
 <p>St. Cyril of Alexandria 28 Walton St. Alexandria Bay, NY</p> <hr/> <p>Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>The Catholic Community of Alexandria 17 Rock St. Alexandria Bay, NY 13607 315-482-2670</p> <p>pastor@stcyrils.org www.stcyrils.org</p> <p>Rev. Douglas G. Comstock, Pastor Bernard Slate, Deacon Joel Walentuk, Deacon</p>	 <p>St. Francis Xavier 28685 Butterfield Lake Rd Redwood, NY</p> <hr/> <p>Sunday 8:30 a.m.</p>
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Liturgy Schedule for Week of December 9, 2018

- Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018 *The Second Sunday of Advent***
5:00 p.m. Marie Bouchey by the Bradley Family
- Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018**
8:30 a.m. (SFX) Arthur Watson by the Estate of Emma George
10:00 a.m. The Intentions of Joe Wilcznski by Dorothy & Dennis
- Monday, Dec. 10, 2018**
8:00 a.m. The Needs of our Parishioners
- Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018**
8:00 a.m. Robert Rose by Gary & Bonnie Grausgruber
- Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018**
8:00 a.m. Richard Chapman by Robert & Cynthia Nelson & Family
- Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018**
8:00 a.m. Catherine Cole by Gary Williams
- Friday, Dec. 14, 2018**
8:00 a.m. The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
- Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018 *The Third Sunday of Advent***
5:00 p.m. Frank Cavallario by Connie Cavallario
- Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018**
8:30 a.m. (SFX) Floyd Paradies by the Hunter Family
10:00 a.m. Joe Cullen, Sr. by Jim & Carol Tousant

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:45 – 4:30 p.m. at St. Cyril of Alexandria Church
Sunday 8:00 – 8:15 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church

Our Stewardship

December 1 - 2, 2018

Envelopes	\$1,809.00	Christmas Flowers	\$10.00
Plate	\$266.00		
Youth			
Electronic Giving	\$68.24	Fuel Collection	\$137.00
Total	\$2,143.24	Total Fuel Contribution to Date	14,937.00
Last Year	\$1,998.00	Total Fuel Cost Last Fiscal Year	\$20,210.43

It's Our Church, It's Our Future

CONGRATULATIONS! We have surpassed our goal for our Capital Campaign!

As you will recall, our goal was \$201,724.00 and 75% of that stays in our Parish. As of December 3, we have pledged or given \$202,270.00 and we will have more to report. Sincere thanks to all who have participated to date; there is still time if you are able.

Rowing with the Rosary

Come and join us for a Rosary Row. Each morning after Morning Mass (8:45 – 11:30) or Monday and Wednesday evening (7:00-8:00).

One dollar for each kilometer rowed will be donated to our Capital Campaign between now and Christmas Eve.

Rowing machines in St. Cyril's hall are available during the day for rowing at your convenience.

Second Sunday of Advent

On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit, which symbolizes FAITH. It is the Bethlehem candle, reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and of the Christ Child born in Bethlehem. [Note: This second candle may also be referred to as symbolizing Love].

Faith is defined in Hebrews 11:1: "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." The author of Hebrews gives the most extensive description of faith provided in the New Testament. Through faith, God guarantees the blessings to be hoped for from Him, providing evidence in the gift of faith that what He promises will eventually come to pass.

The Greek word for faith is *pisti*, which means persuasion, conviction of religious truth, conviction of the truthfulness of God.

Faith is hard and does not come easily; it must be exercised to grow, just as our muscles need exercise.

Faith is a choice. One chooses to believe in God. One chooses to believe in Jesus...that he died for our sins and that our sins will be forgiven. The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls the gift of faith essential for our salvation.

St. Thomas Aquinas once noted that "the world tempts us, either by seducing us with its vanities or by terrifying us with its misfortunes." Still, he continued, faith in God and in the promises of Heaven can help us overcome these temptations.

With faith God gives each of us supernatural grace to trust in Him and in His word *completely*.

The Act of Faith is a prayer that includes elements of what is called the mystery of faith that we proclaim at Mass: Christ's death, along with His resurrection, and His certain return. May this prayer help us to live our lives as an act of faith.

An Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the holy Catholic Church teaches, because in revealing them you can neither deceive nor be deceived.

Judy Pearson

