

 <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 43596 State Route 37 Redwood, NY</p> <hr/> <p>Sunday 8:30 a.m.</p>
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Liturgy Schedule for Week of April 15, 2018

- Saturday, April 14, 2019 *Third Sunday of Easter***
5:00 p.m. Lillian Williams by Shirley Irwin
- Sunday, April 15, 2018**
8:30 a.m. [SFX] Harold L. George by the Estate of his Wife, Emma George
10:00 a.m. Nelson Lawrence by Russ & Sue Pfister
- Monday, April 16, 2018**
8:00 a.m. Our Parishioners
- Tuesday, April 17, 2018**
8:00 a.m. Michael Bresnahan, Sr. by Carol & Bob Shepard
- Wednesday, April 18, 2018**
8:00 a.m. Lillian Williams by Mike & Barb Bresnahan
- Thursday, April 19, 2018**
8:00 a.m. Richard Durand by the Matthews Family
- Friday, April 20, 2018**
8:00 a.m. The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
- Saturday, April 21, 2018 *Fourth Sunday of Easter***
5:00 p.m. Robert O'Connor by Kathy & Tony Folino
- Sunday, April 22, 2018**
8:30 a.m. (SFX) Mr. and Mrs. John Watson by the Estate of Emma George
10:00 a.m. Greg Reynolds by Aunt Molly & Family

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

April 7 - 8, 2018

Envelopes	\$1,406.00		
Plate	\$258.00		
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Electronic Giving	\$39.00	Fuel Collection	\$45.00
Total	\$1,703.00	Total Fuel Contrib.to Date	\$17,352.00
Last Year	\$3,321.00	Total Fuel Goal in '17-'18	\$22,690.00

Special Collection Help Support our Cemeteries

To assist with the upkeep and maintenance of our Cemeteries, we have instituted an annual collection to supplement the monies we receive from "Perpetual Care." Years ago there was only "Annual Care" and parishioners who paid then have died long ago. As you know, our costs have escalated over the years.

This second collection will take place this weekend. Thank you for your support.

The candle used during the Easter season has profound symbolism.

Not surprisingly, early Christians used candles in their liturgies. Initially this was done for practical purposes (especially when praying in the catacombs), but the light coming from the candles quickly became symbolic.

The candle-lit ceremonies reminded Christians of Jesus' words in the Gospel of John, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). For this reason candles became a central part of Christian worship and were associated with the light of Christ.

Besides using multiples candles for practical illumination purposes, there began a tradition where a single candle was used as a direct symbol of Jesus. According to [Fr. Edward McNamara](#), "The most likely origin [of the Easter candle] is that it derived from the Lucernarium, the evening office with which early Christians began the vigil for every Sunday and especially that of Easter. In turn, this rite is probably inspired by the Jewish custom of lighting a lamp at the conclusion of the Sabbath. The rite therefore has its roots in the very beginning of Christianity. In the Lucernarium rite the light destined to dispel the darkness of night was offered to Christ as the splendor of the Father and indefectible light. This Sunday rite was logically carried out with greater solemnity during the Easter Vigil."

Over time the Easter candle was given greater prominence and was decorated to further expound on the Paschal mystery.

Blessed Among Us: St. Marie of the Incarnation

On April 2, 2014, Pope Francis canonized three new saints for the Catholic Church, one of whom was Blessed Marie of the Incarnation, an Ursuline Nun from France who came to the New World to establish a community and school for Indian girls.

Marie Guyart was born on Oct. 28, 1599 in Tours, France. At the age of 14, Marie confided to her parents her desire to join her cousin in the convent. But, at the age of 17, with strong pressure from her family, she agreed to marry a young silk worker. He died a year later, leaving her with an infant son and she vowed that she would not remarry.

In 1625, she began to receive a series of visions of the Trinity, with the sensation of a "spiritual marriage" to Jesus. In 1632, leaving her son in the care of her sister, she entered the Ursuline convent in Tours, taking the name Marie of the Incarnation.

In 1639, at the age of 40, she volunteered for the new mission in Quebec, becoming the first French missionary sister in Canada. She studied the extremely difficult Indian languages and wrote an Algonquin-French dictionary, as well as an Iroquois dictionary and catechism.

She died on April 30, 1672, at the age of 72. She was honored as one of the founders of Canada and has been named the Teresa of New France.

In France, St. Marie's son Claude became a Benedictine monk in 1641. For 30 years he kept up regular correspondence with his mother in Canada. When she died, he was the first to write a biography of his mother, and in the foreword, the Bishop of Quebec wrote:

"Having chosen her to establish the Ursulines in Canada, God gave her the full spirit of her Institute. She was a perfect superior, an excellent Mistress of novices, capable of undertaking any religious enterprise. Her exterior life, simple and well-disciplined, was animated by an intense interior life, so that she was a living Rule for all her Community. Her zeal for the salvation of souls, and especially for the conversion of the Indians, was great and so universal that she seemed to carry them all in her heart. We cannot doubt that, by her prayers, she greatly called down God's many blessings upon this new-born Church."

Judy Pearson