
 <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> 28685 Butterfield Lake Rd Redwood, NY</p> <hr/> <p>Sunday 8:30 a.m.</p>
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**Liturgy Schedule for Week of January 13, 2019**

**Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019    *The Baptism of the Lord***  
5:00 p.m.    Robert O'Connor by John & Melinda Comstock

**Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019**  
8:30 a.m. (SFX)    The Intentions of Juliette Amyot Ferguson as she celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
10:00 a.m.    Dick and Joan Durand by the Durand Family

**Monday, Jan. 14, 2019**  
8:00 a.m.    *Liturgy of the Word with Communion*

**Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019**  
No Liturgy

**Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019**  
8:00 a.m.    *Liturgy of the Word with Communion*

**Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019**  
No Liturgy

**Friday, Jan. 18, 2019**  
*Liturgy of the Word with Communion*

**Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019    *The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
5:00 p.m.    Steve Amato by Dick Campany

**Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019**  
8:30 a.m. (SFX)    Robert Decker by Deacon Bernie Slate  
10:00 a.m.    Patricia Cooley by the Choir

**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 1 - 6, 2018

Envelopes	\$2,802.00		
Plate	\$135.00		
Youth		Priests' Retirement Fund	\$200.00
Electronic Giving	\$68.24	Fuel Collection	\$95.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,005.24</b>	<b>Total Fuel Contribution to Date</b>	<b>16,515.80</b>
Last Year	\$1,328.00	<b>Total Fuel Cost Last Fiscal Year</b>	<b>\$20,210.43</b>

**A Very Special Birthday**

Our Catholic Community of Alexandria joins with all the people of Redwood in celebrating the One Hundredth Birthday of Judy Ferguson at Mass today (January 13<sup>th</sup>) and on the day itself (January 15<sup>th</sup>).

There is a lot to celebrate and there will be a lot of celebrating!  
Please join in remembering her in your prayers these festive days.

You'll be in good company as  
Judy has three nephews who are priests in our Diocese:  
Fr. Andrew Amyot, Fr. Douglas Decker and Fr. Robert Decker

## **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.

## **The Baptism of the Lord**

Today the Church celebrates the Baptism of the Lord, bringing to an end the Season of Christmas. It recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany.

"In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved people to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the 'substance of our flesh' and was recognized 'outwardly like unto ourselves,' He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: 'Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world.'" [Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas, Catholic Culture]

There are many customs on this feast day. For example, in the Ukraine the faithful gather in the front of the church where a cross of ice is placed. Since there are no rivers near churches, a tub is filled with water and is placed in front of the ice cross. During special and very unique services the water is blessed and brought home. This is taken in before breakfast is eaten. The remains are kept during the year to keep the home safe from fire, lightening and sickness.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a time for us to reflect on the gift of our own baptism: In this sacrament, we have been united with Christ and have been lifted up above our broken human nature, becoming sharers in God's divine nature.

*Judy Pearson*

## **2018 SPIRITUAL REPORT**

### ***The Catholic Community of Alexandria***

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

<b>Baptisms</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>First Communions</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Confirmations</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Marriages</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Deaths</b>	<b>11</b>

<b><u>Catholics</u></b>	<b><u>Practicing</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Practicing</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
<b>Individuals</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>684</b>
<b>Households</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>317</b>

## **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](mailto:startaglia@rcdony.org). To register go to [www.rcdony.org/family-life/surviving-divorce-support-group/registration.html](http://www.rcdony.org/family-life/surviving-divorce-support-group/registration.html)