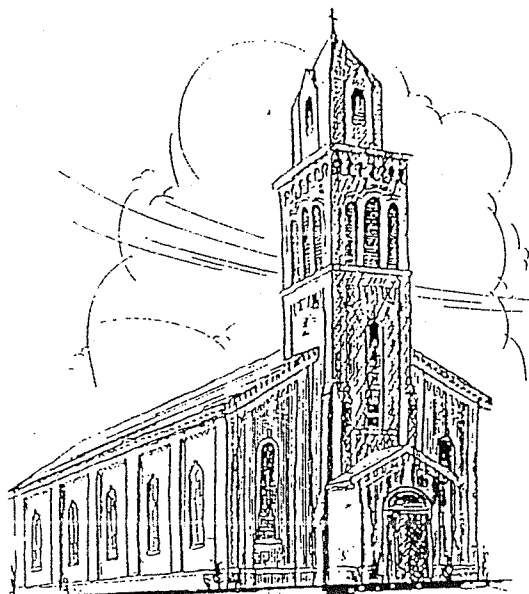


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WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil - 4:30 PM
Sunday Masses - 8:30 & 10:45 AM
Sacrament of Penance - Tuesday 5:30pm
Saturday 3:30pm

TELEPHONES:

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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*
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Deacon Jeff Dixe*

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sfxconfirmation1@gmail.com

PARISH TRUSTEES:

Diane Foster*
James P. Curtin*

* Also on Parish Council

SACRAMENTS:

Baptism:

Class required.
Call rectory for arrangements.

Penance

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 Roxanne Taylor
Terry Hall Kim Flood
Ed Dunn Marty McClusky
Terry Kotlarz Patty Gooden
Beth Cusick John Ketterer
Jason Palmowski

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Rick Reagan Jon Roberts
Pat Dailey
Diane Foster
Rev. Daniel C. Muscalino
Joseph E. Durand
Jay Austin

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday December 21

VIGIL FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Sunday December 22

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30AM- Claude Smith- Family

10:45AM- Colleen Sennett Franz- John & Maureen Curtin

Monday December 23

SAINT JOHN OF KANTY

6:45AM- Carol Anne McGrath- Family

Tuesday December 24

CHRISTMAS VIGIL

4:00 PM- Elizabeth Gooden- Family

Midnight- Kevin Falge- Family

Wednesday December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00AM- Special Intentions of Fr. Dan- St. Francis

Xavier Parish Family

Thursday December 26

SAINT STEPHEN

No Mass

Friday December 27

SAINT JOHN

No Mass

Saturday December 28

VIGIL THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

4:30PM- Enzo Melillo- John and Maureen Curtin

Sunday December 29

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:30AM- People of St. Francis Xavier Church

10:45AM- Dennis Grogan and Bridget Gigliotti- The Grogan and Abbott Family

Ministry Schedule for St. Francis Xavier

Saturday, Dec. 28

Sunday, Dec. 29

4:30

8:30

10:45

Lector

Lector

Lector

Mary Dailey

Jeanie Cupoli

Marty McClusky

E. Ministers

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Pat Dailey

Skip Dorsch

Tim Manahan

Altar Servers

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Jack Lindgren

Peter Daiuto

Max Stokking

Calum Mosure

Daniel Reilly

Joy, prayer and gratitude are three ways that prepare us to experience Christmas in an authentic way. -Pope Francis



Merry Christmas - A big thank you to George Yacano for his generous donation made in the loving memory of his wife, Valerie. This gift will continue to bless our church community. Thank you!

2025 Calendars, courtesy of Ryan Funeral Home are available at the church entrance.

What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

Saturday, December 21

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

Monday, December 23

Lectio- Ch Hall- 6:30pm

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Masses- 4:00pm and Midnight

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day Mass- 10:00am

Thursday, December 26

No Mass (Church is closed)

Friday, December 27

No Mass (Church is closed)

Our Weekly Collection

Weekly Goal \$7,900 Last Week: \$7,857



Please Pray for...

