
 <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 February 3, 2019

- Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019** *The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 p.m. Marie Barnello by Becky, Kevin, Ashley & Katie Rose
- Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019**
8:30 a.m. (SFX) The Needs of our Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Dominic Giordano by Tim & Diane Kring
- Monday, Feb. 4, 2019**
8:00 a.m. Lucy Reff by Dawn & Deacon Joel Walentuk
- Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019**
8:00 a.m. The Intentions of Elizabeth Blum by Mike & Meg Ringer
- Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019**
8:00 a.m. Samuel J. Sanzone by his Family
- Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019**
8:00 a.m. Bill Vaverchak by John, Melinda and Doug Comstock
- Friday, Feb. 8, 2019**
8:00 a.m. The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
- Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019** *The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 p.m. Pauline Tidd by Tony & Kathy Folino
- Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019**
8:30 a.m. (SFX) Robert Decker by Deacon Bernie Slate
10:00 a.m. Joan Paul by Deacon Bernie Slate

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
January 26 - 27 2019

Envelopes	\$1,304.00	Respect for Life	\$272.00
Plate	\$124.00		
Youth			
Electronic Giving	\$147.72	Fuel Collection	\$10.00
Total	\$1,575.72	Total Fuel Contribution to Date	16,811.80
Last Year	\$1,054.00	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 February meeting will be held on the second Saturday, the 9th, 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.

Candlemas

Candlemas is a Christian holiday celebrated annually on Feb. 2, commemorating three occasions: presentation of Our Lord, Jesus' first entry into the temple; and the Virgin Mary's purification.

Candlemas is also known as "The Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple" in the east; and in the west, "Feast for the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary" and "Meeting of the Lord."

There are many beautiful traditions associated with Candlemas:

- In some parts of Europe, such as France, special crepes are eaten. Each member of the family prepares and cooks a crepe while holding a coin in hand. This is believed to assure wealth and happiness until the next Candlemas.
- In Spanish-speaking countries, whoever finds baby figures hidden inside the Kings' Cake (*Rosca de Reyes*) on Epiphany on January 6, must bring food to a gathering held on February 2.
- Many Orthodox Christians celebrate by bringing beeswax candles to be blessed for use at church or home.
- Some people leave Christmas decorations up through Candlemas.

Candlemas occurs between Winter Solstice and the March Equinox, so is considered the "half-way" point to spring.

It is unclear when Candlemas actually began being celebrated. Some sources indicate Christians began Candlemas in Jerusalem as early as the fourth century while the lighting of candles began in the fifth century. Other sources say that Candlemas was observed by blessing candles since the 11th century. An early writing dating back to around 380 AD mentioned that a feast of the Presentation occurred in a church in Jerusalem, observed on February 14. This feast was observed on February 2 in regions where Christ's birth was celebrated on December 25.

One of the beautiful symbols of Candlemas is the Snowdrops or Candlemas Bells which bloom early in the year, even before Candlemas. Some varieties bloom all winter (in the northern hemisphere). The superstitious used to believe that these flowers should not be brought into the house prior to Candlemas, but in more recent times it is thought these flowers actually purify a home.

According to folklore, an angel helped these Candlemas Bells to bloom and pointed them as a sign of hope to Eve, who wept in repentance and in despair over the cold and death that entered the world. Many Christians now see the flower as a symbol of Jesus Christ being this hope for the world.

Judy Pearson

