

 St. Cyril of Alexandria 28 Walton St. Alexandria Bay, NY <hr/> Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m.	The Catholic Community of Alexandria 17 Rock St. Alexandria Bay, NY 13607 315-482-2670 pastor@stcyrils.org www.stcyrils.org Rev. Douglas G. Comstock, Pastor Bernard Slate, Deacon Joel Walentuk, Deacon	 St. Francis Xavier 43596 State Route 37 Redwood, NY <hr/> Sunday 8:30 a.m.
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Liturgy Schedule for Week of September 3, 2017

Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017 5:00 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. (SFX) 10:00 a.m. Monday, Sept. 4, 2017 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017 8:00 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017 8:00 a.m. Friday, Sept. 8, 2017 8:00 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017 5:00 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017 8:30 a.m. (SFX) 10:00 a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> Hannah Chaltain by the River Red Hatters Douglas Welsh by Tom, Joy, Yvette, Jade and Lindsey Christine Hayduke and Andrew Hayduke by Betty Hayduke Rose and Tom Joyce by Mike & Jan Joyce The Needs of our Parishioners Don Cole by Deacon Bernie Slate The Intentions of Melissa Hardy by Mom and Dad <i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i> Anthony C. Folino by Tony & Kathy Folino <p style="text-align: center;">Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> Mark Joensen by his Parents, John & Pat Joensen The Family of Emma George by her Estate Pete Fitzsimmons by Russ & Sue Pfister
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Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3:45 – 4:30 p.m. at St. Cyril of Alexandria Church

Our Stewardship

August 26 – 27, 2017

Envelopes	\$2,126.00	Organ Fund	\$495.00
Plate	\$1,852.00	Air Conditioning	\$176.00
Youth			
Electronic Giving	\$119.00	Fuel Collection	\$997.00
Total	\$4,097.00	Total Fuel Contrib.to Date	\$6,562.00
Last Year	\$3,552.00	Total Fuel Goal in '17-'18	\$20,367.00

Father Doug Writes:

- ❖ With this Labor Day Weekend we conclude our “summer Mass schedule” and discontinue the 7:00 a.m. Mass.
- ❖ As we begin our Bishop’s Fund Appeal in our Parish this weekend, I encourage you to go online and view this year’s *Bishop’s Fund Video*. Visit this website:
www.rcdony.org/bfvideo.

Please read my message on the next page and prayerfully consider a gift to this year’s appeal.

The 2017 Bishop's Fund Appeal begins this week in our parish and throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Our goal is to have 108 or more families participate in this important Appeal. If we do this, we will surely exceed our parish goal of \$14,684.00 which we did last year. Your gift to the 2017 Bishop's Fund Appeal will help continue the vital ministries, services and programs that reach out to so many in need. Please consider making a pledge or one-time gift to this year's effort. You will find in the pews the Commitment Cards. Please pray about your decision and consider making a pledge or a one-time gift to the Appeal. Any gifts received after the Appeal reaches its goal will be used to assist families in need.

You are invited to bring your gift next weekend for Commitment Weekend and place it in the collection basket or return it to Bishop LaValley in the envelope provided. Online giving is also available at www.rcdony.org/bishop-s-fund-appeal -- click on the "Donate Now" tab (found in the tool bar on the left). Thank you once again for your generosity and support.

Blessed Among Us: St. Phoebe, First Female Deacon

St. Phoebe is recognized as the first female deacon. She is honored as being the prototype for female deacons just as St. Stephen is the prototype for male deacons.

St. Phoebe came from a port called Cenchreae where those traveling from Syria or Asia Minor often stopped. It is where St. Paul wrote his Letter to the Romans and it is said that Phoebe was the one entrusted with the delivery of the letter.

It is interesting to note that St. Paul regards her as a "deacon," (*diákonos*), the same word used in Acts 6 to designate those men appointed to serve the local Church, particularly referring to the needs of the poor. There has been much debate concerning what her actual duties were as a deacon, but it is clear that St. Paul regarded her as such and urged others to help her with the ministry as "a deaconess of the Church of Cenchreae."

St. John Chrysostom also praised St. Phoebe's work many centuries later, calling her a saint, a holy person who served the Church through the office of deacon. In his Homily on Romans, he says, "Note how many ways Paul dignifies Phoebe. He mentions her before all the rest and even calls her his sister. It is no small thing to be called the sister of Paul! Moreover, he has mentioned her rank as deacon as well."

Women were definitely called to serve in the early Church, especially through charitable acts and dedication to the church community. Others who have been recognized for their various ministries include: St. Poplia (4th century); St. Sophia (5th century), known as the "second Phoebe;" St. Tabitha, noted in the early Acts of the Apostles and known for her almsgiving; St. Mary, St. Mark's mother who opened her house for Christian meetings in Jerusalem; St. Lydia, who gave hospitality to St. Paul and his companions; and St. Priscilla who was involved in missionary work. Female deacons are mentioned in the salutations of the epistle to the Philippians (1:1) and the first epistle to Timothy (3:8, 12).

Since the beginning of the Church, women have been using their talents and gifts from God to serve, and continue to do so to this day.

Judy Pearson

Hurricane Harvey

The power and destruction of Hurricane Harvey devastated Texas, Louisiana and the region this week. Flooding remains dangerous and recovery will be a long, tedious process. The people of the area need our help now. I have sent a **Parish contribution of \$750.00 to support the victims of Hurricane Harvey through Catholic Charities USA**. We ask you and your family to pray for the victims of the storm and give aid to the people of the Gulf Coast.

Personal contributions marked "*Hurricane Harvey*" may be sent to Catholic Charities, 6866 State Highway 37, Ogdensburg, NY 13669