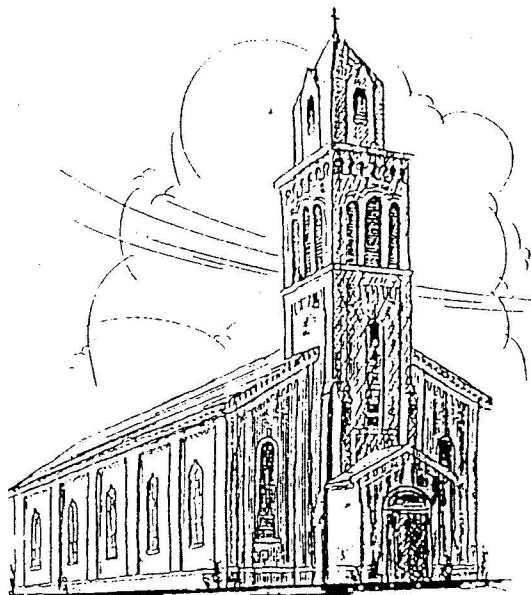


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## WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE:

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

## TELEPHONES:

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

<b>Weekend Masses:</b> Saturday Evening Vigil: 4:30 pm Sunday Masses: 8:30 am & 10:45 am	<b>Holy Day Masses:</b> See schedule inside. <b>Daily Mass:</b> 6:45 am Mon, Thur, Fri Tuesday 6:00pm
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### Weekend Mass Schedule in our area

<b>St. Michael-St. Peter</b> Sat. Evening: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:30 & 11:00 am	<b>St. Mary's of the Lake</b> Sat. Evening: 4:30 pm Sunday: 8:00 & 10:15 am	<b>St. Patrick's Jordan</b> Sat. Evening: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 am
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## PASTORAL STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. Daniel C. Muscalino\*  
Pastoral Associate: Deacon John J. Falge\*  
Faith Formation Director: Laura Carver\*  
[lcarver@syrdio.org](mailto:lcarver@syrdio.org)

Parish Secretary:  
Dawn O'Hara [dawnohara@syrdio.org](mailto:dawnohara@syrdio.org)

Social Service Coordinators:  
Rosalie Durand, Patty White  
Music Director: Chrissy Camuglia\*

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

Laurie LeFever, Laura Carver  
[sfxconfirmation1@gmail.com](mailto: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
Pen Anderson	Marty McClusky
Terry Kotlarz	Carter Austin
Beth Cusick	John Ketterer
Patty Gooden	Ed Dunn

## FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Saturday December 2

VIGIL FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

## Sunday December 3

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30AM – Bob Card – Nancy Palmer

10:45AM – Carol DiStefano – Deacon John & Carol Tomandl

## Monday December 4

6:45AM – Rev. Msgr. Eugene M. Yennock

## Tuesday December 5

6:00PM – Ann Schmidt – Beverly and Al

## Wednesday December 6

No Mass

## Thursday December 7

ST. AMBROSE

6:45AM – Rev. Msgr. John T. McGraw

VIGIL IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:00PM – Emilio Chasse – Marilyn Duffy

## Friday December 8

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:45AM – For All Expectant Mothers

6:00PM – Peg McNally – Jim

## Saturday December 9

VIGIL SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

## Sunday December 10

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 AM – Tom Reilly – John & Ellen Brennan

10:45 AM – Helen Volcko – Mary McGreal

## Ministry Schedule for St. Francis Xavier

Saturday, Dec. 9	Sunday, Dec. 10	
4:30	8:30	10:45
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Lector</b>
Mary Jo Palmowski	Jeanie Cupoli	Marilyn Duffy
<b>E. Ministers</b>	<b>E. Ministers</b>	<b>E. Ministers</b>
Terry Hall	Diane Foster	Skip Dorsch
<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
Blake LaPlant	Peter Daiuto	Nathan Corfield
Jesse LaPlant	Daniel Reilly	

## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

December 2023

### For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



## THE LIGHT IS ON – Monday, December 18, 2023

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU. Confessions will be available in our church from 4pm-7pm.

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

### Monday, December 4

Lectio Divina – Church Hall – 6:30pm

### Thursday, December 7

Immaculate Conception- Vigil Mass – Church 6pm

Rosary – Church -7pm

### Friday, December 8

Immaculate Conception Mass-Church–6:45am&6:00pm

## Our Weekly Collection

Weekly Goal \$7,900

11/26/23 \$7,014



## Please Pray for...

Genie Barnes, Noah Bilsback, Jack Bragger, Laura Brown, Isabelle Callahan, Robert Darling, Nicole DeMore, Mary Dorsch, Michelle Fleegel, Baby Gavin,

Steven Goldberg, Richard Hammond, Robert Hammond, Lucienne Henneberry, Ryan Huff, J. Michael Kelly, Katie Kelly, John Kianka, Eugene Koloski, Brett Kresco, J.E.L., Martin Long, Austin Marlowe, Gerry Muldoon, Andy Nagen, Viking Nyberg, Danielle Painter, Tom Palmer, Gretta Petterson, Lyla Perkins, Peyton James Perkins, Lisa Pikarski, Anthony Rodolico, Barb Stapleton, John Steele, Allan Stonecipher, Kelly Cunningham Suberts, Carl Thorpe, Sandra Wallak, Sr. Mary Brendan Wilson, Msgr. Bob Yeazel

## Please Pray for our Homebound...

Mike Berish, Ethel Cole, Mary Martin

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

## St. Francis Xavier Giving Tree

If you would like to participate, there are lots of choices!

