter  
10:30 (SC) Guilio Rubino by Peg & Dan Wallo

## MONDAY, January 10

8:00 (SC) Intentions of Barbara Cardwell  
9:00 (SM) Trula Thompson by Paul & Mary Luck

## TUESDAY, January 11

8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion  
9:00 (SM) Hilda Fuller by Karen Rockoff & Darrell Cross

## WEDNESDAY, January 12

8:00 (SC) John George by the Estate of Emma George  
9:00 (SM) Paul Clobridge by Barb Ierlan & family

## THURSDAY, January 13

8:00 (SC) Teri Ann Heath Northrop Polfuch by Dc. Bernie Salte  
9:00 (SM) Martha Heffernan by Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

## FRIDAY, January 14

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

## SATURDAY, January 15

4:00 (SM) People of the Parishes  
5:30 (SC) John Durand by John & Maryann Weldon

## SUNDAY, January 16,

9:00 (SM) Philip Ivey, Jr. by Joyce & girls  
10:30 (SC) Sally Sourwine by Thomas Sourwine

## January 9, Baptism of the Lord

**The Lord Calls:** "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father 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.

**St. Mary's Booster Club:** Winners of the third weekly drawing on December 31 are Sandy Marr, Joan Terrillion, and Jennie Shaw. Tickets are \$15 and are still available for this Booster Club. The take-out dinner is February 12. The Booster Club is a fun, social event that supports St. Mary's parish. To join, volunteer, or for questions, contact Donna (778-8672), Tim (778-2484), or the parish office (686-3398).

## Weekly Giving

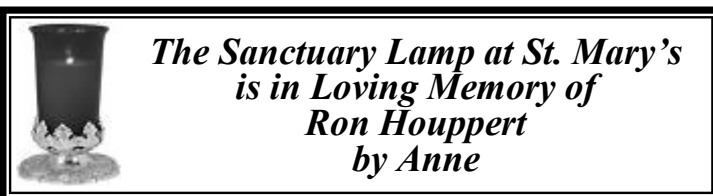
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<u>St. Mary's</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 2,892.00	\$ 846.00
Plate	\$ 346.00	\$ 142.00
Fuel	\$ 128.00	\$ 146.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 167.00	
Christmas	\$ 1,081.00	
<i>December Electronic Giving: \$ 5,048.00</i>		

<u>Alexandria</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 1,177.00	
Plate	99.00	
Electronic	1,136.85	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,412.85</b>	<b>\$ 2,462.75</b>
Fuel	\$ 260.00	Fuel Goal
<b>Fuel to Date</b>	<b>\$ 18,046.65</b>	<b>\$19,357.00</b>
Tower	\$ 10.00	
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 452.00	
Christmas	\$ 980.00	
Religious Retirement	\$ 100.00	
Christmas Flowers	\$ 25.00	

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.



*The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Mary's  
is in Loving Memory of  
Ron Houppert  
by Anne*

**From the Parish Life Coordinator:**

Over the past few weeks, we have celebrated the Nativity of our Lord, the feast of the Holy Family, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the Epiphany of the Lord, and this weekend, the Baptism of the Lord. It has been a whirlwind of celebrations and I would like to reflect on the gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh brought to the Holy Family by the three Magi.

Putting these all together, the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that the wise men offered to Jesus symbolize giving our entire self to Jesus Christ:

The gift of **gold** = offering the love in our hearts to Jesus.

The gift of **frankincense** = offering the truth in our minds to Jesus.

The gift of **myrrh** = offering the service of our hands to Jesus.

Whether or not the wise men themselves understood the full spiritual significance of their gifts, for Christians today they symbolize offering our entire being, heart, head, and hands, to Jesus Christ.

We do this by *loving* God and the neighbor, *believing* in the truth that the Lord teaches us in the Bible, and *living* from that love, and by that truth, in our everyday lives.

**Poll Shows Most Americans** oppose taxpayer-funded abortion in the US or overseas, according to Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll released on January 27, 2021. According to the new poll, 77% of respondents said they either “oppose” or “strongly oppose” using tax dollars to pay for abortion procedures around the world. Only 19% of respondents supported public funding of abortions overseas. Additionally, 76% of respondents either wanted abortion banned or limited to the first three months of pregnancy—at most. 58% of respondents opposed taxpayer-funded abortions in the U.S. 53% of respondents said they were pro-choice, yet nearly 60% of them still opposed using tax dollars to fund abortions overseas. [from Catholic World Report article by Kate Scanlon, 1/27/2021] If the majority of the U.S. opposes tax dollars funding abortions, why is it still an issue in this country?

