

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."



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, Friday6:45 am
Tuesday6:00pm

Baptism

Class required. Call rectory for arrangements.

Penance

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

Website.....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 35:1-10 Psalm 14 6:6-10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11**

Sunday, December 14, 2025 3nd Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 13

Vigil Third Sunday in Advent- Gaudete Sunday
4:30 PM- Barbara Stapleton- Kerry and Jane Stinson

Sunday December 14

Third Sunday in Advent- Gaudete Sunday
8:30 AM – Edward J. Bohin- The Bohin Family
10:45 – The People of St Francis Xavier Church

Monday December 15

6:45 AM- Thomas and Virginia Corcoran -Janet French

Tuesday December 16

6:45 am James Fiato- Friends

Wednesday December 17

No Mass

Thursday December 18

6:45 AM- Philip and Mary Corcoran (healing)- Janet French

Friday December 19

6:45 AM- Claude Smith-Family

Saturday December 20

Vigil Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:30 PM- The People of St Francis Xavier Church

Sunday December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM- Eva Froot- Family

10:45AM- Thomas Reilly-The Reilly Family

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Like John the Baptist, every parent “prepares the way of the Lord” in the hearts of their children. Advent is a good time to ask; “Do I help or hinder my children to know Jesus?”

Holy Father Prayer Intentions:

For Christians in areas of conflict—Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

“God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer.” -Mother Teresa

Ministries

Saturday, Dec. 20

4:30pm

Lector

Cheryl Hunt

E. Ministers

Chris Hunt

Altar Servers

Blake LaPlant

Jesse LaPlant

Sunday, Dec. 21

8:30 am

Lector

Rachel Gasowski

E. Ministers

Christine Reilly

Altar Servers

Peter Daiuto

Daniel Reilly

Lincoln Griffin

Sunday, Dec. 21

10:45 am

Lector

Marty McClusky

E. Ministers

Marty McClusky

Altar Servers

Max Stokking

Kai McKenney

A Note from Fr. Dan

Blessing of the Bambinelli

Dear Parish Family,

Next weekend, the 4th Sunday of Advent, we will bless Baby Jesus figurines at all Masses. 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.

The blessing of the “Bambinelli” [Baby Jesus figurines] as they are called in Rome, reminds us that the crib is a school of life where we can learn the secret of true joy. This does not consist in having many things but in feeling loved by the Lord, in giving oneself as a gift for others and in loving one another. Let us look at the crib. Our Lady and St Joseph do not seem to be a very fortunate family; their first child was born in the midst of great hardship; yet they are full of deep joy, because they love each other, they help each other and, especially, they are certain that God, who made himself present in the little Jesus, is at work in their story. And the shepherds? What did they have to rejoice about? That Newborn Infant was not to change their condition of poverty and marginalization. But faith helped them recognize the “babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger” as a “sign” of the fulfilment of God’s promises for all human beings, “with whom he is pleased” (Lk 2: 12, 14). -National Catholic Register

God Bless,

Fr. Dan

Upcoming Christmas Schedule

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Vigil Masses- 4:00pm and Midnight

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Mass- 10:00am

(Friday, Dec. 26 - No Mass)

St. Francis Xavier Stewardship Committee

Please consider purchasing \$15 (max) prepaid gift cards to Subway, McDonalds, Burger King and Arbys 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 !

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, Gabe Hood, 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, Greta 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.

What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

Monday, December 15

The Light is on Reconciliation 4-7 pm
Lectio – Church Hall – 6:30pm

Thursday, December 18

Rosary 7:00 pm

Faith Formation

GRADES 1-8

Sunday 12/14-Gr. 1-8: (9:45am-10:30am)
Monday 12/15-Gr. 1-8: (6:15pm-7:00pm)
Sunday 12/21-Gr. 1-8: NO CLASSES
Monday 12/22-Gr. 1-8: NO CLASSES
Sunday 12/28-Gr. 1-8: NO CLASSES
Monday 12/29-Gr. 1-8: NO CLASSES

CONFIRMATION—Sunday 12/14: Year 1 and Year 2: Class 3: Mass @ 10:45am, then class from 12:00-2:30pm at Religious Ed Center (N St)

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be going up this year on Saturday December 6th. In the past, we have had community groups and individuals sponsor a family. If you, or an organization you belong to wishes to do so, Please call Rosalie @ 315-727-9706. Thank you!

Blessing of the Bambinelli

We will have the blessing of the **Bambinelli**. If you would like to have the infant Jesus from your Christmas creche blessed, simply bring it to Mass with you Sunday, December 21.

The Light Is On For You 2025

Monday, December 15th from 4-7pm

By participating on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, whether our first time in days, weeks, months or years, we are experiencing God's individual and unwavering love for us, and of the true graces made available to us by our Catholic faith. God loves us just the way we are, but He loves us too much to leave us that way.

Parishes around the diocese (including St. Francis Xavier) will welcome many people for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance on Monday, December 15th from 4-7pm

All are welcome!

St. Peregrine

Dear Parish Family,

Did you know that we have a Saint to whom we can pray specifically for intercession for cancer patients? He is St. Peregrine. Please visit our website under announcements and select the link to read more of his story. sfxmarcellus.com

I found a statue of St. Peregrine which I purchased and blessed along with a book of Catholic Novenas with the novena in honor of St. Peregrine in it. If any one or any family would like to take the statue and novena to their home and pray that novena for themselves, a loved one or a friend; please contact the rectory. All that I ask is that you bring the statue and novena back to the rectory after your nine days so that others might have the opportunity to take part in this prayer.

God Bless,
Fr. Dan

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Weekly Goal.....\$7,900

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