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
Tuesday 6:00pm

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
Rel. Ed. Center: (315) 673-4107
53 North Street

Scripture:Exodus 17:3-8a,13-15 Psalm 103:1-2,3-4,6-7,8,11 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12 Gospel Luke 13:1-9

Sunday March 8,2026 Third Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 7-First Saturday
VIGIL THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
9:00 AM Violet LaRose-Family
4:30 PM David Curtin-Robert & Mary Finn
Sunday March 8
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
8:30 AM The People of St Francis Xavier Church
10:45 AM- David A. Driscoll-Deb and Erin
Monday March 9
6:45AM– Josephine Patane-Father Dan
Tuesday March 10
6:00 PM-Mike Theobald-Foundation for Ministry class
Wednesday March 11
No Mass
Thursday March 12
6:45 AM–Pete Hagan-Father Dan
Friday March 13
6:45 AM–Msgr.Eugene M. Yennock-Father Dan
Saturday March 14
VIGIL THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
4:30 PM David Curtin-Pat Eisenberg and family
Sunday March 15
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
8:30 AM-Henry Gooden-Terry Hall
10:45 AM-The People of Saint 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

Ministries

Saturday,March 14
4:30pm
Lector
Cheryl Hunt
E. Ministers
Beth Feeney
Altar Servers
Jack Lindgren
Calum Mosure
Sunday,March 15
8:30 am
Lector
Pat Canny
E. Ministers
Larry Abrahamson
Altar Servers
Peter Daiuto
Daniel Reilly
Lincoln Griffin
Sunday,March 15
10:45 am
Lector
Grade 5/6 Class Mass
E. Ministers
Marty McClusky
Altar Servers
Max Stokking
Kai McKenney

A Note from Fr. Dan

Whatever became of sin?

Dear Parish Family,

This Saturday our children celebrated their First Penance; and they were sincere, adorable and innocent. I was filled with joy as their pastor and also a twinge of sadness. Joy because they were continuing their journey of growth in our faith, sadness because, as my almost 48 years of priesthood has taught me, for many this will be their last confession until they are getting ready for Confirmation. When I was a young priest, there was a book entitled: "Whatever became of sin?" The question is as pressing today as it was then, perhaps even more so. Let's be serious, for many sin has been reduced to a “problem” or “something I am working on”. We forget that sin is a serious offense against God and His goodness and majesty. There are also those who contend that they really have done nothing wrong and to that I refer to St. John's Epistle: "If we say We are without sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not within us. If we acknowledge our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing”.If we say, 'We have not sinned', we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us." (1John 1: 8-10). Sin is not only an offense against God, but it weakens or destroys our relationship with Him, our fellow humans and even our own most authentic self. We cannot earn our own forgiveness, if that were so, Jesus' life, Passion and death are nothing more than the death of another offender or Roman law breaker, or at worst, the act of an evil and vindictive God. Sin is not only something I have done, (commission), it also can be something I have not done. (omission). Jesus gave the authority to bind and loose and forgive sin to the Church (Mt. 16:17-19). This translates to us the gift of the great Sacrament of healing: Confession (also called Penance or Reconciliation). There are only two perfect humans, Jesus, who is like us in all things, except sin. and His Blessed Mother, Mary; who by a singular gift of grace, was kept free from all stain of sin. Therefore, I am a sinner, and so are you. Look at the commandments, the Beatitudes, Matthew 2 and you will quickly understand how much you and I need Confession to be freed from sin and its ultimate consequence: estrangement from God for all Eternity (Hell). There is really no excuse. Confession is available in our parish every Tuesday from 5:30m- 6:00 PM; Saturday from 3:00 - 4:00 PM; or an appointment can be made at the Rectory to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession. Also on Monday, March 30, "The Light is on for you"; confession will be heard from 4 - 7 PM. Lent is the perfect time to get back to Confession and experience the healing grace of God's mercy and forgiveness.

God Bless,

Fr. Dan

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.

“Apart from the Cross there is no other ladder by which we may go to Heaven” St Rose of Lima

What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

Monday, March 9
Lectio – Church Hall – 6:30PM
Tuesday March 10
Midpoint Prayer Service 5:30 PM
Wednesday March 11
Stewardship meeting hall 7:00 PM
Thursday, March 12
Peace Luncheon Hall 12:00 PM
Rosary– Church– 7:00PM
Friday, March 13
Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction- Church- 7:00pm

Faith Formation Grades 1-8

Sunday 3/8-GR 1-8 (9:45-10:30 am)

Monday 3/9 Gr.1-8 (6:15am-7:00pm)

Sunday 3/15 (9:45-10:30 am) Class Mass @10:45am and sandwich Sunday hosted by Mrs Stokking's Gr 5/6 class

Monday 3/16 (6:15-7:00pm)

Sunday 3/22-Last Class!(9:45am-10:30am)
Monday 3/23-Last Class!(6:15-7:00pm)

Ecumenical 12:00 Noon Lenten Luncheons

March 11- St John's Episcopal Church

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.

St Joseph/St Patrick's Dinner Please join us on March 21@5:15 hall

40 days For Life February 18-March 29

Help save lives in Syracuse by joining in Prayer, Fasting and peaceful vigil for an end to abortion. Come pray with us in front of the planned parenthood abortion center at 1120 E Genesee St. Call Jeanie 315-956-7772, Shannon 315-664-5067,or 40days for life.com/Syracuse and sign up for your hour of prayer. Midpoint prayer service on Tuesday March 10,@5:30 PM**.**

God is doing great things! We have seen 90+ moms change their minds and choose life for their babies.

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, Fr Jim Fritzen (Healing) John Bromka (Healing) Peter Destefano (healing)

Please Pray for our Homebound—Mike Berish, Gene Koloski
Please call the Parish Office to add anyone to our Prayer List.

Pastoral Staff

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Our Weekly Collection

Last Week.....$9,614
Weekly Goal.....$7,900

2nd collection — Feb. 22- Home Missions (BIMC)

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