

 <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    <a href="http://www.stcyrils.org">www.stcyrils.org</a></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 8, 2018**

- Saturday, April 7, 2018      *Second Sunday of Easter***  
5:00 p.m.      Sam and Josephine Sparacino by Connie Cavallario
- Sunday, April 8, 2018**  
8:30 a.m. (SFX)      Edgar Amyot by Judy Ferguson  
10:00 a.m.      Wendy Nelson by Peg & Dan Wallo
- Monday, April 9, 2018**  
8:00 a.m.      *Liturgy of the Word with Communion*
- Tuesday, April 10, 2018**  
8:00 a.m.      Michael Bresnahan, Sr. by Carol & Bob Shepard
- Wednesday, April 11, 2018**  
8:00 a.m.      Joan Durand by Melinda & John Comstock
- Thursday, April 12, 2018**  
8:00 a.m.      Lillian Russo by Mary Ann Russo
- Friday, April 13, 2018**  
8:00 a.m.      The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
- Saturday, April 14, 2018      *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

<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3:45 – 4:30 p.m. at St. Cyril of Alexandria Church</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 – 8:15 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church</b>

**Our Stewardship**  
March 31 – April 1, 2018

Envelopes	\$2,672.00	Good Friday / Holy Land	\$401.00
Plate	\$872.00		
Youth	0		
Electronic Giving	\$233.57	Fuel Collection	\$105.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,777.57</b>	Total Fuel Contrib.to Date	\$17,307.00
Last Year	\$2,246.00	Total Fuel Goal in '17-'18	\$22,690.00

**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 next weekend. Thank you for your support.

## **DIOCESAN-WIDE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO ADDRESS PARISH NEEDS**

The Diocese of Ogdensburg will be conducting a Diocesan-wide Capital Campaign beginning this spring. The campaign theme is "*It's Our Church, It's Our Future*" and will have a goal of \$16 million, which will include \$1.3 million for the 2018 Bishop's Fund Appeal.

Of the funds raised, 75% will remain at the Parish for their local needs such as programs and capital improvements. The remaining 25% benefits the entire Diocese supporting Retired Priests, Seminarians, Camp Guggenheim and St. Mary's Cathedral.

"This campaign, which calls for sacrifice on everyone's part, will support the rich legacy of faith that characterizes the Diocese of Ogdensburg," said Bishop Terry R. LaValley. "I believe this is truly an urgent, historic endeavor to strengthen our local parish families that comprise the Diocese of Ogdensburg."

"I am confident that you will offer your support and leadership as we begin this endeavor for the Church here in our beloved North Country," said Bishop LaValley.

### **WAYS OF GIVING ONCE THE CAMPAIGN BEGINS IN June/July**

When you are prayerfully considering your gift, there will be a variety of giving options for you to think about. There is a pledge option of up to four years with payments ranging from monthly, quarterly, semiannually or annually. A one-time gift option is also available. As you reflect upon your level of support, please remember that the 2018 Bishop's Fund Appeal is included in this gift. *The Bishop's Fund Appeal will return in September 2019 in order to provide its support to the annual ministries and program needs of the Diocese.*

Methods of Giving Can Include:

- Pledges via cash, check or credit/debit cards.
- Gifts of Securities.
- Gifts of qualifying Retirements (IRA's).
- Gifts of Property, Life Insurance, Wills, Bequests, etc.

### **The Feast of the Annunciation**

Tomorrow we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, one of the principal feasts of the Christian Church. This feast celebrates the angel Gabriel's appearance to the Virgin Mary (Lk 1:32-38), telling her that she had been chosen to be the Mother of Our Lord, and Mary's fiat, her willing acceptance of God's plan.

This was originally a feast of our Lord, but is now celebrated as a Marian feast, dating back to around the 5<sup>th</sup> century. The date was set by the 7<sup>th</sup> century to be March 25, 9 months before Christmas. The Annunciation, therefore, always falls on March 25, Lady Day, (the traditional name in some English speaking countries), unless it falls on a Sunday of Lent, during Holy Week or during the octave of Easter. The Church considers Masses for the Sundays of Lent, any time during Holy Week and any time from Easter through the Sunday after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) so important that they cannot be replaced by any other feast. So if March 25 falls on a Sunday in Lent (before Palm Sunday), it is transferred to the following Monday. If it falls on Palm Sunday (as it did this year) or any day in Holy Week, it is transferred to the Monday after the Sunday after Easter. Hence the Annunciation this year is celebrated on April 9.

Mary asks a question of Gabriel on how this can be...that she will conceive without knowing man...but it is not one of skepticism as was that of Zechariah. He asked for proof that Elizabeth would bear a son; Mary asks for clarification, that of faith seeking understanding, rather than a lack of faith.

Mary's fiat is momentous as she will become the Mother of the Son of God, and because she is willing to suffer for seemingly being unfaithful to Joseph, damaging her reputation and her relationship with Joseph. Yet she still placed herself completely at the service of God's will. Pope Benedict XVI writes (Jesus of Nazareth 3: The Infancy Narrative, Lk, ch. 2) quoting from an Advent homily by St. Bernard of Clairvaux, "This is the crucial moment when, from her lips, from her heart, the answer comes: 'Let it be to me according to your word.' It is the moment of free, humble yet magnanimous obedience in which the loftiest choice of human freedom is made."

*Judy Pearson*