
 <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 43596 State Route 37 Redwood, NY</p> <hr/> <p>Sunday 8:30 a.m.</p>
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Liturgy Schedule for Week of March 18, 2018

Saturday, March 17, 2018 5:00 p.m.	Fifth Sunday of Lent Frank Cavallario by Shirley Irwin
Sunday, March 18, 2018 8:30 a.m. (SFX) 10:00 a.m.	Betty Hayduke by Mike & Meg Ringer Rosie Tricase by Shelly Tooley Bruce
Monday, March 19, 2018 8:00 a.m.	The Needs of our Parishioners
Tuesday, March 20, 2018 5:15 p.m.	Doug Senecal by Deacon Bernie Slate
Wednesday, March 21, 2018 8:00 a.m.	Mike Bresnahan, Sr. by Dan & Cynthia Cwynar
Thursday, March 22, 2018 5:15 p.m.	Robert Cantwell by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Nelson & Family
Friday, March 23, 2018 8:00 a.m.	The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Saturday, March 24, 2018 5:00 p.m.	Palm Sunday Katherine Welsh by Dean & Lou Ann Honeywell
Sunday, March 25, 2018 8:30 a.m. (SFX) 10:00 a.m.	Douglas Hinman by Joe & Cathy Cullen Nicole Garnsey by Gary & Bonnie Grausgruber

Soup and Stations

This Thursday we will celebrate the 5:15 Mass in St. Cyril of Alexandria Church, before gathering for Soup and Stations of the Cross.
Sign-up sheets for providing soup are found in each church. Come, join us!

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

Confessions before Easter

Sunday, March 25th at 1:00 p.m. in St. Cyril's Church, Alexandria Bay
Sunday, March 25th at 3:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church, Clayton

Our Stewardship
March 10 - 11, 2018

Envelopes	\$1,445.00	<i>North Country Catholic Subscriptions</i>	\$97.00
Plate	\$196.00	Bishops' Overseas Aid	\$533.00
Youth	\$0.00		
Electronic Giving	\$135.80	Fuel Collection	0
Total	\$1,776.80	Total Fuel Contrib.to Date	\$14,780.00
Last Year	\$1,517.00	Total Fuel Goal in '17-'18	\$20,367.00

Fr. Doug writes about Parish Reconfiguration Plan

In June of 2017 we submitted the reconfiguration Plan to the Diocese for our Parish, St. Mary's in Clayton and St. John's in LaFargeville. We had collaborated over a nine month period to develop the Plan. Copies were made available in our churches and on line.

Bishop LaValley recently wrote stating that the Plan had been reviewed by the Diocesan Planning Committee which recommended that he approve it. He did approve the Plan and extended thanks to everyone who participated in its preparation.

We are working gradually to share resources and will implement the Plan when it becomes necessary. If you did not pick-up a copy of the Plan or would like it emailed, please contact me.

St. Joseph, The Just Man

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of March to St. Joseph, often known as the "Just Man." St. Joseph, a carpenter in the village of Nazareth, was descended from the royal house of David. Joseph and Mary were betrothed when he found she was pregnant, presenting Joseph with a terrible dilemma. According to law, Mary would be stoned to death, but Joseph, "being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame", decided to divorce her quietly until an angel appeared to Joseph while he was sleeping and explained what happened.

Although Joseph was the foster father Our Lord, for many centuries the Church paid him very little attention. Only in the 16th century did the Church officially encourage his cult, as St. Joseph proved to be an ideal "provider and protector" of the Holy Family. Foster-father of Our Lord appears in local martyrologies of the 9th and 10th centuries. The first church dedicated in his honor was in Bologna, Italy in 1129. In the 15th century, Pope Sixtus IV officially acknowledged March 19 as the feast of St. Joseph and Pope Pius IX declared him Patron of the Universal Church in 1870.

In 1989, Pope John Paul II reflected deeply on the life and witness of St. Joseph in *Redemptoris Custos* (Guardian of the Redeemer).

Among the saints known to have particular devotions to St. Joseph are St. Bernard, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Gertrude, St. Bridget of Sweden, St. Alphonsus, and St. Teresa of Avila.

"Thought linked to the house of David, he remains a carpenter from a Galilean town so miniscule that it serves as the butt of jokes. Thus, while Joseph recedes from the Gospel story, he remains a reminder of Jesus' humble origins—and an enduring reminder of His humanity." [Blessed Among Us](#)

Judy Pearson

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