

 <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 16, 2018

- 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) Gerald Paradies by the Hunter Family
10:00 a.m. Joe Cullen, Sr. by Jim & Carol Tousant
- Monday, Dec. 17, 2018**
8:00 a.m. The Needs of our Parishioners
- Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018**
8:00 a.m. The Intentions of Michael Joyce
- Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018**
8:00 a.m. Bette A. Shampine by Deacon Bernard Slate
- Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018**
8:00 a.m. Carmella Folino by Tony and Kathy Folino
- Friday, Dec. 21, 2018**
8:00 a.m. The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
- Saturday, Dec. 22, 2018 *The Fourth Sunday of Advent***
5:00 p.m. Keith Irwin by John & Melinda Comstock
- Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018**
8:30 a.m. (SFX) Joseph Cullen, Sr. by Dolores Mahlbacher
10:00 a.m. Madeline Millett by Deacon Bernie Slate

Sacrament of Reconciliation in Preparation for Christmas

Monday	Dec. 17	6:00 p.m.	Penance Service at St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay
Tuesday	Dec. 18	6:00 p.m.	Penance Service at St. Mary's Church, Clayton
Wednesday	Dec. 19	5:00 p.m.	Confessions at St. Francis Xavier, Redwood

Our Stewardship

December 7 - 9, 2018

Envelopes	\$1,589.00	Christmas Flowers	\$656.00
Plate	\$253.00	Religious Retirement	895.00
Youth		Priests' Retirement Fund	\$500.00
Electronic Giving	\$67.72	Fuel Collection	\$110.00
Total	\$1,909.72	Total Fuel Contribution to Date	15,047.00
Last Year	\$2,762.00	Total Fuel Cost Last Fiscal Year	\$20,210.43

Retirement Plan for Priests

The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by parish contributions from its annual Christmas Collection. Currently 37 retired priests, and 9 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$872,000 in 2018-19. Also 100% of the cost of health insurance premiums for retired priests is paid by the Plan. Your generous contribution not only supports current retirees but will also help provide for the retirement needs of priests who will retire in the future. Say thank you to your pastor and all priests of the diocese through a generous contribution to our Christmas Collection.

Rowing with the Rosary

Come and join us for a Rosary Row. Each morning after Morning Mass (8:45 – 9:30) or Monday and Wednesday evening (7:00-8:00).

For each kilometer rowed .10 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.

For those who cannot join us at Church, join us on-line at #c2challenge or www.Concept2.com/challenge through the 1000 Islands Rowing Club affiliation..

Third Sunday of Advent

On the third Sunday of Advent the pink candle is lit, symbolizing JOY. It is the Shepherd's candle, reminding us of the joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

From Psalm 5:11, we hear these words: "Then all who take refuge in you will be glad and forever shout for joy. Protect them that you may be the joy of those who love your name."

"Joy is a feeling of inner gladness, delight or rejoicing. **Joy** in the New Testament is virtually always used to signify a feeling of "happiness" that is based on spiritual realities (and independent of what "happens"). **Joy** is an inner gladness; a deep seated pleasure. It is a depth of assurance and confidence that ignites a cheerful heart."

It is from the Greek *chará* and the Latin *gaudium*. There is no explicit difference between joy and happiness, although some philosophers dispute this, there is no distinction between the two made in Scripture.

Joy is essential to the Christian life. The Scriptures are clear: God's people are both commanded to rejoice and characterized by rejoicing.

Joy is commanded throughout the Bible. It was commanded of God's first-covenant people, Israel, perhaps especially in the Psalms. "Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!" (Psalm 149:2). "Let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad" (Psalm 14:7). "Rejoice in the Lord" (Psalm 97:12). "Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!" (Psalm 32:11). With many more instances throughout the Old Testament.

In the New Testament, God also commands our joy: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven" (Matthew 5:12). "Leap for joy" (Luke 6:23). "Rejoice that your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20).

Prayer

Too often, we think joy is something big, O God. A brass band or a parade can certainly bring us joy. Just as easily and far more often, we can feel joy in a hug or the squeeze of a hand, we can see joy in a smile or hear it in laughter. Help us to not overlook the simple joys that peak into our lives daily. This week in our Advent journey, open our eyes to the joy that surrounds us. Amen. [Liturgylink Nov. 2014]

Judy Pearson



Third Sunday of Advent

THANK YOU

Deacon Neil Fuller, from St. Mary's in Clayton and St. John's in LaFargeville would like to thank the good people of The Catholic Community of Alexandria for allowing me to preach in your parishes as I continue my effort to gain preaching faculties in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. I especially thank those who evaluated my homilies and Fr. Comstock for being my priest mentor. Your parishes were very warm and welcoming and I am very appreciative.

May God Bless each and every one of you during this Advent and Christmas Season.