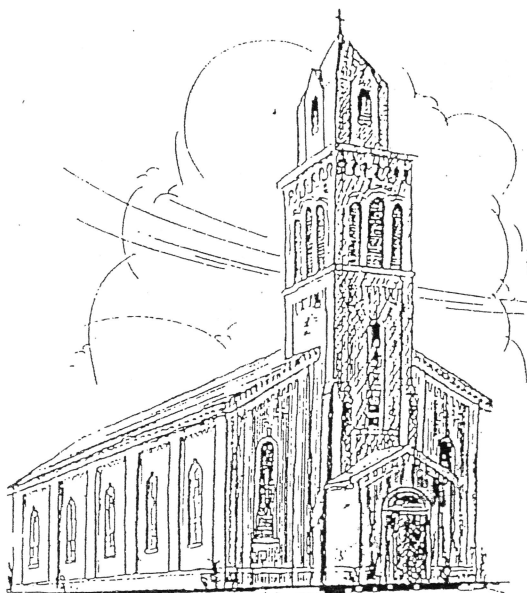


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WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil - 4:30 PM

Sunday Masses - 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Sacrament of Penance - Saturday 3:30pm

TELEPHONES:

Rectory: 673-2531

1 West Main St., P.O. Box 177

Rel. Ed. Center: 673-4107

53 North Street

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

"Saint Francis Xavier Parish is a Christian Family dedicated to the mission of Jesus and the teachings of the Catholic Church. We are committed to fostering spiritual growth and to responding to the human needs of both our faith community and the larger community by sharing our gifts and resources."

Liturgy Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Evening Vigil: 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 am & 10:45 am

Holy Day Masses: See schedule inside.

Daily Mass: 6:45 am Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri

Weekend Mass Schedule in our area

St. Michael-St. Peter

Sat. Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:15 am

St. Mary's of the Lake

Sat. Evening: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:15 am

St. Patrick's Jordan

Sat. Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 am

PASTORAL STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. Daniel C. Muscalino*

Pastoral Associate: Deacon John J. Falge*

Religious Ed. Director: Renee O'Connor*

Parish Secretaries: Mary Jo Osterman
Katherine Boos

Social Service Coordinators:

Rosalie Durand

Patty White

Music Director: Robin Schott, Jr.

Buildings and Grounds: Ron Schneider

Housekeeper: Kathy Welsh

Parish Historian: John P. Curtin

PARISH TRUSTEES:

Diane Foster*

Joseph E. Durand*

* Also on Parish Council

SACRAMENTS:

Baptism:

Class required.

Call rectory for arrangements.

Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30 - 4:00

Marriage: Arrangements at
least 6 months in advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS are most welcome.

See Fr. Muscalino after Mass or call
the Rectory.

PARISH COUNCIL

Jay Austin

Terry Hall

Pen Anderson

Cheryl Hunt

Beth Cusick

Roxanne Taylor

Kim Flood

Marty McClusky

Terry Kotlarz

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Rick Reagan

Chris Hunt

Diane Foster

Rev. Daniel C. Muscalino

Joseph E. Durand

Jay Austin

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday December 12

VIGIL THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:30 PM- Nate Wagner- Peter Pandori

Sunday December 13

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 AM- John Muscalino- Family

10:45 AM- People of St. Francis Xavier Parish

Monday December 14

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

6:45 AM- Terry Quigley- Bishop Ludden Community

Tuesday December 15

6:00 PM- Laura McCormick- Mom

Wednesday December 16

No Mass

Thursday December 17

6:45 AM- Robert Warnock Jr.- Marilyn & Children

Friday December 18

6:45 AM- Ronald Owen- Friends

Saturday December 19

VIGIL FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:30 PM- People of St. Francis Xavier Parish

Sunday December 20

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 AM- Betty Joyce- Andrew & Shirley Kowalczyk

10:45 AM- Jonathan E. Clark- Family

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions - Evangelization

For a life of prayer – We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Information Regarding Mass: We are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass until further notice. If you are uncomfortable with attending any group gathering or have a preexisting medical condition that would make you more susceptible; or are ill or have any symptoms of covid19 or your family member is ill; please stay home and take care of yourself. You may view the weekend Mass on our Facebook page or through the link on our website.

Confession: We have confessions each Saturday in the Church from 3:30-4:00 PM. Fr. Dan will hear confessions in the Sacristy. Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing while waiting in the pews. Please do NOT line up outside of the Sacristy, when the door nearest St. Francis Xavier's statue is closed you will know that Fr. Dan is not free, when it is open, you are welcome to come in for confession. Thank you.

What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

St. Francis is open for public Mass for 50 people. In addition to weekend Mass, this week we will also have Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday Mass.

REMINDER: Please SIGN UP online if you plan on attending Mass & review safety measures.

www.sfxmarcellus.com/events

(Please sign up by Friday morning for weekend Mass)

Our Weekly Collection

Weekly Goal: \$7,900 Last Week: \$5,000

Please Pray For...

