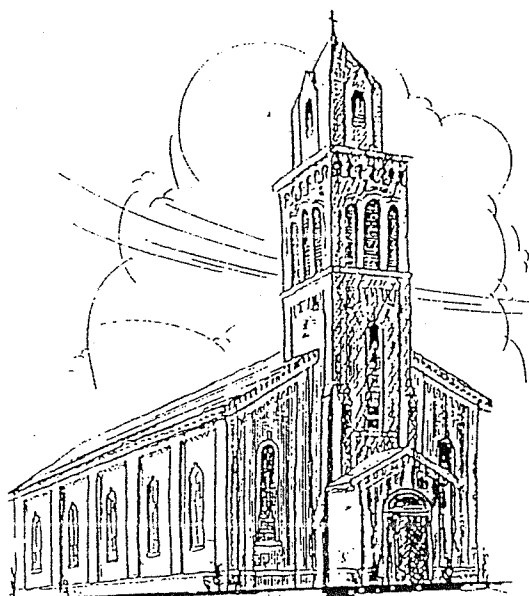


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WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE:

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

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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:

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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 March 8

VIGIL FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

4:30PM- Henry Gooden- Family

Sunday March 9

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

10:45AM- Fr. Mike O'Hara- John and Maureen Curtin

Monday March 10

6:45 AM- Rev. Clarence J. Cerwonka- St. Francis Family

Tuesday March 11

6:00 PM- Paige Swierk- St. Francis Family

Wednesday March 12

No Mass

Thursday March 13

6:45AM- Debra Pliszcak- Dr. Janice Pliszcak

Friday March 14

6:45AM- Wayne Byington- Nancy and Larry Hammond

Saturday March 15

VIGIL SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Sunday March 16

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30AM- Elizabeth Nolan- St. Francis Family

10:45AM- Jimmy Smith- The Powell Family

Ministry Schedule for St. Francis Xavier

Saturday, Mar 15	Sunday, Mar 16	
4:30	8:30	10:45
Lector	Lector	Lector
MaryJo Palmowski	Angi Daiuto	Grade Level Mass
E. Ministers	E. Ministers	E. Ministers
Chris Hunt	Skip Dorsch	Marty McClusky
Altar Servers	Altar Servers	Altar Servers
Blake LaPlant	Peter Daiuto	Lucas Vaga
Jesse LaPlant	Daniel Reilly	Nicholas Vaga

40 Days for Life March 5- April 13

40 Days for Life March 5- April 13 Help save lives in Syracuse by joining in prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil for an end to abortion. God is doing great things in Syracuse and calls us to be present at the Planned Parenthood abortion center to be a sign of Hope and a source of help to pregnant women in need! No experience is necessary, just a heart full of compassion for moms and their little ones. Call Jeanie 315.956.7772, Shannon 315.664.5067 or email syracuse40daysforlife@gmail.com with questions or to sign up for your hour of prayer!

Black Books for Lent and Rice Bowls are available at the church entrances. Please return Rice Bowls by Holy Thursday.

What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

Saturday, March 8

St. Joseph and St. Patrick's Day Dinner- Church Hall- after the 4:30 Mass

Monday, March 10

Lectio- Ch Hall- 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 12

Ecumenical Lenten Lunch- St. Francis Ch Hall- Noon

Stewardship Meeting- Ch hall- 7:00pm

Thursday, March 13

Senior PEACE Luncheon- Ch hall- Noon

Rosary- Church- 7:00pm

Friday, March 14

Stations of the Cross- Church- 7:00pm

Saturday, March 15

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

Sunday, March 16

Sandwich Sunday- after the 10:45 Mass

Our Weekly Collection

Weekly Goal \$7,900 Last Week: \$6,243

The 2nd collection this weekend is for: Black & Native Americans.



Please Pray for...

Ann Konieczny, Penny Anderson,
Greg Gibbons, Casey Smith, Isabelle Callahan,
Pam and Doug Myles and Family,
Genie Barnes, Jack Bragger, Laura Brown,
Robert Darling, Mary Dorsch, Nicole DeMore,
Steven Goldberg, Michelle Fleege, Larry Hammond,
Lauren Carnes, Sandra Wallak, Robert Hammond,
Lucienne Henneberry, Ryan Huff, Katie Kelly,
John Kianka, 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, Gene Koloski

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

The next senior lunch is March 13th at noon at St Francis Xavier. If not registered for this lunch, call at 315-673-2531 by Monday.

