

# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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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

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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, Thur, Fri  
Tuesday 6:00pm

### Weekend Mass Schedule in our area

#### St. Michael-St. Peter

Sat. Evening: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9:30 & 11:00 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\*

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Rosalie Durand, Patty White

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Parish Historian: John P. Curtin

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Laurie LeFever, Laura Carver

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## 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

Terry Kotlarz

Beth Cusick

Patty Gooden

Roxanne Taylor

Kim Flood

Marty McClusky

Carter Austin

John Ketterer

## FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Rick Reagan

Chris Hunt

Diane Foster

Rev. Daniel C. Muscalino

Joseph E. Durand

Jay Austin

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## **Saturday December 18**

VIGIL FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:30 PM- Peggy Johnson Smith- John & Maureen Curtin

## **Sunday December 19**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 AM- Robert Warnock, Jr.- Marilyn & children

10:45 AM- People of St. Francis Xavier

## **Monday December 20**

6:45 AM- Claude Smith- Family

## **Tuesday December 21**

SAINT PETER CANISIUS

6:00 PM- Ena Froom- Family

## **Wednesday December 22**

No Mass

## **Thursday December 23**

SAINT JOHN OF KANTY

6:45 AM- Martha Lollis- Mike & Booker

## **Friday December 24**

VIGIL CHRISTMAS

4:00 PM- Carol McGrath- Family

Midnight – Kevin Falge- Family

## **Saturday December 25**

CHRISTMAS

10:00 AM- Elizabeth Gooden- Family

## **Sunday December 26**

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:30 AM- People of St. Francis Xavier

10:45 AM- Bruce Jones- Family

## **Ministry Schedule for St. Francis Xavier**

Saturday, Dec 25	Sunday, Dec 26	
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:45</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Lector</b>
tdb	Jeanie Cupoli	Marty McClusky
<b>Altar Server</b>	<b>Altar Server</b>	<b>Altar Server</b>
tbd	Mac Ciras	Anna Carver
		Madeline Carver

## **Holy Father's Prayer**

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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We recommend you start with **Daily Reflections**.

## **What's Happening This Week at St. Francis**

### **Saturday, December 18**

Men's Group- Ch Hall- 7:30am

### **Monday, December 20**

The Light is On For You- Church- 4:00 – 7:00pm

Lectio Divina- Ch Hall- 6:30pm

### **Thursday, December 23**

Rosary- Church- 7:00pm

### **Friday, December 24**

Christmas Eve Mass- Church- 4:00pm

Midnight Mass- Church- Midnight

### **Saturday, December 25**

Christmas Mass- Church- 10:00am

## **Our Weekly Collection**

**Weekly Goal: \$7,900 Last Week: \$6,028**

## **Please Pray for...**

Andy Nagen, Martin Long, J.E.L.,  
Robert Darling, J. Michael Kelly, Barb Stapleton,  
Peyton James Perkins, Mary Dorsch, Eileen Smith,  
Msgr. Bob Yeazel, Gretta Petterson, Donna Martin,  
Robert Hammond, Richard Hammond,  
Isabelle Callahan, Riley Christine Perkins,  
Roger Schott, Danielle Painter, Genie Barnes,  
Nicole DeMore, Lisa Pikarski, Michelle Fleegel,  
Justin MacLachlan, Jack Bragger, Missy Fitz,  
Austin Marlowe, Brett Kresco, Lucienne Henneberry,  
Allan Stonecipher, Kelly Cunningham Suberts,  
Sr. Mary Brendan Wilson

## **Please Pray for our Homebound...**

Frieda Stopyro, Isabelle LaClair, Helen Volcko,  
Mike Berish, Marie Patterson,  
Mary Martin, Ethel Cole  
Please call the Church Office to add anyone to our  
Prayer List. (315) 673-2531

## **Reminders about Confession times for Christmas:**

- Every Tuesday evening from 5:30 - 6:00 PM
  - Every Saturday from 3:30 - 4:00 PM
  - Monday, December 20 "The Light is On For You"
- Confession will be available from 4 PM - 7PM in the church

Celebrating this Sacrament is an excellent way to prepare for the Coming of Christ at Christmas.

## **Welcome New Parishioners!**

Are you a new parishioner? *Welcome!* Please introduce yourself to Fr. Dan & Dc. John. We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community. Contact the church office to register. (315) 673-2531

## Merry Christmas

I was wondering what difference does it make if we greet one another with *Merry Christmas* or *Happy Holiday* or *Seasons Greetings*? I went to the Merriam-Webster for some definitions. Christmas is a combination of the two words: Christ + Mass; Holiday is derived from the phrase 'Holy Day' - a religious feast day. What we are, as Christians, are celebrating on December 25 is not a social or generic event. It is a very specific Holy Day, the Nativity of our Lord Jesus in time; the birth of Jesus Christ. Christmas is truly a holy day that we celebrate with the Mass, the prayer by which we united ourselves with Jesus in the Holy Spirit in giving thanks to the Father. The primary sacrament of our Catholic Faith in which we encounter our God in the community, in the Word and in a special and unique way in the Sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood. There is no other season quite like it and there is no other holiday like it. It is not a celebration of a generic season or generic holiday; it is truly a Holy Day. I encourage all to greet one another with the deeply religious greeting: ***Merry Christmas!***

God Bless, Fr. Dan

## The Light is On For You 2021

### **DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> FROM 4-7PM**

'The Light is On For You' is an initiative of the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Arlington where Catholic churches across the United States are open for quiet prayer and Confession. By participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, whether our first time in days, weeks, months or years, we are experiencing God's individual and unwavering love for us, and 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!

## Christ the King Retreat House

Join us December 31, New Year's Eve Day 10 am-2 pm for a day of reflection. "A Year filled with Hope." This past year has been a challenge for many. At our New Year's Eve day of reflection, with Chris Spilka, Director, we will look back on the year that was and lean on Christ for the coming year.  
*Offering: \$30 includes a special lunch*



**December 19, 2021  
4th Sunday of Advent**

## Scripture Readings

Mi 5:1-4a

Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19.

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-45

**A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar** – Mary was excited about her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Sadly children are often seen as a liability, "another mouth to feed" or an "obstacle to my career." It is said "Christmas is for children." It is more accurate to say "Christmas is for adults to appreciate the gift of children!"

### **Question of the Week – Obedience to God's Will**

*For Adults:* When was it hardest for you to trust in God's plan for you, as Mary did? What can help you at such times?

*For Children:* When is it hardest for you to obey a parent or teacher? What can help you obey with more trust?



## Join us for a Live Nativity at Assumption Church

Christmas Carols! Live Animals!  
Sunday, December 19th at 2 PM  
812 N Salina St, Syracuse

All are welcome to come experience the wonder of Christmas with a living nativity just like Saint Francis of Assisi did in 1223 when he celebrated the first Christmas crèche at Greccio, Italy.

## Ignatian Volunteer Corps

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps of Syracuse is accepting applications to join our service ministry.

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) provides men and women, age 50 or above, opportunities to share their life skills and wisdom in service to our community's most vulnerable. IVC corps members' ministry of presence, upholds the dignity of those we serve and those with whom we serve while advancing our non-profit partners' mission.

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