*Catholic Community of Alexandria  
Christmas Flower Memorials*

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|--|----------------------------|
| Bill Decker  | Allen & Pauline Tidd       |
| John Durand  | Severino & Angela Scrivani |
| John Dondellio   | David B. Scrivani, Jr.     |
| JoAnn Ritner   | Cecilia Tidd               |
| Amy Cole   | Lawrence & Fran Cole       |
| Loreto Cada  | Antonio Peguerra           |
| Barbara Webert   | Carlton & Margaret Gove    |
| Ryan Ingalls   | Peter & Thomas Gove        |
| Carol Hasner   | Eric Hutchinson            |
| Madeline Rosby   | Sam & Josephine Sparacino  |
| Frank Cavallario   | Sam & Rose Lamaris         |
| Carmen Penn  | Walter & Leah Benny        |
| Robert Shepad  | Deceased Welsh family      |
| Jeanne Burritt   | Ellen & Don Cronk          |
| Marie Tousant  | Carmella & Tony Folino     |
| Katherine Welsh  | James Douglas Warner       |
| Freddy Ayen, Jr.   | Lewis & Catherine Slate    |
| Steve Ayen   | Frederick & Doris Ayen     |
| Charley Ayen   | Gerald & Bessie Gallagher  |
| Alex & Agnes Amyot   |                            |
| Marion & George Comstock                                   |                            |
| Helen & Gareth Service                                     |                            |
| Deceased Damrath & Grausgruber family                      |                            |
| Deceased Walentuk, Guerrieri, Hammond,<br>& Gregory family |                            |
| Deceased Furtada & Little family                           |                            |
| Deceased Britton & Adsit family                            |                            |
| Deceased Wagoner family                                    |                            |
| Deceased Bouchey & Bradley family                          |                            |
| Deceased Roy and Snow family                               |                            |
| Deceased Company & Hall family                             |                            |
| Deceased Rittling & Ringer family                          |                            |
| Deceased Nelson & Cullen family                            |                            |
| Deceased Folino & Cronk family                             |                            |

**Prayer for the New Year**

Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always. Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter. Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier. May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us, a time of welcoming your graces and gifts, a time for forgiving freely and unconditionally, a time for growing in virtue and goodness. Come, Holy Spirit, be with us today and always. Amen.

*Happy New Year*

## **Planned Giving: Creating a Legacy of Love**

The following are steps to put your life in order before God calls you: 1) Draft a Will. 2) Leave enough liquid cash in an obvious location to sustain your survivors to pay your expenses of your estate. 3) Plan your own funeral. 4) Leave no financial debt. 5) Write your own obituary. 6) Organize your records. 7) Choose a time to openly discuss these plans with loved ones. For more information, contact the Diocese at 315-393-2920 or email [slalone@rcdony.org](mailto:slalone@rcdony.org).

## **Religious Ed News**

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

Jenny Barton 315-686-2638

e-mail: [religioused@stmarysclayton.org](mailto:religioused@stmarysclayton.org)

K-3 classes will meet on January 9th after 9am Mass.

### **Catholic Community of Alexandria**

Trina Henry 315-482-2252

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Grades 1 through 6 will meet on Sunday, January 9th after 10:30 Mass in St. Cyril's Church hall to review student progress, answer your questions, and hand out the next month's materials.

**Hiring** Diocese of Ogdensburg Camp Guggenheim Director, Assistant Director, and Counselors for Summer Camp which runs from June 23 to August 12, 2022. For more details on these job opportunities, visit [www.rcdony.org/information/employment.html](http://www.rcdony.org/information/employment.html). Submit letter of interest, resume, and three professional references, one of which should be from your pastor to Thomas Semeraro, Director for the office of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Ogdensburg, P.O. Box 369, Ogdensburg, NY 13669, [tsemeraro@rcdony.org](mailto:tsemeraro@rcdony.org), 315-393-2920 ext. 1415.

**2022 Calendars** are available at the entrances of our churches for you or a loved one. The calendars at St. Cyril's are thoughtfully provided to you by Costello Funeral Service. The calendars at St. Mary's are thoughtfully provided by Cummings Funeral Services. Thank you to the Costello and Cummings families.

**Thank you** for wearing a mask!

Current New York State regulations require **all person over 2 years of age to wear a mask in public places, including worship sites, regardless of vaccination status.**

Extra masks and hand sanitizers are available at church entrances.

When everyone wears a mask, we help protect ourselves and others. Also we make others feel safer attending the Liturgy.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



**Is doing something good or volunteering** one of your New Years Resolutions? Consider becoming a Mass Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Greeter, Altar Server, Usher, Cantor, or choir member; cleaning the sanctuary or washing Mass linens; helping with funeral receptions, parish dinners, etc? Your parish could use your help. Contact the parish office for more information.

### **Music Ministry Notes:**

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

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 9:45 for practice before 10:30 Mass. We love new members. For questions, contact Becky Rose at [becky.a.rose@gmail.com](mailto:becky.a.rose@gmail.com) or 315-778-8419.

**HOPE**—St. Mary's and St. John's Substance Abuse Ministry. If you or a loved one suffer from the ravages of drug or alcohol abuse, perhaps we can help. Email [stmarysclaytonsam@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysclaytonsam@gmail.com) or call 315-783-5268.

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