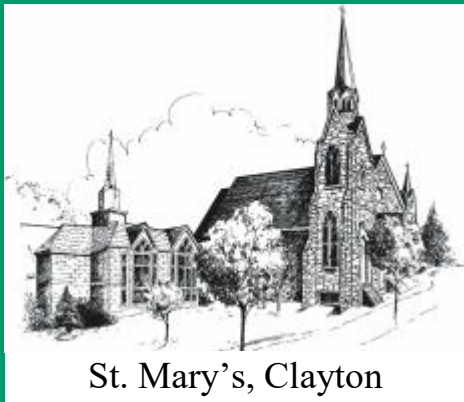
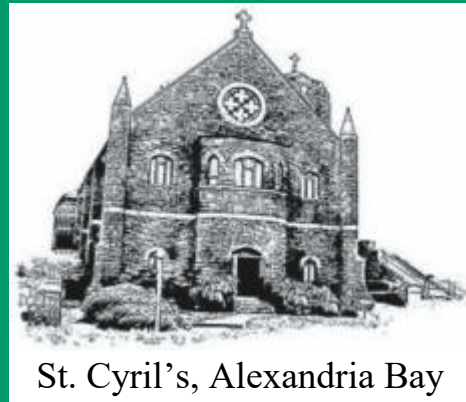


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January 23, 2022

3rd 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 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

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MASS SCHEDULE:



SATURDAY, January 22, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) Intentions of John & Catherine Heaslip on their 66th anniversary by Jim & Mary Paul
 5:30 (SC) Thomas Bradley by Michael Walentuk & Sharon Merrihew

SUNDAY, January 23, 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

9:00 (SM) People of the Parishes
 10:30 (SC) Intentions of Amelia Bresnehan by Mike & Barb Bresnehan

MONDAY, January 24

8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

TUESDAY, January 25

8:00 (SC) No Liturgy
 9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

WEDNESDAY, January 26

8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

THURSDAY, January 27

8:00 (SC) No Liturgy
 9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

FRIDAY, January 28

8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

SATURDAY, January 29, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) Leonard O'Brien by Dianne Leavery & family
 5:30 (SC) Belle Borland by estate of Emma George

SUNDAY, January 30, 4th Sunday Ordinary Time

9:00 (SM) People of the Parishes
 10:30 (SC) Dominic Giordano by Tim & Diane Kring

Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or sovereign... you must weep that your own government, at present, seems blind to this truth." Mother Teresa of Calcutta

January 23, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord Calls: "You are the body of Christ and individually members of it." Are you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or the 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: Winners of the sixth weekly drawing on January 14 are Bernie Slate, Mike Clark, and Linda Thomas. Tickets are \$15 and are still available for this Booster Club. The **take-out only** dinner is after 4pm Mass on Saturday, 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

Thank you for your continued support.

<u>St. Mary's</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 2,111.24	\$ 2,617.00
Plate	\$ 350.00	\$ 201.00
Fuel	\$ 115.00	\$ 0.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 60.00	
Respect Life	\$ 20.00	

<u>Alexandria</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 1,568.00	\$ 1,572.00
Plate	122.00	\$ 99.00
Electronic	425.00	\$ 516.50
Total	\$ 2,115.00	\$ 2,187.50
Fuel	\$ 104.00	Fuel Goal
Fuel to Date	\$ 18,300.65	\$19,357.00
Christmas	\$ 170.00	

Please consider electronic giving...a safe and consistent way to support your parish. Sign up at www.stmarysclayton.org or www.stcyrils.org or contact the parish office.

Food Pantry Contact Numbers:

Clayton Food Pantry: 315-767-1220
 Orleans Food Pantry: 315-658-4796

From the Parish Life Coordinator:

To follow Jesus means to take His mission as our own and to do what He has done. Although He is divine, He is also human just like each one of us. His practical mission is something ordinary people can do. Bringing good news to the poor, proclaiming liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, giving freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord are a mission that anyone of us can accomplish.

The Respect Life second collection is this weekend, near the anniversary of the Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision which legalized abortion in our nation. Grants from the collection benefit pro-life projects in our diocese. Thank you for your support of efforts to build a culture of life.

Eucharist – Discovering the Mass in the Bible is a 10-week study being offered by the Catholic parishes in Watertown. Classes begin the week of January 23. Each class is offered Monday evening at 6:30pm at Msgr. Sechi Hall at St. Anthony's Church, Arsenal Street and repeated Tuesdays at 12:45pm in the Chapel of St. Patrick's Church, Massey Street. The first sessions are January 24 at St. Anthony's and January 25 at St. Patrick's. The series, presented as part of the Lectio series from Augustine Institute, will be hosted on video by Dr. Brant Pitre. Deacon Kevin Mastellon will facilitate the local sessions and discussions.

