

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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53 North Street

Scripture: **Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13,17 Romans 15: 4-9 Matthew 3:1-12**

Sunday, December 7, 2025 2nd Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 6 First Saturday

SAINT NICHOLAS

9:00 am- Ann Schmitt- Al and Bev
Vigil Second Sunday of Advent
4:30 PM- Peg McNally- Jim

Sunday December 7

Second Sunday in Advent
8:30 AM – The People of St Francis Xavier Church
10:45 – David Curtin-St. Francis Xavier Family

Monday December 8 - Holy Day of obligation

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary
6:45 AM- Penny Anderson- St Francis Xavier Family
6:00 pm- Keith David Zerwas- Family

Tuesday December 9

SAINT JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN
6:00 PM- Brian Carr- Friends

Wednesday December 10

OUR LADY OF LORETO
No Mass

Thursday December 11

SAINT DAMASUS I
6:45 AM- Frederick and Vivian Bishop- Janet French

Friday December 12

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
6:45 AM- Robert and Peter Quail-Eugene Reilly

Saturday December 13

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

Sunday December 14

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

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. 13

4:30pm

Lector

MaryJo Palmowski

E. Ministers

Beth Feeney

Altar Servers

Ava MacDonald

Tye MacDonald

Sunday, Dec. 14

8:30 am

Lector

Angi Daiuto

E. Ministers

Joe Reilly

Altar Servers

Peter Daiuto

Daniel Reilly

Lincoln Griffin

Sunday, Dec. 14

10:45 am

Lector

Tricia Austin

E. Ministers

Eliot Austin

Altar Servers

Kailyn Corfield

Jaxon Corfield

A Note from Fr. Dan

Prepare for Christ, not just Christmas

Dear Parish Family,

Sometimes Advent can be completely forgotten or overlooked in the preparation for Christmas. But Advent offers us a unique opportunity to prayerfully prepare for Christ in our lives, families and parish.

Two of the Advent personalities, Isaiah and John the Baptist are presented to us this weekend. Isaiah proclaims a restoration of the peace that God intended for His creation which was shattered by sin; and the One who will re-create all things. John the Baptist, in his unique style, calls all to prepare the way for the Lord, to make straight His paths. Even St. Paul in the Epistle calls us to patience. Calm, patient, and peaceful are usually not associated with the frenetic chaos of trying to get everything done, all the presents bought and wrapped, the house decorated, and the meals, parties, get together planned for Christmas. It is very difficult to tell a child to be patient, waiting for the coming of Santa. Yet we are invited to be calm, patient, hopeful, to make room for Christ in our lives and we are given many helps. I recommend that each day carving out a few minutes for personal, quiet prayer, using the Little Books, or the Monthly 'Word Among Us'. As a family, each day you use the Advent Calendar to talk and pray with your children. Developing the practice of daily family Rosary, attending Mass one day, in addition to the Weekend, as a family (we have Mass on Tuesday at 6:00 PM), as a family celebrating the Sacrament of Penance (The Light is on this Advent is Monday, Dec. 15 from 4 - 7PM). Having a family manger and creche and telling about the Christ Child with your children, again this year we will be blessing the 'Bambinelli' on the third Sunday of Advent, inviting families to bring their own Christ child from home that weekend for a blessing. Preparing for Christmas is important, it is however one day that quickly comes and goes each year. Preparing for Christ is making way for the Lord in our lives, an ongoing invitation that never ends, never leaves a sense of emptiness or 'let down.' Even the secular world prepares for Christmas; we should, as Christians, also be preparing for Christ.

God Bless,

Fr. Dan

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

Sunday, December 7

Sandwich Sunday and Coffee Hour after the 10:45 Mass

Monday, December 8

Holy Day Mass— 6:45am and 6:00pm

Lectio – Church Hall – 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 10

Stewardship meeting— Ch Hall— 7:00pm

Thursday, December 11

PEACE Lunch- Ch Hall— Noon

Rosary 7:00 pm

Faith Formation

GRADES 1-8

Sunday 12/7-Gr. 1-8: (9:45am-10:30am)

Sunday 12/7-Mrs. Smorol's Monday PM Gr. 3/4 Class Mass (10:45am)

Sunday 12/8-**Sandwich Sunday** after 10:45am mass hosted by Mrs.

Smorol's Monday PM Gr. 3/4 Class

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.

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 !

Baptism

We would to welcome the newest members of our parish family: Sophia Clegg, the daughter of Brian and Kayleigh, Baptized on November 23, 2025

Jacob and Lilliana Lockwood, the children of Aga and Jeremy, Baptized on November 29, 2025

Liam Grome, the son of Michael and Linh, Baptized on November 30, 2025

Immaculata Award

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Immaculata Award from our parish: Dan and Jeanie Cupoli will receive the award on Sunday, December 7 at a ceremony with Bishop Lucia at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Sandwich Sunday and Coffee Hour—Dec. 7 after 10:45 Mass

Mrs. Smorol's Gr. 3/4 class will put their hands to work. We would love to have extra helping hands and then enjoy donuts, coffee, or juice!

Pastoral Staff

Pastor

Rev. Daniel C. Muscalino*

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Deacon Jeff Dixe*

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—Kathy Welsh

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—Kathy Welsh

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Our Weekly Collection

Last Week.....\$8,300

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

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