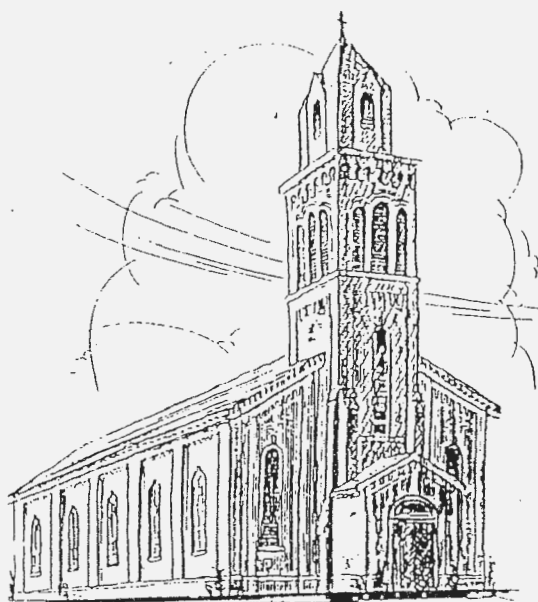


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WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil - 4:30 PM

Sunday Masses - 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Sacrament of Penance - Saturday 3:30pm

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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*

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Laura Carver

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.

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Terry Kotlarz

Carter Austin

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Rick Reagan

Chris Hunt

Diane Foster

Rev. Daniel C. Muscalino

Joseph E. Durand

Jay Austin

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday February 20

VIGIL FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Sunday February 21

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 AM- Pearl Card- Ed and Katie Verstraete

10:45 AM- Elizabeth Formoza- George Spoor

Monday February 22

THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

6:45 AM- Laura- Mom

Tuesday February 23

SAINT POLYCARP

6:00 PM- Donna Incaudo- Mary McGreal

Wednesday February 24

No Mass

Thursday February 25

6:45 AM- John Majkowicz- Friends

Friday February 26

6:45 AM- Martha Lollis- Marilyn Duffy

Saturday February 27

VIGIL SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

4:30 PM- Edward Herron- Marilyn Duffy

Sunday February 28

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

10:45 AM- Jim Reagan- Carol Johnstone

Information Regarding Mass & Confession

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 & take care of yourself. You may view the weekend Mass on our Facebook page or through the link on our website.

Lenten Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence

Days of Abstinence: No meat can be eaten on Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays during Lent. This applies to all Catholics 14 and older.

Days to Fast: Only one full meal is permitted on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for Catholics between 18 and 59. Two smaller meals are permitted, but the small meals should not equal a second full meal. Drinking coffee, tea and water between meals is allowed. Snacks between meals are not allowed.

One is not bound to fast if health or the ability to work is affected.

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. Please note that there will be Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 7:00pm. Please sign up.

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)

Friday, February 26

Stations of the Cross- Church- 7:00pm

Our Weekly Collection

Weekly Goal: \$7,900 Last Week: \$5,320

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,
Helen Volcko, Mike Berish,
Marie Patterson, Mary Martin, Ethel Cole
Please call the Church Office to add anyone to our Prayer List.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

Universal intention – Violence against women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

A Bit Of Knowledge Goes A Long Way!

Did you know the "Pill" is 98% effective in preventing pregnancy, if used properly? **Natural Family Planning** methods including Billings, Couple to Couple League and the Creighton Model are 99.5% effective, if used properly. For example, out of 200 women using the pill, there will be 4 unplanned pregnancies. With the same number of women (200) using the Billings, Couple to Couple League or Creighton Model, there will be 1 unplanned pregnancy. Consider investigating Natural Family Planning. For more info:

<https://sfxmarcellus.com/our-parish/links/>

A Note from Fr. Dan about Lent 2021

Dear St. Francis Parish Family,

As I was thinking and praying about this Lent; I was struck when I remembered that last year Lent came to an abrupt end. After the Second Sunday of Lent everything stopped; we had no public Mass, we had no Stations of the Cross or Benediction, we were not even able to give out Psalms or celebrate the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter) with a congregation; even the rites for the RCIA were put on hold. This year, although things will be different; we will have Lent. We already celebrated Ash Wednesday, Stations will be, but without walking around the Church with Benediction after; there will be a "Light is on For Your Confession" on March 29, Palms will be given out (at least as of today) we do have a RCIA candidate who will go through the various rites at weekend Mass, and we will, praise God, be able to celebrate the Sacred Triduum. Although many things are different, the essence of Lent remains the same.

Lent is that time for us to examine ourselves under the light of God's grace and renew our relationship with God and His people. The traditional Lenten practices are still very helpful.

Prayer: time to reconnect with God. Perhaps you and your family could make a conscious effort to pray together before meals, come to the Stations together, attend one week day Mass as a family; to paraphrase Pope Francis: put down the phone or table, turn off the television and open a Bible.

Fasting: a great way to remind ourselves that everything we have, are and hope to be are directly or indirectly gifts from our God; to rekindle our spiritual hunger for God and the things of God.

Almsgiving: reminds us that we are called to be compassionate and generous to those who have less than we, and are in need for the basics of life. It can also help us to understand that the Church is more than our parish or Diocese; we belong to a Universal Church, that is the meaning of the word "Catholic".

God Bless you; and may we all have a prayerful, spiritually fulfilling Lent so that we can celebrate the glory of Easter with our hearts, minds and souls renewed. Fr. Dan

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



February 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent

Scripture Readings

Gn 9:8-15

Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

1 Pt 3:18-22

Mk 1:12-15

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar – Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This Lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors "bug" you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!

Question of the Week – *A Change of Heart*

For Adults: When or how could you step away from your daily responsibilities to renew yourself, so that you can do a better job of following in the footsteps of Jesus?

For Children: What good habit could you work on during Lent so you could grow closer to God?

A Wonderful Lenten Journey is Waiting for You!

The Wild Goose series is truly a work of the Holy Spirit. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. It is a 14 part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka and various interviews. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert, The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit. We will be giving any and all interested parishioners who wish to follow the Wild Goose this Lent, a free study guide that goes along with each episode. There will be extra study guides at the church entrance. To access the Wild Goose videos, go to YouTube.com and search: The Wild Goose Fr Dave Pivonka or go to www.thewildgooseisloose.com

The Novena of Grace in Honor of St. Francis Xavier

You may say this novena for nine days beginning on March 4th and ending on March 12th which is St. Francis Xavier's Canonization day.

The Novena link is on our website:

<https://sfxmarcellus.com/our-parish/links/>

In Lent, we seek to deepen our relationship with the Lord through prayer and fasting. Is the Lord calling you to grow closer to him through discerning a vocation? Call Father Jason Hage (315) 470-1468. Each week we will print one name of our 2020-2021 Syracuse Diocesan Seminarians so that we can remember them specifically, by name, in prayer throughout the week. This week we remember in prayer: **James Buttner**.

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