
 <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 30, 2018

- Saturday, Dec. 29, 2018** *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*
5:00 p.m. Robert, Roxanne and LouAnn Beach by Dorothy Beach
- Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018**
8:30 a.m. (SFX) All of Our Parishioners
10:00 a.m. The Intentions of Gail Healey by the Choir
- Monday, Dec. 31, 2018** *New Year's Eve*
5:00 p.m. Belle Borland by the Estate of Emma George (SFX)
- Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019** *New Year's Day – The Mother of God*
10:00 a.m. Lillian Williams by Mr. & Mrs. Murray Bruce (SC)
- Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019**
8:00 a.m. The Intentions of Easton M. Hepper by Grandma & Grandpa Ringer
- Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019**
8:00 a.m. Ellen and Edward Sweeney by Sr. Maureen Sweeney
- Friday, Jan. 4, 2019**
8:00 a.m. The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
- Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019** *The Epiphany of the Lord*
5:00 p.m. William "Bill" Decker by the Decker Sons
- Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019**
8:30 a.m. (SFX) The Intentions of Jennifer Lucia by Gene & Mary Kleinhans
10:00 a.m. Joseph Cullen, Sr. by his Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

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

December 22 -25, 2018

Envelopes	\$1,968.00	Christmas Flowers	\$70.00
Plate	\$227.00	Religious Retirement	\$60.00
Youth		Priests' Retirement Fund	\$3,692.00
Electronic Giving	\$157.72	Fuel Collection	\$100.00
Total	\$2,352.72	Total Fuel Contribution to Date	16,269.80
Last Year	\$1,058.00	Total Fuel Cost Last Fiscal Year	\$20,210.43

Retirement Plan for Priests

Thank you for your generous gift in our Christmas collection. Like every North Country parish, we forward 75% of the collection to the diocese to fund pensions for retired priests. Pension needs for the future as well as obligations for the next year are being met thanks to your generous donation. As of Christmas \$5,265.00 has been donated.

It's Our Church, It's Our Future

As of December 20th, \$213,385.79 we have given or pledged in our Parish!

Blessed Among Us: St. Thomas Becket

Thomas Becket was born in Cheapside, London in 1118 or 1120 on Dec. 21, the feast day of Thomas, the Apostle. He was the son of a prosperous merchant, Gilbert Becket and his wife, Matilda. He was educated at Merton priory, then in a City of London school and finally at Paris. At age 24, Thomas' father secured a position for him in the household of Theobald of Bec, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

In 1154, Theobald, upon the death of appointed Thomas as Archdeacon of Canterbury. Then in 1155 Thomas was made Chancellor, the most important position in England after the king. He and King Henry II became close friends. Henry later, upon the death of Theobald of Bec, appointed Becket as Archbishop of Canterbury, the most important position in the church in Medieval England. Henry did so to assert his royal supremacy over the English Church.

Thomas, however, resigned his post as Chancellor and adopted a new regime of prayer and fasting. He also began to resist the king's encroachments on the independence and prerogatives of the Church. This led to poor relations between Thomas and Henry and Thomas was forced to flee England of 6 years of exile in France.

In 1170, Henry had his eldest son crowned as co-king by the Archbishop of York. This undermined the authority of the pope as only Thomas Becket, as Archbishop of Canterbury, had the right to crown English monarchs. Thomas then excommunicated all those responsible. Henry, fearing an interdict for England, allowed Henry back to England but uttered a fatal curse, "Who will rid me of this troublesome priest?" Thus, four knights, understanding the king's meaning, departed for Canterbury and slew Thomas at his altar. Thomas was immediately acclaimed a saint by the common people, who venerated him as a martyr.

On Feb. 21, 1173, Pope Alexander III officially declared Thomas Becket a saint. His feast day is Dec. 29.

Major works based on his story include Alfred Lord Tennyson's play, *Becket*, T.S.Elliot's play, *Murder in the Cathedral* and Jean Anouilh's play, *Becket or The Honour of God*, on which the 1964 Academy Award winning movie, *Becket*, was based.

Judy Pearson

SURVIVING DIVORCE

Surviving Divorce groups to be held for 12 weeks. Schedule: Jan.22 at St. Anthony's Church, Watertown. Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 Features: The Surviving Divorce Program offers support and healing for people who are separated or divorced. Contact: Contact Stephen Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or startaglia@rcdony.org. To register go to www.rcdony.org/family-life/surviving-divorce-support-group/registration.html

Father Doug Writes:

I am very grateful for all the Christmas greetings and gifts. I am enjoying goodies and cookies very much, ---- even if my scales are not. Sincere thanks.

Calendars and Envelopes for the New Year

Calendars and Envelope Sets for the New Year may be picked up in the Our Lady's Chapel at St. Cyril's Church and in St. Francis Xavier Church.