

 <p>St. Cyril of Alexandria 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>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 28685 Butterfield Lake Rd Redwood, NY</p> <hr/> <p>Sunday 8:30 a.m.</p>
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Liturgy Schedule for Week of September 2, 2018

- Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018** *The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 p.m. Chet Banek by Shirley Irwin
- Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018**
7:00 a.m. Shirley and Tracy Ashley by the Ashley Family
8:30 a.m. (SFX) The Intentions of Billy Gray by John and Marianne Weldon
10:00 a.m. Mike Elliott by David Kavanaugh & Family
- Monday, Sept. 3, 2018**
8:00 a.m. Antonio Darwin Peguerra (40th Day) by the Peguerra & Cada Families
- Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018**
8:00 a.m. The Intentions of our Parishioners
- Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018**
8:00 a.m. Jayne and Maurice Simpson by the Estate of Marie Clickner
- Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018**
8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Hutcheson by James & Pauline Little
- Friday, Sept. 7, 2018**
8:00 a.m. The Intentions of Michel Hard by Grandpa & Grandma Ringer
- Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018** *The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 p.m. Mark Joensen by John & Pat Joensen
- Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018**
8:30 a.m. (SFX) William and Catherine McBride by the Family
10:00 a.m. Lillian Williams by Richard & Eugenia Kavanaugh

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

Our Stewardship
August 25 - 26, 2018

Envelopes	\$2,145.00		
Plate	\$1,275.00		
Youth			
Electronic Giving	\$147.72	Fuel Collection	\$739.00
Total	\$3,557.72	Total Fuel Contribution to Date	8,366.00
Last Year	\$3,978.00	Total Fuel Cost Last Fiscal Year	\$20,210.43

Sisters of St. Joseph Lay Associate Program

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to a meeting on Sunday, September 9, 2018 from 1:30 to 4:00 at their Motherhouse, 1425 Washington Street, Watertown if you are interested in learning about our Lay Associate Program. Associates meet once a month to learn about the spirituality and history of the Sisters, pray together, and discuss ways to deepen one's spiritual life. This group is open to men and women. If you are interested, please call Sr. Kathleen, Sr. Norma, or Sr. Mary William at 782-3460.

Forgiveness: Introduction

Forgiveness is generally defined as a conscious, deliberate decision to release feelings of resentment or vengeance toward a person or group who has harmed you, regardless of whether they actually “deserve” your forgiveness.

Modern conceptions of forgiveness focus mainly on the emotional, but in Jesus’ time, forgiveness had more concrete implications. The Greek word translated as “forgive” in the New Testament, *aphiēmi*, carried a wide range of meanings, including to remit (a debt), to leave (something/someone) alone, to allow (an action), to leave, to send away, to desert or abandon, to divorce. The Greek word appears 146 times in the New Testament, yet is translated in most English versions as “forgive” only 38 of those times.

Forgiveness as an emotional state, then, came from sources other than the biblical text. The idea of forgiveness as a psychological or emotional condition traces to 18th-century moral philosophy, not first-century Christian writings. Forgiveness in the time of Jesus was an action verb, and Jesus’ instructions served as checks for the health of the community, both on earth and in the world to come.

Yet, the Bible has plenty to say to us about forgiveness. Consider the following:

- **Colossians 3:13**...Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
- **Matthew 6:14-15**...For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.
- **Luke 17:3-4**...So watch yourselves. “If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.”
- **Ephesians 4: 31-32**...All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. [And] be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

“I would not be surprised if hostility, anger, resentment and hatred proved to be the greatest stumbling blocks to our spiritual growth.” [Henri J. M. Nouwen (1932 – 1996), Dutch Catholic priest and author of The Return of the Prodigal Son]

[Next Week: Forgiveness: What It Is/Is Not]

Judy Pearson

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Thousand Islands Catholic Men’s Group

The Thousand Islands Catholic Men’s Group is a group of Catholic men who meet on a regular basis to discuss their experiences as Catholic men in today’s society.

The September meeting will be held on the second Saturday, the 8th, at 9 AM in the Parish Center of St. Mary’s Church, Clayton. For further information contact Scott Beeles at 315-686-1303 or Gene Kleinahans at 315-482-3981. Come join us.