
 St. Cyril of Alexandria 28 Walton St. Alexandria Bay, NY <hr/> Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m.	The Catholic Community of Alexandria 17 Rock St. Alexandria Bay, NY 13607 315-482-2670 pastor@stcyrils.org www.stcyrils.org Rev. Douglas G. Comstock, Pastor Bernard Slate, Deacon Joel Walentuk, Deacon	 St. Francis Xavier 43596 State Route 37 Redwood, NY <hr/> Sunday 8:30 a.m.
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Liturgy Schedule for Week of December 17, 2017

Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017	Third Sunday of Advent	
5:00 p.m.		Robert O'Connor by Tom & Barbara Bradley
Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017		
8:30 a.m. (SFX)		Merrill and Florence Running & Family by their Daughter, Jane Hunter
10:00 a.m.		The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Monday, Dec. 18, 2017		
8:00 a.m.		Irene Gregory by Joel & Matthew
Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2017		
8:00 a.m.		The Intentions of Carolyn Curley by Kathy & Tony Folino
Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017		
8:00 a.m.		JoAnn Massey by John & Melinda Comstock
Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017		
8:00 a.m.		Mary Coleman by Stephen & JoAnn Mastacusa
Friday, Dec. 22, 2017		
8:00 a.m.		George and Frank Bolus by their Family
Saturday, Dec. 23, 2017	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
5:00 p.m.		Frank Cavallario by his wife, Connie Cavallario
Sunday, Dec 24, 2017		
10:00 a.m.		David Tuttle by the Felicia Family
	Christmas Eve	
5:00 p.m.		The Members of our Parish Family (SC)
7:00 p.m.		The Deceased Members of our Parish (SFX)
Monday, Dec. 25, 2017	Christmas Day	
10:00 a.m.		The Intentions of the Celebrant (SC)

Sacrament of Reconciliation in Preparation for Christmas

Monday	Dec. 18	6:00 p.m.	Penance Service at St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay
Tuesday	Dec. 19	6:00 p.m.	Penance Service at St. Mary's Church, Clayton
Wednesday	Dec. 20	5:00 p.m.	Confessions at St. Francis Xavier, Redwood

Our Stewardship

December 9 - 10, 2017

Envelopes	\$2,392.00	Diocesan Priests' Retirement	\$1,604.00
Plate	\$370.00	Christmas Flowers	\$597.00
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Electronic Giving	\$165.80	Fuel Collection	\$55.00
Total	\$2,927.80	Total Fuel Contrib. to Date	\$13,366.00
Last Year	\$2,447.00	Total Fuel Goal in '17-'18	\$20,367.00

Scripture Study

Our Scripture Study Program continues in St. Cyril's Parish Hall this Wednesday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m. Gene Kleinhans (Catholic Community of Alexandria) and Sandy Geiss (St. Mary's of Clayton) are facilitating this adult discussion class.

Christmas Collection

The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by parish contributions from its annual Christmas Collection. Currently 40 retired priests, and 8 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$892,000 in 2017-18. 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.

Have I Missed Advent?

Today is the halfway point to Christmas. It is a time to stop and reflect on how we are doing on our spiritual journey to Christmas and once again, Creighton University's Online Ministries provides us with a beautiful prayer to help us reflect on our journey.

“Halfway through Advent - have I missed it?”

Dear Jesus,

It's halfway through Advent and I'm not sure what happened. I really wanted to make this a reflective and calm season, preparing for your birth and pondering how you came into this world in such a stunningly humble way. But it's so busy and I'm distracted and sometimes even short-tempered with those I love the most. Where are you in THAT?

I am discouraged and wish I could start over. But as I sit here in the rare moment of silence, I contemplate your birth. In a bed of straw, with the smell of manure everywhere. It's a mess in that stable ... and come to think of it, my life is a little messy, too. I suddenly see that it is not just into the mess of the stable but into my mess that you enter the world. You came into a humble place and that humility is often where I live my life - feeling guilty or distracted and wishing I were a better person. But if I stop thinking of myself and focus on you, I realize that there you are, waiting to love me, even though I have so many unfulfilled good intentions about prayer, so many desires of how to change this fleeting Advent season.

I can begin Advent today and make this season deeper by making room in my heart for you. I can take just a moment before I get out of bed in the morning and feel the empty place in my life I so often fill with my busy-ness. It is there I need you the most. Come, Lord Jesus. Come into that dark and lonely spot in my heart. You know what my needs are more than I do. Let me feel your love. If I only carry that thought with me each day, it will prepare me for Christmas.

Thank you, Jesus. It's not too late. You are waiting to enter my life today, where ever I let you in. Help me to open my heart in these remaining days”

Judy Pearson