

# 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."



*You Shall Not Put the  
LORD YOUR GOD  
to the Test  
MATTHEW 4:7*

### 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  
1 West Main St. PO Box 177  
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53 North Street

Scripture: Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7 Psalm 91:1-2,10-11,12-13,14-15 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

Sunday February 22, 2026 First Sunday of Lent

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday February 21

VIGIL FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

4:30 PM—Joseph Falge-Family

## Sunday February 22

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30 AM— People of St Francis Xavier Church

10:45 AM— Anne Corea-Angela & Michael

## Monday February 23

6:45AM-Carol Anne McGrath-Family

## Tuesday February 24

6:00 PM Frederick Lubkin-Catherine Grace

## Wednesday February 25

No Mass

## Thursday February 26

6:45 AM—Rykah Lyons-Formation for ministry class

## Friday February 27

6:45 AM—St Augustine-St Francis Xavier Family

## Saturday February 28

VIGIL FIRST SUNDAY OF MARCH

4:30 Michael & Arlene Wilton-Meg and Jamie

## Sunday March 1

VIGIL FIRST SUNDAY OF MARCH

8:30 AM Bishop Joseph T. O'Keefe-Father Dan

10:45 AM The people of St Francis Xavier Church

### Prayer in Preparation for the 140th Anniversary of the Diocese of Syracuse

O God of the endless ages, Our help in ages past, our hope for years to come be with this diocesan family as we prepare to celebrate the 140th Anniversary of the foundation of the diocese of Syracuse.

We give thanks and praise, for the seeds of the Gospel that have been sown in this central part of New York State and ask that they be nurtured, so that we may be a living Gospel in word and deed. We Pray as we seek Jesus that we might grow ever deeper in our relationship with our Eucharistic lord and that our worship will draw us to greater unity in Christ. Help us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and do whatever he tells us, so that we will be one endless chorus praising Father, Son, and Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen

*Bishop Douglas J. Lucia*

## A Note from Fr. Dan

### Lead us not into temptation.

This first Sunday of Lent the account of Jesus being tempted in the desert is presented to us in the Gospel. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is the Messiah, contrary to the way Satan proposes to him and the way men wish to attribute to him. This is why Christ vanquishes the Tempter for us: 'For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning.' (Hebrews 4:15) By the solemn forty days of lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert. (CCC 540). Clearly, temptation itself is not a sin for the one who is tempted, how we respond to our temptations can either be sinful, or with the help of God's grace, virtuous. Temptation is not from God, it comes from the Tempter, who by our past actions and choices (the Tempter cannot read our minds), and the reality of concupiscence (our human attraction to sin) tempts us in ways that have proven to be successful to Satan's ends. This Lent, we are given an opportunity to examine our conscience in light of our past sins, sinfulness, and vices, honestly acknowledge these as a source of temptation for us, seek God's grace not to surrender to temptation and receive the Sacramental forgiveness of Confession, and the strengthening of our resolve, and will, with God's grace, not to give into temptation again.

God Bless,

Fr. Dan

"Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ"

### 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 !

### 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 28**

**4:30pm**

### Lector

Tom Brown

### E. Ministers

Terry Hall

### Altar Servers

Ava MacDonald

Tye MacDonald

**Sunday, March 1**

**8:30 am**

### Lector

Patty Gooden

### E. Ministers

Christine Reilly

### Altar Servers

Peter Daiuto

Daniel Reilly

Lincoln Griffin

**Sunday, March 1**

**10:45 am**

### Lector

Tricia Austin

### E. Ministers

Marty McClusky

### Altar Servers

Cecelia Carver

Paige Jinks

## 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 2/22**-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.

## Lenten Message from Bishop Lucia

There is a wonderful Lenten Message from Bishop Lucia available on our website. Please click the link to read it.

## Senior lunch

The next senior lunch will be held on March 12th at Noon in the hall at St Francis Xavier. If not registered for this lunch, please call St Francis Xavier at 315-673-2531 by Monday March 9th. The menu includes: Syracuse Famous Chicken Riggie's, Sauteed Greens, Peaches and Dinner Roll.

## 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.*

## Pastoral Staff

### Pastor

Rev. Daniel C. Muscalino\*

### Deacons

Deacon John J. Falge\*

Deacon Jeff Dixe\*

### Pastoral Associate

Deacon John J. Falge\*

### Faith Formation Director

Laura Carver\*

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### Parish Secretaries

Kathy Cioci (Mon-Wed)

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Katherine Boos (Thurs)

### Social Service Coordinators

Rosalie Durand Patty White

### Music Director

Chrissy Camuglia\*

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**Sacristan**—Kathy Welsh

**Housekeeper**—Kathy Welsh

### Parish Historian

John P. Curtin

### Confirmation Coordinators

Laurie LeFever Laura Carver

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### Parish Trustees

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## Our Weekly Collection

**Last Week**.....\$6,901

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

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

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