


# 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."



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5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### 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: Isaiah 58:7-10 Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16

**Sunday, February 8 2026 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday February 7- First Saturday

9:00 AM Mary Hickey-family  
Vigil Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:30 PM Kathleen Mariano- family

## Sunday February 8

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:30 AM The People of St Francis Xavier Church  
10:45 AM Rose Mary Kelly-Rosalie & Joe Durand

## Monday February 9

6:45AM-Rev. James E. Gehl- St Francis Xavier Family

## Tuesday February 10

Saint Scholastica  
6:00 PM- Eleanor Winslow-Joanne Perry

## Wednesday February 11

No Mass

## Thursday February 12

6:45 AM-Vincent F Cioci-Children

## Friday February 13

6:45 AM-Helen McLaughlin-Janet French

## Saturday February 14

Vigil Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time  
4:30 PM- David Curtin- Father Dan

## Sunday February 15

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:30 AM- Patricia Shewchuk-Rich & Marge Pinkowski  
10:45 AM- The People of St Francis Xavier Church

## The LeMoyne C.Y.O. Scholarship

will be conferred this year to eight deserving students in the Diocese of Syracuse. These scholarships will be awarded to prospective LeMoyne students who have demonstrated leadership abilities and have performed outstanding service to their school, community, and parish. The application (which is available at St. Francis' Xavier Rectory) must be submitted no later than February 23, 2026. If you have any questions about this process, please call the Office of Admissions at (315) 445-4300.

## Ministries

**Saturday, Feb 14**  
**4:30pm**

### Lector

Terry Hall

### E. Ministers

MaryJo Palmowski

### Altar Servers

Ava MacDonald

Tye MacDonald

**Sunday, Feb 15**

**8:30 am**

### Lector

Rachel Gasowski

### E. Ministers

Fred Gooden

### Altar Servers

Peter Daiuto

Daniel Reilly

Lincoln Griffin

**Sunday, Feb 15**

**10:45 am**

### Lector

Marty McClusky

### E. Ministers

Marty McClusky

### Altar Servers

Max Stokking

Chloe McKenney

## A Note from Fr. Dan

## The teaching of the Catholic Church

Dear Parishioners,

The Church's understanding of the office of the papacy (the Pope) is very important to understand. The hierarchical nature of the Roman Catholic Church. From St. Peter to Pope Leo IV, is a direct line of succession. There have been 266 Popes. The Pope has many titles: Bishop of Rome, Successor to St. Peter, Vicar of Christ on Earth, Patriarch of the West, Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church, and Servant of the Servants of God. As early as the 1st Century AD. St. Irenaeus described the Bishop of Rome as the First among equals. Since then the Bishop of Rome has held the place of prominence in the Catholic Church. It was to St. Peter that Jesus gave the Keys of the Kingdom of God, that is why keys are depicted on the Papal flag. The office of the Papacy has universal jurisdiction (governing authority over the Church) and universal magisterium (teaching authority over the entire Church. There is a Latin saying: "Roma locuta est, causa finita est" when Rome speaks, the case is closed. The office of the Papacy (the Pope) also has the Charism of Infallibility. This was solemnly defined as Dogma (a teaching that Catholics are bound to accept in faith). At the First Vatican Council, (1869-1879) in the document 'Pastor Aeternus', 'Eternal Pastor'. Not every utterance or teaching of the Pope is Infallible, however when the Pope teaches with the three conditions: It must be a matter of Faith and/ or morals; it must be 'Ex Cathedra' that is clear that the Pope is exercising His authority as Supreme Teacher of the Universal Church; and it must be made public than we have an Infallible teaching. Because of the seriousness and importance of Infallible Teaching, these are done very carefully and very rarely proclaimed (the exception being the declaring of someone to be a Saint, which are Infallible teachings.) An example would be the Dogma of the Immaculate conception, proclaimed December 8, 1854. In addition to being the spiritual father of the approximately 1 billion Roman Catholics worldwide; the Pope is also the head of Vatican City state which is in Rome, but independent of the Italian government. The Vatican City State is 5,274 sq.ft; with its own government, flag, stamps and the Swiss Guard. God Bless,  
Fr. Dan

## The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions:

"The world is saved by welcoming all without fear"

The world is saved not by sharpening swords, nor by judging, it is saved by tirelessly striving to understand, forgive, liberate and welcome everyone without calculation and fear.

*"All of the darkness of the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle"* -St Francis of Assisi

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

### Monday, February 9

Lectio – Church Hall – 6:30pm

### Wednesday February 11

Stewardship Meeting Hall@ 7:00 pm

### Thursday, February 12

PEACE Luncheon @Noon in Hall

Rosary– Church– 7:00pm

## Faith Formation

### Grades 1-8

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

Monday **2/9** Gr.1-8 (6:15am-7:00pm)

Sunday **2/15** NO CLASS

Monday **2/16** NO CLASS

## Sandwich Sunday Thank You!!

A tremendous and wonderful support given from our Gr 1, 2, 3 Faith Formation classes last Sunday. They along with their parents and parishioners went right to work to make over 200 sandwiches for the Catholic Charities Men's Shelter. Parents and children helped clean tables and put them away which is always greatly appreciated! Everyone enjoyed donuts, coffee and juice afterwards.

Our next Sandwich Sunday is March 15. Mark your calendar and we hope to see you then!

## Monday, Feb.9, at 7 PM

There will be an Ecumenical Payer Service at the Presbyterian Church. As a community we will be praying for peace in the nation at this time of violence and division.

## 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

## 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:

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 Dixie\*

### 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\*

### Buildings and Grounds

Ron Schneider Mike Welsh

**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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### Finance Committee

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## Our Weekly Collection

**Last Week**.....\$6,975

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

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