Details and registration at www.catholicwatertown.org. For further information, contact Deacon Kevin Mastellon, kmastellon@spwatn.org.

Married Couples who attend religious services together regularly are 46% less likely to divorce.

—John Tesh,
Intelligence For Your Life

From the Bishop:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

One might ask: "Is there a declared war on the pre-born?" It is unlikely that there ever existed a war with one side totally and completely incapable of any form of self-defense whatsoever. That is the dilemma of the pre-born today. Our nation will never be a "shining city on a hill," as President Ronald Reagan once said, as long as the bottom of that hill is littered with the corpses of tens of millions of its innocent pre-born babies.

My sisters and brothers, we now live in a society that speaks persuasively about protecting the environment and rescuing species on the brink of extinction. But then it promotes and funds the mass killing of unborn children and contemplates the killing of the sick and elderly in the name of their "dignity." A persevering effort is needed to present to God our united will to put an end to the carnage resulting from abortion.

Today, people of faith are facing a multitude of threats to religious liberty. Bringing our religious beliefs to bear on public policy is not just a privilege, but a right. Regardless of what some of our political leaders say, Believers can't be silent in public life and be faithful to Jesus Christ at the same time. ***Equality begins in the womb!***

The Church of Ogdensburg continues to hear the silent scream of the baby in the womb and seeks to defend and protect the right to life of every child. Colleen and John Miner, Directors of our Respect Life Office, coordinate the steps we take in promoting and protecting the dignity of every human life.

Every year at this time, we are given the opportunity to support the effort this local Church makes in promoting the Culture of Life. *Gabriel Project, Elizabeth Ministries, Rachel's Vineyard*, as well as organizations such as the Legion of Mary, Birthright, the Knights of Columbus, and Catholic Daughters, in addition to our own Respect Life Office, are just a few of those who support life at all stages. In "normal" (i.e., non-pandemic) years, this collection also supports the Youth Buses for Life for participants at the March for Life in Washington, D.C. Other grants support educational programs, Catholic radio in the Adirondacks, and various Pro-Life programs.

Thank you for your prayers and generous support of the 2022 Respect Life Collection and for all your efforts to build a Culture of Life by changing hearts and minds.

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

Religious Ed News

St. Mary's, Clayton

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Grades 4-7 meet this Sunday morning. Grades K-3 will meet on January 30th (not on original calendar - this is a make up day due to the cancelled class).

Catholic Community of Alexandria

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We will meet next after Mass on Sunday, March 6. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call or email me.

Second graders will need to be prepared for their First Reconciliation. Once done, please return all the First Reconciliation media, books, etc. to the Church Hall (first table) then I will make sure you get all First Communion things for the next step.

To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees, or volunteers, contact **Victims Assistance Coordinator**, Terri-anne Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com; phone 518-651-2267 days or 518-569-0612 evenings; or Fr. Chris Carrara, the Vicar for Clergy; ccarrara@rcdony.org, phone 315-393-2920 X1340.

If you have a complaint of suspected sexual abuse or related misconduct by the bishops, contact the **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service** at 800-276-1562 or www.ReportBishopAbuse.org.

Hiring Diocese of Ogdensburg Camp Guggenheim Director, Assistant Director, and Counselors for Summer Camp which runs from June 23 to August 12. For more details on these job opportunities, visit 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, PO Box 369, Ogdensburg, NY 13669, tsemeraro@rcdony.org, 315-393-2920, ext. 1415.

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.



Music Ministry Notes:

St. Mary's, Clayton

Today's second reading focuses heavily on the concept of having many parts to one body. While the song, "We are Many Parts" echoes this reading from Paul to the Corinthians, it also adds an important plea: *"May the Spirit of love make us one indeed. One the love that we share, one our hope in despair, one the cross that we bear"*.

If you are interested in joining the choir, contact Corrine Willis at 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 or 315-778-8419.

The rights of parents and their primary role in the education of their children in the area of morality and religion must be safeguarded. It is in the family that peacemakers, tomorrow's promoters of a culture of life and love, are born and nurtured. - Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Cleaning at St. Cyril's: We are organize a group of parishioners who might be willing to clean the Church (light cleaning such as dusting, wiping down pews, and cleaning altar, etc), meeting perhaps once a month. When we have a group of volunteers, we will all decide what is a good time to meet for this task. Please contact Trina Henry (315-428-2252) to volunteer or for more information.

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