

 <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 2, 2018

- Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018** *The First Sunday of Advent*
5:00 p.m. Brian Yaussi by his Mother, Martha O'Donnell
- Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018**
8:30 a.m. (SFX) Lillian Williams by Dorothy Brady
10:00 a.m. Robert Wagoner, Sr. by the Alex. Bay Figure Skating Club
- Monday, Dec. 3, 2018**
8:00 a.m. The Needs of our Parishioners
- Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018**
8:00 a.m. Sharon Bart by her Family
- Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018**
8:00 a.m. The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
- Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018**
8:00 a.m. Everette Hepper by Grandpa & Grandma Ringer
- Friday, Dec. 7, 2018** *The Immaculate Conception of Mary*
5:15 p.m. [SC] Louis Amato by Deacon Bernie Slate
- Saturday, Dec. 8, 2019**
8:15 a.m. [SFX] Our Parishioners
- The First 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

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

November 24 - 25, 2018

Envelopes	\$1,300.00	Campaign for Human Development	\$10.00
Plate	\$180.00	Priests' Retirement	\$70.00
Youth			
Electronic Giving	\$147.72	Fuel Collection	\$130.00
Total	\$1,627.72	Total Fuel Contribution to Date	14,800.00
Last Year	\$2,388.00	Total Fuel Cost Last Fiscal Year	\$20,210.43

Thousand Islands Catholic Men's Group

The Thousand Islands Catholic Men's Group is a group of Catholic men who meet on a regular basis to discuss their experiences as Catholic men in today's society. The December meeting will be held on the second Saturday, the 8th, at 9 AM in the Parish Center of St. Mary's Church, Clayton. For further information contact Scott Beeles at 315-686-1303 or Gene Kleinhans at 315-482-3981. Come join us, whether you've been to a meeting before or not.

Women of Grace

St. Cyril's Parish is hosting the *Women of Grace Study Program, "Full of Grace: Women and the Abundant Life!"* Women of all ages are welcome! You are invited to discover your gift of authentic femininity, holiness of life, and God's awesome purpose and mission for you in the world today. An informational meeting will be held Sunday, Dec. 2 at 11:00AM in the Parish Hall. Study materials will be shared and questions answered. The world is pulling us away from our true vocation as women. Come and be with other women like yourself who are seeking to grow spiritually and learn more about their Catholic faith. For more information please contact Meg Ringer at 315-778-3857 or Mary Dillenbeck at 315-771-1377..

First Sunday of Advent

The first Sunday of Advent symbolizes **HOPE** with the Prophecy or Prophet's candle, in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. The first purple candle is lit representing hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

Hope is a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen. Hope, from the Latin *spēs*, is confident that what is desired will certainly be attained. Yet, it is not easily obtained; it requires effort to overcome whatever obstacles stand in the way.

The Bible has a lot to say about hope. The word hope in English often conveys doubt (e.g. I hope I feel better tomorrow), but the biblical hope is a confident assurance based upon a sure foundation for which we wait with joy and full confidence:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)

"To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." (Colossians 1:27)

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans (5:13)

24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? **25** But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. (Romans 8:24-25)

Prayer

"Gracious God, as the Advent season begins, we cry out to you. We come to you looking for hope. When everything else we rely on fails us, our only hope is in you. When we do not understand what has happened, we hope in you. We can hope for better days because we trust you. We know you and we know you are here with us no matter what we are facing. Some of us see only darkness this time of year. Some of us find life overwhelming. Some of us are filled with Advent joy. Wherever we find ourselves today, Loving God, remind us that our hope is in you. Be with us on this journey. Amen." [Liturgylink Nov. 2014]
Judy Pearson