Our Parish Social Services Team will be hanging cards and angels with gift requests for families. Also, our Stewardship and Respect Life Committees are holding a "Warm Hands and Feet" drive for Birthright and Emmaus Ministry. They will be hanging mittens and socks cut-outs with size requests.

**Angel gifts only must be returned wrapped.** All other gifts with cards/cut-outs must be returned **unwrapped.**

All gifts must be returned by *December 17th.*

**Thank you!**



## PEACE, INC. LUNCHEON

The next lunch will be served at noon on Thursday, **December 14<sup>th</sup>** in our church hall. If you have not already registered for this lunch, please call our parish office by *Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>*. The Stewardship Committee of our parish works with PEACE, Inc. in order to serve this lunch to our community. Volunteers are always welcome to join our Stewardship Committee.



Dear Parish Family,  
This Sunday we begin Advent, and with Advent we begin another liturgical year. Advent is more than getting everything ready for the celebration of Christmas:

gifts, cards, decorations, etc. All of which are good, so long as they do not overshadow what Advent calls us to. Advent has a two-fold character: the preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas and the preparation for the coming of Christ at the end of time. The Old Testament readings of Advent are taken from the Prophets and express the hope of the people of Israel for the fulfillment of God's covenant. This promise is fulfilled in a way no one could have imagined: God sending Jesus, His only begotten Son; Jesus, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. The last weeks of Advent turn our attention from the Prophets' hope to the joyful expectation of John the Baptist and the Virgin Mary. As we proclaim: *Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus!*

God Bless,  
~Fr. Dan



**First Sunday of Advent**

**December 3, 2023**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**Scripture Readings**

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7  
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37

**Question of the Week: Need for Watchfulness**

**Adults:** How do you know when you're following Christ and living his teachings faithfully?

**Kids:** What good thing might God be asking you to do right now?

**Second Collection Next Weekend – Dec. 9th & 10th**

There will be a second collection at all Masses next weekend for **Cathedraticum**.

**HOPE Appeal Update: Thank you!**

Thank you to our generous parishioners who have made a pledge to the Annual HOPE Appeal.

If you have not yet responded to the HOPE Appeal, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge to help support the needs of our Diocese.

**Our goal: \$40,850**

**Total pledges/gifts to date: \$31,470**



**The Blessing of the "Bambinelli"**

**December 16th & 17th**

**Third Sunday of Advent -**

Fr. Dan will bless Baby Jesus figurines at all Masses the 3rd Sunday of Advent.

You may bring your own baby Jesus figurines if you would like to have them blessed. We will also have baby Jesus figurines available to be blessed and distributed.

**Immaculata Award - Diocese of Syracuse**

The Immaculata Award 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 St. Francis Xavier recipients of this year's award are:

**Vernon & Marilyn Bush**

An award ceremony will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception next Sunday, December 10th at 2:30pm



**This Friday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** and is a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Please see the Mass schedule for a list of Mass times for the Holy Day.

A ladies watch was found in the church parking lot this past week. Please call the Rectory to claim if you have recently lost a ladies watch.



**\*\* Faith Formation News \*\***

Laura Carver, Director [lcarter@syrdio.org](mailto:lcarter@syrdio.org)

**Grades 1-8:**

Sunday, December 10 9:45am-10:30am

Monday, December 11 6:15pm-7:00pm

**Confirmation Year 1 and Year 2 – Next Weekend**

**Sunday, 12/10 – Year 1 and Year 2: Class #3**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)**

**\*\*THANK YOU TO ALL** that have been so generous as to offer your time and talent to help with CLOW!

I am so happy to say that we have enough volunteers to begin! We are planning on starting in early January.

**\*\*\*Stay tuned for more info!\*\*\***

**Other News:**

We are so excited to invite all children of the parish to sing at Christmas Eve mass. We will be having practices during Faith Formation classes in December, as well as a practice at Church following 10:45 mass on

**Sunday, December 17. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

More information will be sent home to Faith Formation students. If you have a child not in Faith Formation classes, but they would like to sing on Christmas Eve, please email me! [lcarter@syrdio.org](mailto:lcarter@syrdio.org)

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