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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:

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

"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."

Lituray Schedule

Weekend Masses: Saturday Evening Vigil: 4:30 pm 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*

roconnor@syrdiocese.org Parish Secretaries: Mary Jo Osterman Katherine Boos <u>kboos@syrdio.org</u> Social Service Coordinators:

Rosalie Durand, Patty White Music Director: Robin Schott, Jr.

rschott@syrdio.org Buildings and Grounds: Ron Schneider Housekeeper: Kathy Welsh Parish Historian: John P. Curtin Confirmation Coordinators:

Laurie LeFever, Laura Carver sfxconfirmation1@gmail.com

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

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

Monday December 27 SAINT JOHN 6:45 AM- Gerry Joyce- Friends

Tuesday December 28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS No Mass

Wednesday December 29 SAINT THOMAS BECKET No Mass

Thursday December 30 No Mass

Friday December 31

No 6:45 AM Mass VIGIL THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 6:00 PM- Daniel B. Drew- Family

Saturday January 1 – Holy Day (not of obligation)

No 9:00 AM First Saturday Mass OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 10:00 AM- Fr. Angelo Morbito- Friends VIGIL EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 4:30 PM- People of St. Francis Xavier

Sunday January 2

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 8:30 AM- John Lacey- Marge Delaney 10:45 AM- Jonathan E. Clark- Family

Ministry Schedule for St. Francis Xavier

Saturday, Jan 1	Sunday, Jan 2	
4:30	8:30	10:45
Lector	Lector	Lector
Tom Brown	Terry Kotlarz	Mike McAuliff
Altar Server	Altar Server	Altar Server
Nolan Manahan	Mac Ciras	Dan Cross
Jack Lindgren		Nathan Corfield

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.

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

What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

Saturday, December 25 Christmas Mass- Church- 10:00am

Monday, December 27 Lectio Divina- Ch Hall- 6:30pm Tuesday, December 28

No 6:45am Mass

Wednesday, December 29 No 6:45am Mass Thursday, December 30

No 6:45am Mass Rosary- Church- 7:00pm

Friday, December 31 No 6:45am Mass Holy Day Vigil Mass- Church- 6:00pm

Saturday, January 1 No 9:00 First Saturday Mass Holy Day Mass- Church- 10:00am

Our Weekly Collection Weekly Goal: \$7,900 Last Week: \$5,770

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

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Yesterday the Church celebrated Christmas, the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ and today we commemorate the Holy Family. In the midst of the Christmas proclamation with the Angels, Shepherds, star and Manger, sometimes we forget that after all this was over there was still the Holy Family: Mary the mother of Jesus and spouse of Joseph, Joseph, Mary's husband and foster father to Jesus and, of course, the child, Jesus. This family led a far from idyllic life: immediately after the birth of Jesus they had to flee to Egypt because Herod was trying to kill the child. They lived as exiles in Egypt until Herod's death and they were able to return, not to Bethlehem, but to Nazareth. We know very little of their family life after that, Joseph worked as a carpenter and no doubt Jesus, as he grew up, helped him. When Jesus was twelve the family went to Jerusalem to the Temple and Mary and Joseph experienced one of the worst nightmares possible for parents; they could not find Jesus. Aside from these events mentioned in the Gospels we can only imagine that the Holy Family, was like any other: they had good times and bad; they worked together, laughed together and cried together. Throughout all of this we can imagine a home of love, acceptance, security and friendship. This is why the Holy Family is a model for all families: not because of the spectacular events, but in the genuineness of their every day, day to day living in love for one another.

God Bless, Fr. Dan

Attention: Men of St. Francis Parish!

Do you have a personal relationship with God? Are you embarrassed to pray? Are you uncomfortable to share your spirituality with others? Did you know that it is OK for a man to have his own spirituality and share it with others? All of us men have been there and that is OK. If you want to stay where you are in your faith that is up to you. However, if you wish to grow in your faith, develop your own personal relationship with God and share your journey with other men of our parish and gain support in doing so please consider checking out St. Francis Men's Prayer Group. We meet on the first and third Saturdays of the month in the Church Hall basement from 7:30AM to 9:00AM. Stop in and check us out! For further information, please call Bill at 315-673-4482.

2021 Calendars, courtesy of Ryan Funeral Home and Plis Funeral Home, are available at the church entrance.



December 26, 2021 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Scripture Readings Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5. Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Lk 2:41-52

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar – Today's gospel contains this truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know." One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?

Question of the Week – Respect for Elders

For Adults: What does your family do to honor and respect its older members?

For Children: Why did Jesus leave the temple? How can Jesus be an example for you?



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

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. IVC corps members commit to serve in social service organizations, schools, and non-profits for 1 to 2 days weekly for ten months. In addition, we meet monthly, to prayerfully reflect on our service and to deepen our spirituality in the Ignatian tradition. Interested in Providing or Receiving Service? Contact: Linda Zimmerman, Regional Director 315.480.4229 - Cell lzimmerman@ivcusa.org https://ivcusa.org/ivc-offices/welcome-to-ivc-syracuse/

Christ the King Retreat House - New Year's Eve 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 lunch

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