

 <p><b>St. Cyril of Alexandria</b> 28 Walton St. Alexandria Bay, NY</p> <hr/> <p>Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 7:00 a.m. 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 July, 2, 2017**

<b>Saturday, July 1, 2017</b> 5:00 p.m.	<b><i>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b> Glen Hudon by Mike & Meg Ringer
<b>Sunday, July 2, 2017</b> 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. (SFX) 10:00 a.m.	Robert O'Connor by Hannah Chaltain The Needs of our Parishioners Louise Hedden by Deacon Bernie Slate
<b>Monday, July 3, 2017</b> 8:00 a.m.	Daphne Pierce by Lloyd E. Alker
<b>Tuesday, July 4, 2017</b> 8:00 a.m.	The Needs of our Nation
<b>Wednesday, July 5, 2017</b> 8:00 a.m.	The Intention of Tristan M. Topa by Grandma & Grandma Ringer
<b>Thursday, July 6, 2017</b> 8:00 a.m.	Hannah Chaltain by Tom & Cheryl Ashley
<b>Friday, July 7, 2017</b> 8:00 a.m.	Pat Welsh by Russ & Sue Pfister
<b>Saturday, July 8, 2017</b> 5:00 p.m.	<b><i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b> David B. Scrivani by Norm & Cindy Hutchinson
<b>Sunday, July 9, 2017</b> 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. (SFX) 10:00 a.m.	Bill & Ellen Strough by Mike & Marty Dick Durand by Joseph & Catherine Cullen George Millett by his Wife and Children

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**Saturday**

**3:45 – 4:30 p.m. at St. Cyril of Alexandria Church**

**Our Stewardship**  
June 24 - 25, 2017

Envelopes	\$2,180.00		
Plate	\$2,012.00		
Youth			
Electronic Giving	\$119.69	Fuel Collection	\$535.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,311.69</b>	Total Fuel Contrib.to Date	\$21,839.00
Last Year	\$4,125.00	Total Fuel Goal in '16-'17	\$22,690.00

**Pastoral Plan for Parish Life**

We have submitted it to the Living Stones Planning Committee of the Diocese. The plan covers eight pages. And, you are most welcome to have a copy if you would like. If you email me ([pastor@stcyrils.org](mailto:pastor@stcyrils.org)), I will send one to you electronically. If you prefer a hard copy, let me know and I will be glad to provide one.

With our plan in place, we are ready to move into the future when the time comes, fostering vibrant parish communities.

## *Life, Liberty & The Pursuit of Happiness*

This week we celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup>, Independence Day, an American national holiday. Family gatherings, barbecues, fireworks...this is what July 4<sup>th</sup> means to most Americans. But July 4, 1776 was a very solemn day for the 55 men who signed the Declaration of Independence. On this day, they were risking their lives and fortunes to defend the position that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." Liberty is a result of human dignity and safeguarding human dignity was the reason for their war of independence.

Human dignity is an individual or group's sense of self-respect and self-worth, physical and psychological integrity and empowerment. The Catholic Church, like the Declaration of Independence, has the quest for human dignity as a goal. Jesus gave dignity to the tax collectors, Matthew and Zacchaeus, by friending them and He listened to the woman with five husbands, offering her a new life.

The Second Vatican Council bases the right to freedom of religion on human dignity. It teaches that all...not just a select few...are called to the heights of holiness, regardless of their occupation or state in life. It teaches that if all are made in the image and likeness of God, then ALL are equal in dignity, and that societies must strive to make living conditions correspond to human dignity.

The life of St. Teresa of Calcutta gives testimony to the dignity of the human person. She recognized and honored the image of God in those people cast-off by society and left in the slum areas to die. Pope St. John Paul II was considered the Apostle of Human Dignity. He opposed the death penalty on grounds of human dignity. And when he was gravely wounded by an assassin, he went to the prison of his attacker and told the man of his forgiveness and love.

In our aspirations for freedom, there is always a spiritual element, and this was especially true in those who signed the Declaration of Independence at Philadelphia, on July 4, 1776. So, on this holiday, the birth of our nation, we give thanks to God for helping us continue the fight for human dignity started so many years ago.

*Judy Pearson*



*Creating a culture of vocation...*

**CHRIST SPOKE** of the talents each one of us has, talents that must not be buried. Our calling is to take those talents, develop them fully, and then use them in establishing His kingdom on earth. Are you using your talents to fulfill your vocation to service? Take some time today to reflect on how you might use your special talents in the service of the Kingdom.