

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, Friday 6:45 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
 1 West Main St. PO Box 177
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 53 North Street

Scripture: Sirach 15:15-20 Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37

Sunday February 15, 2026 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday February 14

VIGIL SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:30 PM—The People of St Francis Xavier Church

Sunday February 15

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM— Patricia Shewchuk- Rich & Marge Pinkowski
10:45 AM- Ellen Powers- Mary McGreal

Monday February 16

6:45AM-Bishop Costello— St Francis Xavier Family

Tuesday February 17

6:00 PM Anthony & Geraldine Kwetcian- St Francis Xavier Family

Wednesday February 18

ASH WEDNESDAY (Distribution of Ashes at all 4 times)

6:45 AM —Holy Souls in purgatory
Noon— Service
6:00 PM Tom Finn (Healing)-St Francis Xavier Family
7:30 PM- Ecumenical Service

Thursday February 19

6:45 AM—Eleanor & Dominic Cupoli-St.Francis Xavier Family

Friday February 20

6:45 AM—Tim Foster- Saint Francis Xavier Family

Saturday February 21

VIGIL FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
4:30 Joseph Falge- Family

Sunday February 22

VIGIL FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
8:30 AM The People of St Francis Xavier Church
10:45 AM Anne Corea- Angela & Michael

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Family life is about decisions. The leper in today's gospel knew this when he said to Jesus "If you will, You can make me clean. Jesus knew this when He said " I do will it." Love is not an emotion, it is a decision in good times and bad, even if we don't feel like it.

*"The more often we receive the Eucharist,
the more we become like Jesus and the more we
get a foretaste of Heaven"*

-St Carlos Acutis

A Note from Fr. Dan

Ash Wednesday

Dear Parish Family,
This Wednesday, February 18, is Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of the Lenten Season. While Ash Wednesday is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation, attending Mass and receiving Ashes is a great way to begin your Lent. Placing ashes on one's forehead is an ancient and traditional sign of repentance for sin. While Lent is a penitential season, we are reminded to remain cheerful because we are given a season of grace, to acknowledge our sinfulness (we are all sinners) , seek God's grace and forgiveness and be restored in our relationship to God and His Holy People. The traditional Lenten practices are: prayer, fasting, and alms giving (charity). Prayer re-connects us with God, fasting turns our attention to our need for God, and almsgiving helps us focus on those in need. Some suggestions for prayer: Attend Mass at least once a week during Lent, Come to the Friday Stations of the Cross as a family; Pray the family Rosary daily. Say grace before meals.

Alms giving ; being charitable promotes our connection with all of the people on earth, especially those who are less fortunate; in need of poverty. The practice of 'giving something up' for Lent is fine, as long as it is a sacrifice offered for our sins, or perhaps for the souls in purgatory. You may choose to visit a sick, elderly or shut in person for example.

The Church has specific rules and guidelines for fasting and abstinence. Abstinence from meat (beef, pork, poultry) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent for those 14 or older. Fasting (one full meal, two small meals) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for those 18-59. Exceptions to the rules governing fasting include: for health reasons, those who are frail, pregnant or nursing mothers, and those engaged in manual labor. Abstinence does not forbid eggs or dairy; while fasting allows liquid between meals, but only one full meal.

May we all have a holy, spirit filled Lent.

God bless,
Fr. Dan

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 !

Marcellus Ecumenical Noon Lenten Luncheons

Feb. 25 - Marcellus United Methodist Church
Mar. 4 - Marcellus First Presbyterian Church
Mar. 11 - St. John's Episcopal Church
Mar. 18 - St. Francis Xavier Church
Mar. 25 - Marcellus United Methodist Church
April 3 - Marcellus First Presbyterian Church

Ministries

Saturday, Feb 21
4:30pm

Lector

Patty Bishopl

E. Ministers

Beth Feeney

Altar Servers

Blake LaPlant

Jesse LaPlant

Sunday, Feb 22

8:30 am

Lector

Johanna Duffy

E. Ministers

Joe Reilly

Altar Servers

Peter Daiuto

Daniel Reilly

Lincoln Griffin

Sunday, Feb 22

10:45 am

Lector

Mike McAuliff

E. Ministers

Eliot Austin

Altar Servers

Lucas Vaga

Nicholas Vaga

What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

Monday, February 16

Lectio – Church Hall – 6:30pm

Wednesday February 18

 (Distribution of Ashes at all 4 times)

Mass- 6:45am

Service- Noon

Mass- 6:00pm

Ecumenical Service- 7:30pm

Thursday, February 19

Rosary– Church– 7:00pm

Friday, February 20

Stations of the Cross followed Benediction- Church- 7:00pm

Faith Formation Grades 1-8

Sunday 2/15 NO CLASS

Monday 2/16 NO CLASS

Sunday 2/22-GR 1-8 (9:45-10:30 am)

Monday 2/23 Gr.1-8 (6:15am-7:00pm)

Sacramental Preparation Students

Tuesday 2/24 Grade 2 First penance and first Communion students-
Church tour 6-7 PM

2026 Confirmation

Date, time and location: St. Mary's, Skaneateles, St. Francis Xavier, Marcellus, St. Patrick's, Jordan, and St. Joseph's. Camillus will join together for the celebration of Confirmation at St. Joseph's Church in Camillus at 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 12 with Bishop Lucia

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.

St. Francis Xavier Stewardship Committee

Wants to convey great appreciation to everyone who generously donated hats/socks/mitts over the Christmas season, a season of giving. Birthright , Emmaus Ministry and MCS were very happy to receive these ,which helped them in their efforts to help those in need. God Bless the parishioners of this parish. Thank-you all.

Please Pray For:

J.P.B., Margaret Abrahamson, Marlene Robinson, Fr. Jim Fritzen, Thomas and 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.*

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Deacon Jeff Dixe*

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* Also on Parish Council

Our Weekly Collection

Last Week.....\$5,829

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

2nd collections- Ash Wednesday-
Churches in Central Europe (CCEE)
Feb. 22- Home Missions (BIMC)

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