

# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

## MARCELLUS, NEW YORK 13108

### FOUNDED 1873

#### 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."



*They saw  
the Child  
WITH MARY  
HIS MOTHER*

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil.....4:30 pm  
Sunday Masses..... 8:30 am & 10:45 am

**Holy Day Masses**....See schedule inside.

#### Daily Mass

Monday, Thursday, Friday .....6:45 am  
Tuesday .....6:00pm

#### Baptism

Class required. Call rectory for arrangements.

#### Penance

Tuesday..... 5:30 pm  
Saturday.....3:30 pm

**Website**.....[www.sfxmarcellus.com](http://www.sfxmarcellus.com)

#### Marriage

Arrangements at least 6 months in advance.

Parish Office: (315) 673-2531

Monday-Thursday 9:30-1:30

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**Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12**

**Sunday, January 4, 2026 The Epiphany of the Lord**

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday January 3 First Saturday

9:00 AM—The People of Saint Francis Xavier Church  
VIGIL THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
4:30 PM Edward "Rusty" Caldwell- John and Maureen Curtin

## Sunday January 4

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
8:30 AM—The People of Saint Francis Xavier Church  
10:45AM— John Thomas Steele-Sarah and Peter Skvarch

## Monday January 5

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN  
6:45 AM— Elizabeth Black— Family

## Tuesday January 6

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY  
6:00 PM— Jonathan E. Clark— Family

## Wednesday January 7

No Mass

## Thursday January 8

6:45 AM— Raymond Ptak— MaryJo Palmowski

## Friday January 9

6:45 AM— Jacquelyn Haney (health)— Family

## Saturday January 10

VIGIL THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
4:30 PM Shawn Corbett— The Corbett Family

## Sunday January 11

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
8:30 AM—The People of Saint Francis Xavier Church  
10:45AM— David Curtin— Joe and Rosalie Durand

## A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel tells us "all of Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!

## Holy Father Prayer Intentions:

### "Prayer with the Word of God"

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

## Ministries

### Saturday, Jan. 10

#### 4:30pm

##### Lector

Patty Bishop

##### E. Ministers

Beth Feeney

##### Altar Servers

Blake LaPlant

Jesse LaPlant

### Sunday, Jan 11

#### 8:30 am

##### Lector

Jeanie Cupoli

##### E. Ministers

Rachel Gasowski

##### Altar Servers

Peter Daiuto

Daniel Reilly

Lincoln Griffin

### Sunday, Jan 11

#### 10:45 am

##### Lector

Tricia Austin

##### E. Ministers

Eliot Austin

##### Altar Servers

Kailyn Corfield

Nathan Corfield

## A Note from Fr. Dan

### Dear Parish Family,

The Church has a custom of blessing homes on the Feast of the Epiphany and the week following. Family and friends gather to ask God's blessing on their homes and those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, and our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk blessed during the Epiphany liturgy and write above the home's entryway: 20 + C + M + B + 25. The letters C, M, and B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words Christus mansionem benedicat: "May Christ bless this house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and 2025 is the year.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR BLESSING THE HOME

Using the blessed chalk, mark the mantel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 25

while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand twenty-five years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of Your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of Your love; and grant that we may manifest Your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of You; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

At times, God has commanded His people to mark their doors. The Israelites marked their doors with the lamb's blood on the night of the Passover. A similar command was given with the Shema Yisrael:

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart...and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates" (Deuteronomy 6: 4-6, 9).

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does, we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions.

God Bless,

Fr. Dan

*"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."*

*-St. Catherine of Siena*

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

### Saturday, January 3—First Saturday

Men's Group—Ch Hall—7:30am

First Saturday Day Mass—Church—9:00am

### Sunday, January 4

*Sandwich Sunday and Coffee Hour* after the 10:45 Mass

### Monday, January 5

Lectio—Church Hall—6:30pm

### Wednesday January 7

Stewardship Meeting—Ch Hall—7:00pm

### Thursday, January 8

PEACE Luncheon—Ch Hall—Noon

Rosary—Church—7:00pm

**2026 Calendars** St Francis Xavier Church would like to thank Mary Ryan and Jamie Plis from Ryan and Plis funeral homes for the beautiful calendars. Please get your 2026 calendar by the church entrances.

### Thank You to Mr Darminio's Faith Formation Class

The stewardship committee appreciates your help with the mitten and sock cutouts with yarn knots for the giving tree. Thank you!

### St. Francis Xavier Stewardship Committee

Please consider purchasing \$15 (max) prepaid gift cards to Subway, McDonalds, Burger King and Arby's to assist Dc. Jeff in service to those in need of a hot meal. These can be put in the collection basket throughout the year. Thank you

### New Year's Prayer

Thank You Lord for giving me,  
The brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should,  
As each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom,  
That I might help a friend,  
Give me strength and courage,  
So a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy,  
And happiness it brings. Amen.

*-Author unknown*

Wishing you peace, health, and happiness for the  
New Year! Fr. Dan, Dc. John, Dc Jeff & Staff

### Please Pray for

Margaret Abrahamson, Marlene Robinson, Fr. Jim Fritzen, Bernice Wagner, Dan Cupoli, Tom Finn, Theresa McClusky, Eamon Powell, Genie Barnes, Jack Bragger, Isabelle Callahan, Lauren Carnes, Kelly Cunningham, Robert Darling, Nicole DeMore, Rev. J. Michael Donovan, Michelle Fleegel, Greg Gibbons, Steven Goldberg, Larry Hammond, Robert Hammond, Lucienne Henneberry, , Ryan Huff, J.E.L., Katie Kelly, Ann Konieczny, Brett Kresco, Martin Long, Austin Marlowe, John Muscalino, The Myles Family, Andy Nagen, Viking Nyberg, Danielle Painter, Tom Palmer, Lyla Perkins, Peyton James Perkins, Gretta Petterson, Lisa Pikarski, Casey Smith, Allan Stonecipher, Carl Thorpe, Sandra Wallak, Sr. Mary Brendan Wilson  
Please Pray for our Homebound  
Mike Berish, Gene Koloski

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

## Pastoral Staff

### Pastor

Rev. Daniel C. Muscalino\*

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Deacon Jeff Dixe\*

### Pastoral Associate

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Chrissy Camuglia\*

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### Parish Historian

John P. Curtin

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Last Week..... tbd

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