

 <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@stcyriils.org www.stcyriils.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 September 17, 2017

Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m.	Robert & LouAnn "Bobby" Beach and Roxanne Hunter by Dorothy Beach
Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017	
8:30 a.m. (SFX)	Christine Tidd by Joe & Linda Tidd
10:00 a.m.	David W. Patterson by John & Patricia Joensen & Family
Monday, Sept. 18, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>
Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>
Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>
Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Gregory Elwyn by his Family
Friday, Sept. 22, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m.	Francis and Florence Kavanaugh (95 th Birthday) by Charles Doe
Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017	
8:30 a.m. (SFX)	Dorothy Grudowski by Gene & Mary Kleinhans
10:00 a.m.	Greg Reynolds by the Nelson & Jobson Families

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday

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

Our Stewardship

September 9 - 10, 2017

Envelopes	\$2,680.00		
Plate	\$1,505.00	Air Conditioning	\$0.00
Youth	\$0.00		
Electronic Giving	\$170.00	Fuel Collection	\$555.00
Total	\$4,355.00	Total Fuel Contrib.to Date	\$8,090.00
Last Year	\$5,339.00	Total Fuel Goal in '17-'18	\$20,367.00

2017 Bishop's Fund Appeal

One Bread, One Body, One Family

As we continue the 2017 Bishop's Fund Appeal, it is our hope that we can continue or increase our support to this vital Appeal. The theme of this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal is "One Bread, One Body, One Family". Please prayerfully consider supporting the many good works of the Diocese. This year, any gifts received after the Appeal reaches its goal will be used to further supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund which assists families in need in our own community and throughout the Diocese. Your pledge will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you in advance for your support. To make your Bishop's Fund gift online, please visit www.rcdony.org/bishop-s-fund-appeal and click on the "Donate Now" tab.

Church School to Begin Soon

We are making the preparations for church school to begin for the **Elementary** students on **Wednesday October 4th**. We look forward to sharing our faith with the students. It is through the efforts of our wonderful volunteer instructors that make our program a great success and we are very appreciative. Parents can look for student registration forms for grades 1-6 in the children's backpacks this coming week. The children will be bussed from school to St. Cyril's Church at 3:00 p.m. and back to school at 4:00 p.m. to be picked up by parents or bussed home.

Religious Education for **Jr. High and High School students** will begin **Sunday, October 1st**. Generally classes will be the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month beginning at 6:00pm at St. Cyril's Church Hall. No pre-registration is necessary. We are looking for teachers to help with the 6th/7th grade class For more information regarding the Jr. & Sr. High you may call Ann Marie Hyde at 315-7830262 or Fr. Doug Comstock at 315-482-2670..

Padre Pio: Patron Saint for the Unborn

St. Padre Pio was born on May 25, 1887, in Pietrelcina, Italy to a peasant farming couple. From a young age Francisco had a unique ability...he could see guardian angels, spoke with Jesus and Virgin Mary. It occurred so naturally that he thought others could see them, too. Because his family was poor, he had to work and his schooling suffered.

On January 22, 1903, at the age of 15, he took the Habit of the Orders of Friars Minor Capuchin, entering the novitiate and taking the name of Pio. On August 19, 1910, he was ordained to the priesthood and became a Capuchin priest, following the example of St. Francis of Assisi, with vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

He did not have an easy life, suffering the stigmata for 50 years, touched by demons often, and suffering from illnesses; but he was also rewarded with the gift of bi-location (more on this in another column) and he could read into peoples' souls and know their sins.

While he was still a seminarian, known as Brother Pio, he experienced an unusual and striking spiritual encounter. He explains that he was in the choir in a humble friary in southern Italy when he experienced bilocation. He found himself in the palace of an extremely wealthy family where the master was dying while his daughter was about to be born. The Blessed Mother appeared and told Pio, *"I am entrusting this unborn child to your care and protection. Although she will become as a precious jewel, right now she has no form. Shape and polish her. Make her as brilliant as you can, because one day I would like to adorn myself with her."* He questioned her how he could do this, but she admonished him and explained what would happen to this child in the future. Then he found himself back in the choir.

Thus, while two patron saints are generally invoked for the protection of the unborn, St. Joseph and St. Gerard Majella, and others for Pregnant Women and Childbirth...none are specifically designated by the Church for protection of the unborn. Padre Pio, however, has a specific claim of the honor of patron saint of the unborn, since it is a prerogative that was confirmed by the Blessed Virgin Mary herself.

Judy Pearson

