
 <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 February 25, 2018**

<b>Saturday, March 3, 2018</b> 5:00 p.m.	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> Daphne Pierce by Helen Brennan & Terry Bresnahan
<b>Sunday, March 4, 2018</b> 8:30 a.m. (SFX) 10:00 a.m.	Mr. and Mrs. Harrison George by the Estate of Emma George Ruth Felicia by the Felicia Family
<b>Monday, March 5, 2018</b> 8:00 a.m.	The Intentions of Tom Weldon by a Friend
<b>Tuesday, March 6, 2018</b> 5:15 p.m.	Aimee Cooley by Deacon Bernie Slate
<b>Wednesday, March 7, 2018</b> 8:00 a.m.	The Intentions of Tristan Topa by Grandma & Grandpa Ringer
<b>Thursday, March 8, 2018</b> 5:15 p.m.	JoAnn Senecal by Terry Bresnahan followed by Soup & Stations in SC
<b>Friday, March 9, 2018</b> 8:00 a.m.	Katherine Welsh by Tony & Barbara Cardwell
<b>Saturday, March 10, 2018</b> 5:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. (SFX) 10:00 a.m.	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> Anthony C. Folino by Tony & Kathy Folino All of our Parishioners Pauline Tidd by Cynthia & Robert Nelson & Family

**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**

February 24 - 25, 2018

Envelopes	\$1,129.00	<i>North Country Catholic Subscriptions</i>	\$214.00
Plate	\$211.00		
Youth	\$0.00		
Electronic Giving	\$119.00	Fuel Collection	\$150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,459.00</b>	Total Fuel Contrib.to Date	\$14,680.00
Last Year	\$1,384.50	Total Fuel Goal in '17-'18	\$20,367.00

**Our Parish Mission**

*We will begin our Lenten Parish Mission on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and continue through Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Deacon Tom Killian from Ogdensburg, retired Chaplain at Gouverneur and Ogdensburg Correctional Facilities and currently Deacon at the Catholic Community of Morristown, Hammond and Rossie will guide us. Be sure to mark your calendars.*

## **Our Diocesan Newspaper *The North Country Catholic***

We are continuing the *North Country Catholic* subscription campaign. If you have not yet subscribed to our diocesan newspaper I would ask you to do so today. Bishop LaValley has asked that the diocesan newspaper be welcomed in every Catholic home in the diocese as a source of information, evangelization and unity. Please place your subscription envelope in the collection basket or mail a check for \$27 to the North Country Catholic, PO Box 106, Canajoharie, NY, 13317. Patron subscriptions – for \$35, \$50, \$100 or \$250 - are also encouraged to allow the newspaper to maintain affordable subscription rates for all. ANOTHER OPTION – “go green” and receive your NCC through email. If interested, write your email address on the envelope

### **Laetare Sunday**

Next week, is the fourth Sunday of Lent, marking the half-way point in the Lenten Season. We know it best as Laetare Sunday. But this Sunday has several other names as well.

In the United Kingdom and Ireland, it is called Mothering Sunday named because a person would visit his “mother church”, the church in which he was baptized. It was also so called because servants were released for the day to visit their mothers; others, too, would visit their biological mothers on this day. Often the day was celebrated in much the same way as our Mother’s Day.

Several customs developed on this Sunday, including the baking of “mother cakes”, called “simnel cakes” and thus the day came also to be known as Simnel Sunday. Simnel cakes are ornamental and rich cakes like those made at Christmas. Such cakes were stamped with the figure of Christ or the Virgin Mary. While today simnel cakes are often prepared for Easter in Great Britain, the simnel cake is still the most traditional recipe associated with Laetare Sunday.

This Sunday also goes by Refection Sunday or Refreshment Sunday, named because of the Scripture reading of Joseph feeding his brothers.

And, lastly, it is called Rose Sunday, either because of the golden rose, sent by Popes to Catholic sovereigns or because of the rose-colored vestments permitted to be worn for Mass on this day.

Historically, the day was also known as the Sunday of the Five Loaves from the miracle of the loaves and fishes which, before the adoption of the common lectionaries, was the traditional Gospel reading for this Sunday.

Whatever the name, this mid-point in Lent has a joyful tone...a day of relaxation from normal Lenten rigors, a day of hope with Easter at last within sight. Rejoice! Easter will soon be here!

*Judy Pearson*

### **Who would think....**

- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
- This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- When chemists die, they barium..
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.