Gretta Petterson, Robert Hammond,
Richard Hammond, Isabelle Callahan,
Dennis McEnery, Riley Christine Perkins,
Nick Olenych, Roger Schott, Danielle Painter,
Genie Barnes, Nicole DeMore, Lisa Pikarski,
Michelle Fleegel, Jo-Ann Foertch,
Ellie Hauver, Justin MacLachlan, Jack Bragger,
Peggy Paradise, Missy Fitz, Austin Marlowe,
Brian Stonelake, Brett Kresco, Lucienne Henneberry,
Allan Stonecipher, Donna Martin, J.E.L.,
Kelly Cunningham Suberts, Sr. Mary Brendan Wilson

Please Pray for Our Homebound...

Isabelle LaClair, Theresa Holmes, Kay Wilson,
Jim Reagan, Helen Volcko, Mike Berish,
Marie Patterson, Mary Martin, Ethel Cole

Please call the Church Office to add anyone to our Prayer List.



As Pope Francis says "God is not afraid of new things! That is why he is continually surprising us, opening our hearts, and guiding us in unexpected ways."

Are you interested in learning more about your faith? Do you have questions about Jesus and the Catholic community? Please call the church office for more information: (315) 673-2531

Advent; Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace

Stages on the Sound, Inc., a theatre arts company based in Brooklyn, NY, is pleased to announce its 15th annual Christmas production! From wherever you are you can join the fun as we journey towards Bethlehem at www.stagesonthesound.com beginning daily on Monday, November 30th.

The Light is On For You

By participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, whether our first time in days, weeks, months or years, we are experiencing God's individual & unwavering love for us, & one of the true graces made available to us by our Catholic faith. God loves us just the way we are, but He loves us too much to leave us that way. When we return to the Church for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Jesus rejoices like the father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son. It's never "too late" to return to Jesus and ask for forgiveness. Imagine how joyful you will feel upon confessing your sins, big or small!

Wednesday, December 16th – 5:00pm-6:00pm

Monday, December 21st – 4:00pm-7:00pm

Fr. Dan will hear confessions in the Sacristy.

Immaculata Medallion Award

The Immaculata Medallion is an award recognizing and honoring lay people who generously and unselfishly volunteer time and service to their parishes.

On one side of the medal appears an image of the Immaculate Conception, the Patroness of the Diocese of Syracuse. The reverse features an image of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The Immaculata Award was instituted in Dec. 2011 as a component of the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese. Bishop Lucia accepted recommendations from pastors across the diocese, in consultation with their pastoral council, for recognition. The St. Francis Xavier recipient of this award is: ***Terry Kotlarz***

The diocesan theme for **ADVENT** 2020 is *Waiting in Joyful Hope*. The season of Advent reminds us that God comes to us. During the first two weeks of Advent we prepare ourselves for when Christ will come again in glory at the end of time. During the second two weeks of Advent we prepare to celebrate when he came at Christmas. At the same time, we become more aware of the fact that God comes to us now. In this way, our very lives are "an Advent, a time of waiting, listening and hoping, a time of openness to the unimaginable gift of God" (Sister Maria Boulding, The Coming of God). Throughout Advent, throughout our lives, we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

2021 Calendars, courtesy of Ryan Funeral Home and Plis Funeral Home, are available at the church entrance. If you would like a calendar sent to you, please contact the church office.



December 13, 2020
3rd Sunday of Advent

Scripture Readings

IS 61:1-2A, 10-11

LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

1 THES 5:16-24

JN 1:6-8, 19-28

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar – Today's

gospel reports, "There is one among you whom you do not recognize." It is hard to believe Christ is present in a family with crazy schedules, suppers that start too late and end too early, cars that do not start, misunderstandings, frustrations, piles of laundry, unmatched socks and stretched food budgets. The list is endless. The words spoken at Mass, "The Lord is with you," are not a hope, they are a fact.

Question of the Week – *Bringing Joy through Justice*

For Adults: What work of justice could you do this week to bring someone joy?

For Children: What could you do for someone this week to make them happy?



Giving Tree - We are still doing the Giving Tree this year, however, due to the COVID virus and with the church capacity being limited, we will be conducting the program a little different. St. Francis Xavier Church will be making a donation to each family. You can still help us provide Christmas joy for children in need by making a monetary donation to the Parish Outreach fund.

World Marriage Day February 14, 2021 will be celebrated by Bishop Lucia with a special Mass at the Cathedral at 2:00pm. Bishop Lucia will specially recognize couples married 25, 50 and 50+ years. Couples celebrating 25, 50 or 50+ anniversaries, please contact the church office to receive your invitation. Limited seating available and registration will be required. The event will be live-streamed on the Syracuse Diocese YouTube channel. A special blessing will be offered for all couples in attendance.

Vocation Corner – **3rd Sunday of Advent**

"My soul rejoices in my God." Does your heart find joy in the Lord? Perhaps this is an invitation to grow closer to Him as a priest, deacon, or religious sister or brother.

Call Father Jason Hage (315) 470-1468, or email: vocations@syrдио.org.

Each week we will print one name of our Diocesan Seminarians so that we can remember them specifically, by name, in prayer throughout the week. This week we remember in prayer: **Joseph Ryan**.