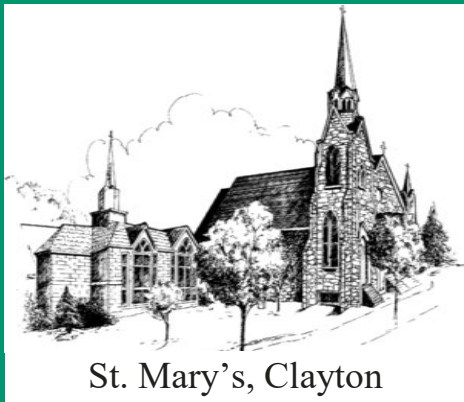
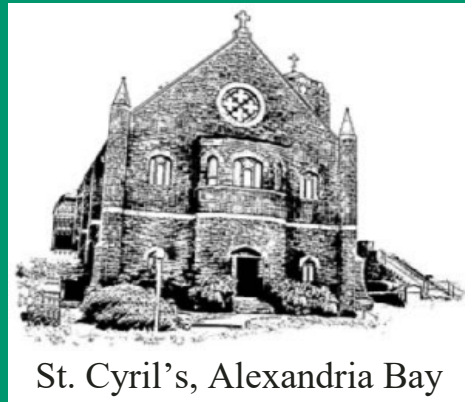


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## **January 30, 2022**

## **4th 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**

315-686-3970 or [smsjprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:smsjprayerline@gmail.com)

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# MASS SCHEDULE:



## 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

## MONDAY, January 31

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

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

## TUESDAY, February 1

8:00 (SC) No Liturgy

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

## WEDNESDAY, February 2

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

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

## THURSDAY, February 3

8:00 (SC) No Liturgy

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

## FRIDAY, February 4

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

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

## SATURDAY, February 5, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) People of the Parishes

5:30 (SC) Thomas Bradley by Gary & Bonnie Grausgruber

## SUNDAY, February 6, 5th Sunday Ordinary Time

9:00 (SM) Elmer Greey by John & Mary Ellen Slatery

10:30 (SC) Dorothy Petrie by Bob & Cindy Nelson

## January 30, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The Lord Calls:** "Before you were born, I consecrated you." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life, contact Fr. Art LaBaff, Fr. Chris Carrara at ccarra@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 seventh weekly drawing on January 21 are Mary Rose Warneck, Mary Natali, and Richard Comins. 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         | \$ 1,375.22 | \$ 1,116.00 |
| Plate             | \$ 335.00   | \$ 212.00   |
| Fuel              | \$ 25.00    | \$ 30.00    |
| Respect Life      | \$ 281.00   |             |

| <u>Alexandria</u>   | This Year           | Last Year          |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Envelopes           | \$ 892.00           | \$ 511.00          |
| Plate               | 155.00              | \$ 34.00           |
| Electronic          | 220.00              | \$ 115.42          |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$ 1,267.00</b>  | <b>\$ 660.42</b>   |
| Fuel                | \$ 77.00            | Fuel Goal          |
| <b>Fuel to Date</b> | <b>\$ 18,377.65</b> | <b>\$19,357.00</b> |
| Respect Life        | \$ 279.00           |                    |
| Solemnity of Mary   | \$ 10.00            |                    |

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**From the Parish Life Coordinator:**

Father LaBaff and Father Comstock will be returning this coming week from Hawaii and will celebrate Mass next weekend. We are very grateful to Father Corneille for filling in and for his great homilies.

Many thanks Father Corneille...we look forward to seeing you again....



**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Tuesday, February 1, 11am-4pm**



Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-Red-Cross to book your appointment. Donations in February get a free \$10 Amazon gift card. The Red Cross has dangerously low blood supply levels. Please donate.

"When we consider that women are treated as property it is degrading to women that we should treat our children as property to be disposed of as we see fit."

- Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902)

**Deacon's Corner**

by Dc. Bruce Daugherty

Sometimes we just happen to see something that hits us in our gut and we have to tell everyone about it. Then there are times we could care less. During Covid, there were many changes of hearts concerning God. The people that track these things believe that people came back to God and prayed very hard for healing, and eradication of Covid. As we come around the corner on all of this, let us not lose sight of what we saw during the pandemic. Danielle Tumminio Hansen, stated *"during the COVID-19 pandemic, researchers found that online searches for the word 'prayer' soared to their highest level ever in over 90 countries. And a 2020 Pew Research study showed that 24% of U.S. adults stated their faith had become stronger during the pandemic."*

Although my daughter and I have varying opinions of some things, I think we agree that Cardinal Dolan is a very smart man, and does show us how to live as Catholics. So it was with great joy when I saw this article by him, I believe he had hit the nail on the head. Do read it over and if you see me around, let me know what you think.

**Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan.** *Resolutions to a Revival of Faith in the Eucharist* (CNY December 30, 2021) , "I can't think of a more helpful or fruitful resolution for 2022 than to renew the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist as the anchor, the center of our lives."

1. Return to Sunday Mass. Rates of attendance at Sunday Mass were scary, pre-Covid (24% in Archdiocese of New York) and now it's even more frightening. Sunday Mass is a constant, an essential of Catholic Life.

2. Remember the Eucharistic fast. All we have to do now is cut out food and drink for an hour prior to receiving Our Lord at Mass.

3. Genuflect to the tabernacle as we enter the pew...to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle.

4. Make a good confession if we are aware of serious mortal sin before we receive Holy Communion.

5. Mean it when you say "Amen!" before you receive the Sacred Host. The word means "I agree!" We whisper this when the priest or deacon presents us Holy Communion with the words, "The Body of Christ." With our sincere "Amen!" we profess our faith that indeed it is.

6. Dress modestly. I'm afraid "Sunday Best" has gone into the Vocabulary museum...the way we dress does show our reverence. And boys, no baseball hats or hats of any kind in church!

7. Participate at Mass! Pray hard those beautiful prayers; sing; listen to God's Word and the sermon; arrive on time and do not duck out early; think about volunteering as a lector, usher, choir member, or server.

8. Invite – encourage but don't pester others to go back to Mass.

9. Visit Jesus, really and truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, often. Many of our parishes have Eucharistic Adoration; many keep the church open so folks can stop in and visit their friend, Jesus.

10. Let's recover a sense of silence and awe while in church.

## Religious Ed News

### St. Mary's, Clayton

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K-3 meet this Sunday morning (make up day) and next Sunday February 6th. Confirmation grade 8 also meets this morning.

### 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.

**Ministry to Separated and Divorced:** The Family Life Office is offering the Surviving Divorce Program, beginning mid-February in Watertown, Gouverneur, Canton, and Potsdam. This program helps participants find personal healing and hope by working through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce. Meetings are 2-3 hours once a week. The dates are TBA based on the availability of the participants. The facilitator for each group will contact registrants to give information about the start date and times. Cost is \$25. Register online at [www.rcdony.org/survivingdivorce](http://www.rcdony.org/survivingdivorce). For more info, contact Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or [sttartaglia@rcdony.org](mailto:sttartaglia@rcdony.org).

### World Day For Consecrated Life

is February 2 and will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of February 5 and 6. As the Second Vatican Council clearly stated, by our Baptism all are called to holiness. All who are baptized are consecrated "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" to live the Christian life in faith, hope, and love. Living the Christian life, a call is given to each of us to live His love in a particular way of life to love Him more and to serve others.

Parishes will celebrate the World Day for Consecrated Life on February 5-6. There are religious communities within our diocese that continue to serve the People of the North Country by their daily prayer, active involvement in parishes, Catholic schools, Religious Education programs, Diocesan Offices, etc.

All are encouraged to pray for and encourage vocations, discern one's own vocation, and thank those with a religious vocation.

## **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.



**Catholic Schools Week** is January 30—February 5. Here is part of a reflection from Sr. Ellen Rose Coughlin, SSJ, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Ogdensburg: “We are blessed with women and men committed to the total well-being of their students. Our teachers and staff are indispensable to the school community. While this has always been the case, in these times we acknowledge that without them, students would not experience the “safe haven” that the school provides, well planned instruction (both in-person and virtual) and attention to their social and emotional needs. Schools look different and operate differently. Yet, teachers and staff labor diligently to provide a stable, safe, and healthy environment where students can flourish academically and spiritually.” Let us all celebrate and support Catholic schools!

### **Music Ministry Notes:**

#### **St. Mary’s, Clayton**

The second reading today often gets a reputation for being “the wedding reading” as it is such a powerful depiction of love. While weddings are certainly the perfect canvas for such a reading, it’s important to remember that there are all different kinds of love. One of the music planning resources I use offered the following reflection, which I hope resonates with you, *“Can I see the face of Jesus in someone I disagree with? Can I respond with love? Can that love bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things?”*

If you are interested in joining the choir, contact Corrine Willis at [corrinefwillis@gmail.com](mailto:corrinefwillis@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.



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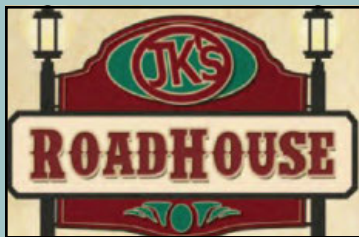
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