Marcellus Ecumenical Noon Lenten Luncheons

March 12- St. Francis Xavier Church
March 19- Marcellus First Presbyterian Church
March 26- Marcellus United Methodist Church
April 2- St. Francis Xavier Church
April 9- St. John's Episcopal Church



The Forty Days of Lent

Dear Parish Family, Lent began last Wednesday with the giving of Ashes. Why Ashes? Why forty days?

Traditionally the Ashes are made by burning the Palms from last year's Palm Sunday, this gives a connection with the whole cycle of Salvation history. The Ashes placed on our foreheads are a reminder of our human condition: our limited time on this earth and our call to humility and repentance so that we can be welcomed into our Father's Eternal Kingdom. That prayer used for the placing of the Ashes is 'Repent and believe the Good News.' Repent, turn from sin and turn toward God. Believe the Good News: in Jesus Christ's Passion, Death, and Glorious Resurrection we have been given the grace and opportunity to have our sins forgiven and be restored to the life of grace that is our Father's intention for us so that we can be with our God for all eternity in His Eternal Kingdom. Forty days are reminiscent of the forty days Jesus spent in the desert as well as the forty years the people of Israel were in the desert after the Exodus from Egypt before entering the promised land. It is important to know the forty may not be the literal number of days of Jesus in the desert or the People of Israel in the desert. In many ancient languages and cultures numbers were interchanged with letters (consider Roman numerals) and numbers expressed other realities: 40 indicated a long period of time, seven was used to indicate completion and three was used to represent perfection. The exact amount of time is not the important reality of Lent; nor is the external expression of the Ashes. Lent is a time given to focus on our internal disposition to which our external acts are to bear witness. We are called to be open and honest in our understanding of our need for repentance and conversion, so that God's grace can heal and transform us so that when we come to Easter, we will more closely transformed into the image of the Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.

God Bless and happy Lent! Fr.Dan



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-8

Saturday 3/15-Mrs. Smorol's and Mrs. Raymond's Classes Mass Rehearsal @ 4pm (for readers and gift bearers only!)

Sunday 3/16-Gr. 1-8 (9:45am-10:30am)

Sunday 3/16-Mrs. Smorol's & Mrs. Raymond's Classes Mass, Gr. 3/4/5 (10:45am)

Sunday 3/16-**Sandwich Sunday** after 10:45am mass hosted by Mrs. Smorol and Mrs. Raymond's classes

Monday 3/17-Gr. 1-8: (6:15pm-7:00pm)



March 9, 2025

1st Sunday of Lent

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Psalms 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

Lenten Almsgiving for Cathedral Emergency Services

Deacon Jeff would like to invite the St Francis family to participate in a Lenten almsgiving project supporting our sisters and brothers in need who utilize Cathedral Emergency Services downtown. There will be boxes available through Lent at the church entrances. We will be collecting personal care items including: toothbrushes/toothpaste, soap/shampoo, baby wipes, diapers, feminine care products, chapstick, deodorant, hand lotion, packs of hand warmers, toilet paper, combs/brushes, hand sanitizer. God bless and thank you for prayerfully considering donating.



St. Joseph & St. Patrick's ***Day DINNER***



St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall

Saturday, March 8th after the 4:30pm Mass

Come One, Come All for a Good Time & Great Meal!
Enjoy corned beef sandwiches, meatball subs and more!

Another Sandwich Sunday coming up!

The 4th & 5th grade Faith Formation class will be hosting Sandwich Sunday March 16 after the 10:45 mass. They will be making sandwiches for the Catholic Charities Men's Shelter in Syracuse. We would enjoy extra hands in making these sandwiches! Please join us and then treat yourself to donuts, coffee and juice afterwards!

If you can't make it and still would like to help, you're welcome to bake some goodies for the shelter. Contact Katherine at the parish office for more information.

IGNITE 2025 Catholic Men's Conference:

Saturday, March 29th

Bishop Ludden Junior/Senior High School

St. Francis is sponsoring our group! Please register before March 10th and use Coupon Code: **SFX** and follow the instructions. If you register before the 10th, it is FREE. If you have any questions, please contact our parish office.

We are challenging everyone to not only register yourself but bring a family member or friend to share the day. Please go to the event website for the bio's of the speakers, schedule for the day and to register.

Register online at www.ignitecatholicmen.org

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