
 <p><b>St. Cyril of Alexandria</b> 28 Walton St. Alexandria Bay, NY</p> <hr/> <p>Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>The Catholic Community of Alexandria</b> 17 Rock St. Alexandria Bay, NY 13607 315-482-2670</p> <p><a href="mailto:pastor@stcyrils.org">pastor@stcyrils.org</a>   <a href="http://www.stcyrils.org">www.stcyrils.org</a></p> <p><b>Rev. Douglas G. Comstock, Pastor</b> <b>Bernard Slate, Deacon</b> <b>Joel Walentuk, Deacon</b></p>	 <p><b>St. Francis Xavier</b> 43596 State Route 37 Redwood, NY</p> <hr/> <p>Sunday 8:30 a.m.</p>
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**Liturgy Schedule for Week of December 3, 2017**

<b>Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b><i>First Sunday of Advent</i></b>	Cecilia Tidd by Deacon Bernie Slate
<b>Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. (SFX)</b>		Ellen Amyot by Deacon Bernie Slate
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>		Hannah Chaltain by Deverde O'Connor
<b>Monday, Dec. 4, 2017</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>		Our Parishioners
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>		The Intentions of the Jamison Family by Deacon Bernie Slate
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>		Ann Lynn Warner by Russ & Sue Pfister
<b>Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b><i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></b>	Bob O'Connor by Jim & Pauline Little
<b>Friday, Dec. 8, 2017</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>		Mr. and Mrs. John G. Watson by the Estate of Emma George
<b>Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Second Sunday of Advent</i></b>	Marie Boucheby by Barb & Tom Bradley
<b>Sunday, Dec 10, 2017</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. (SFX)</b>		The Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>		Loreto A. Cada by Luchie & Will Cole

**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 25 - 26, 2017

Envelopes	\$1,540.00	Campaign for Human Development	\$5.00
Plate	\$292.00	Mission Sunday	\$100.00
Youth	\$0.00		
Electronic Giving	\$119.69	Fuel Collection	\$100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,951.00</b>	<b>Total Fuel Contrib.to Date</b>	<b>\$13,206.00</b>
Last Year	\$1,804.00	<b>Total Fuel Goal in '17-'18</b>	<b>\$20,367.00</b>

**Scripture Study**

Are you one of our parishioners who have been asking for more Scripture Study? Would you like to spend Advent learning about these famous people from the Old Testament: Adam, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Joshua, and David? Would you like to discuss how these Old Testament people relate to Jesus? Gene Kleinhans (Catholic Community of Alexandria) and Sandy Geiss (St. Mary's of Clayton) are starting an adult discussion class just for this purpose. We are using a short, user-friendly text, and we will alternate meeting sites. Please come to St. Mary's Parish Center on Wednesday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM to see if this is for you. Contact Gene (482-3981) or Sandy (686-2425) with any questions.

## Advent Begins

Today we begin Advent.

For some of us, these next four weeks, rather than being a time of spiritual preparation before Christ's birth, will be filled with "Things To do" that take us away from the true meaning of Christmas. This prayer is designed to bring us back to what is truly important.

### **Praying Over My To-Do List**

I sit here with my list, Lord, and I know I need help finding a balance. I am so looking forward to Christmas Day, with the family here, the company, the wonderful celebration. But, Lord, there is SO much to do! When will it all get done? How will I maintain any semblance of inner peace in this "peaceful" season?

I think, Lord, that I need some balance in my life. I feel so torn between wanting to cook and fill my house with wonderful welcoming smells, and wanting to finish decorating the house. I have shopping to do, the house to clean and cards to write and mail. When? How?

Help me, guide me, Lord. Help me to set priorities around doing those things that will bring me closer to you. Maybe my house really is clean enough, or maybe I can ask my family for help. Can the cards wait until a quiet afternoon after Christmas? Can my house decorations be simpler? Is there more than a little ego involved when I want so desperately to have my house "magazine perfect" for the holidays?

Help me rediscover the joy of simplicity, Lord. Help me to remember what I am celebrating. Help me to find it in my heart to call out, "Come, Lord Jesus." (Creighton University)

Wishing you all a Blessed Advent!

*Judy Pearson*



**The Franciscan Mystery Players  
of St. Mary's and St. John's Churches present**

### **“The Birth of Jesus – A Franciscan Christmas”**

Based on St. Francis' recreation of the Nativity at Greccio, Italy over 800 years ago, this Christmas mystery play attempts to portray the events surrounding the Lord's birth, as real as possible, from the birth to the slaughter of the innocents. This presentation hopes to renew the real meaning of Christmas in such a way that its true message speaks to our hearts, the world we live in, and our daily lives. For more information, contact St. Mary's Church at 315-686-3398. Plan to attend one of these unforgettable presentations:

Sunday, December 10, 6pm at St. John's Church, Gananoque, Ontario, Canada  
Sunday, December 17, 6pm at St. Mary's, Clayton