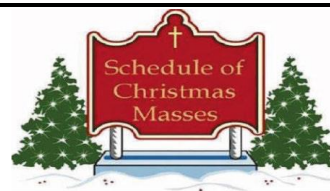
Pam and Doug Myles and Family,
Penny Anderson, Greg Gibbons,
Ann Konieczny, Casey Smith, Isabelle
Callahan, Genie Barnes, Jack Bragger,

Laura Brown, Robert Darling, Mary Dorsch,
Nicole DeMore, Steven Goldberg, Michelle Fleegel,
Sandra Wallak, Robert Hammond,
Lucienne Henneberry, Ryan Huff,
Katie Kelly, John Kianka, Eugene Koloski,
Brett Kresco, J.E.L., Martin Long,
Austin Marlowe, Andy Nagen, Viking Nyberg,
Danielle Painter, Tom Palmer, Gretta Petterson,
Lyla Perkins, Peyton James Perkins, Lisa Pikarski,
Barb Stapleton, Allan Stonecipher,
Carl Thorpe, Kelly Cunningham Suberts,
Sr. Mary Brendan Wilson, Msgr. Bob Yeazel

Please Pray for our Homebound...

Mike Berish, Mary Martin

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



Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

4:00PM Mass

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25

10:00AM Mass



The Advent Wreath

Dear Parish Family,

Week one of Advent: Hope. We anticipate the birth of Christ and celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical

season. The first candle is purple, the primary color of Advent and a color symbolizing royalty. Sometimes it is referred to as the "Prophecy Candle," because it harkens us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and God's promise of salvation to come in the Old Testament.

Week two of Advent: Peace. Like the first candle, it is also purple. Often called the "Bethlehem candle," the second Advent candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus.

Week three of Advent: Joy. As we continue to approach Christmas day, our joy grows more and more. It is pink, the liturgical color for joy. It is also called the "Shepherd's Candle," we light the third candle and rejoice like the shepherds did. The third Sunday is also known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is Latin and means to "Rejoice", we rejoice in the Lord always but especially on this day. The theme of the day expresses the joy of anticipation at the approach of the Christmas celebration.

Week four of Advent: Love. Today we lit the last purple candle in anticipation of our LORDS coming. The ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us. Also called the "Angel's Candle." It represents the messengers who announced the birth of the Messiah.

This wreath is a symbol among many others to help us recall moments in time to make them present to us again, so we might remember what God and Jesus have done for our salvation.

God Bless,
Fr. Dan

The next Sandwich Sunday is Jan 5th.

Our last Sandwich Sunday was a huge success! Thanks to our 3rd, 4th, Confirmation students and parishioners. Let's do it again! Come help our Year 1 & 2 Confirmation students make sandwiches for the residents at the *Catholic Charities Men's Shelter* in Syracuse. We get together after Sunday's 10:45 mass to make sandwiches and then enjoy coffee and donuts. Mark your calendar and we hope to see you there!

Can't make it to Sandwich Sunday but would still like to help? Calling all **BAKERS** to sign up to make 2 dozen individually wrapped baked goods to pair with our over 200 sandwiches that we send to the homeless shelter on Sandwich Sunday. Please email Katherine at the parish office for more information. Thank you kboos@syrдио.org



December 22, 2024
Fourth 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!"



FAITH FORMATION

GRADES 1-8

Sunday 12/22-NO CLASSES

Monday 12/23-NO CLASSES

Sunday 12/29-NO CLASSES

Monday 12/30-NO CLASSES

Have a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!
Classes resume Sunday 1/5 & Monday 1/6

CONFIRMATION:

Year 1 and Year 2: Class 4: Sunday, January 12: Mass @ 10:45am, then class from 12:00-2:30pm(Safe Env. 12-1pm) at Religious Ed center (North St)

ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH are invited to participate in signing a few carols before Christmas Eve mass. We ask that any children participating join for a brief rehearsal after the 10:45am mass on December 22. Please email me with any questions! Thank you!

Thank you to Mrs. Stokking and the Sunday morning grade 3/4 students for their participation in mass and help with Sandwich Sunday last weekend!

Also a huge thank you to everyone in the Parish who donated to our jail ministry collection. We were able to provide many items towards the gift bags that will be handed out at their annual Christmas party!

St. Francis Church will be closed Dec. 26th – Dec. 31st for private prayer and there will be no Mass.

There will be construction happening around the Altar area. However, there will be Mass on the weekend, Dec. 28th & 29th on the regular Mass schedule.

Please welcome **Fr. Fritzen** for the weekend (Dec. 28th & 29th) Masses!

Thank you to all the parishioners that donated to our beautiful Christmas flowers! Please pick up the flower donation list by the church entrances.

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