

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."



The Kingdom
of Heaven
is Like a Treasure
buried in a field

Matthew 13:44

Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil4:30 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.

Monday-Thursday 9:30-1:30

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1 Kings 3:5,7-12 Psalm 119:57,72,76-77, 127-128.129-130 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 11:25, 13:44-52

SUNDAY JULY 26, 2026 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Saturday July 25

VIGIL SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:30 PM Mitchell Delaney-Marge Delaney

Sunday July 26

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM The People of St Francis Xavier Church

10:45 AM Dick Thorpe-Rowan

Monday July 27

6:45 AM Bob and Izzy Callahan-Matt

Tuesday July 28

6:00 PM Theodore and Barbara Panas-Danny and Angela

Wednesday July 29

SAINTS MARY MARTHA AND LAZARUS

No Mass

Thursday July 30

SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS

6:45 AM Jack and Brian Bisgrove-Family

Friday July 31

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

6:45AM Bob and Mary Terry-Family

Saturday August 1

VIGIL EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

9:00 AM The People of Saint Francis Xavier Church

4:30 PM The Curtin Family-John and Maureen

Sunday August 2

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM Barbara Grzasko-Robert and Amy Mann

10:45 AM Dennis Thorpe-Mary McGready

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 1

4:30pm

Lector

Jennifer Zinn

E. Ministers

Beth Feeney

Altar Servers

Ava MacDonald

Tye MacDonald

Sunday, August 2

8:30 am

Lector

Johanna Duffy

E. Ministers

Nancy Palmer

Altar Servers

Peter Daiuto

Daniel Reilly

Lincoln Griffin

Sunday, August 2

10:45 am

Lector

Tricia Austin

E. Ministers

Marty McClusky

Altar Servers

Cecelia Carver

Paige Jinks

Vacation reminder:

Summer is a great time for families to get away for some well deserved down time; Before you go away, Please check your Ministry Schedule: Lector, Eucharistic Minister or Altar Server. If you know that you're going to be away for a time that you are scheduled, PLEASE try to find a substitute; if you cannot, please contact the Rectory before the Friday of the week-end that you are scheduled; it makes everyone's Ministry easier if we are not scrambling right before Mass to fill these Ministries. God Bless Father Dan

A Note from Fr. Dan

Mark your calendars; this year's parish picnic is Sunday, August 9 at Marcellus park: all are welcome and everyone is invited!

Why do Catholics do that?

There are some practices that we Catholics do that are misunderstood by non-Catholics.

For example, why do Catholics pray to the Blessed Mother?

First of all, she IS the mother of our Lord, Jesus Christ; secondly she is also our mother and Jesus has made her a co-mediatrix of grace, allowing her to request graces on our behalf.

We do not worship Mary, but we do venerate her and hold her in a special place in our prayer, lives and faith.

Why do Catholics pray to the Saints? Really, what we are doing is asking those who have already achieved the goal of Heaven to pray for us and with us, (If two or three ask for anything in my name, it shall be given to them); the communion of saints, which we profess in the Creed, acknowledges that there is a connection between us and those who have gone before us. We ask those on earth to pray for us, why not those who are already in haven? Additionally, the help of the Saints is powerful; have you ever lost something and then prayed to St. Anthony, and then, unexpectedly found it?!

Why do Catholics have statues and pictures of Saints in their homes?

They are our brothers and sisters in Christ, our family; we have pictures of our family members, those who are still with us and those who have gone before; why not the Saints.

Why do Catholics pray the Rosary? First and foremost, the Rosary is a meditation on the life of Jesus and important events in the life of Mary, also, praying the Rosary as a family teaches children their prayers and begins instruction in our faith. Catholics use Crucifixes and not simple Crosses because the Crucifix, with the body of the crucified Lord, reminds us of the sacrifice God made for us out of His immense love, this is also why Catholics make the sign of the cross as they begin prayer; and the sign of the Cross is a statement of our faith in the Blessed Trinity. Catholics bless themselves with Holy Water as they enter Church as a reminder that those who are Baptized are made holy by God's grace and that, as we enter Church, we are entering sacred holy space.

I recommend parents bless their children with Holy Water each time the child leaves the home, what a beautiful statement of faith and blessing. That used to be common practice.

There are many things that we Catholics do, all of which have a meaning, and all of which are there to help us on our faith journey.

God Bless,

Fr. Dan

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; It is the prayer that touches most the heart of the Mother of God-Pope Saint Pius X"

What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

Monday July 27

6:30PM Lectio Divina Church

Thursday July 30

7:00 PM Rosary Church

July 31 First Friday

7:00AM Exposition

7:00 PM Benediction

August 1 First Saturday

9:00 Mass

7:30 AM Men's group—Hall



Wedding Banns (Third)

Mary Colella and Jacob William Reed

Baptized on July, 18 2026

We would like to welcome the newest member of our faith family, Sebastian Francis Cox, Son of Henry and Maryrose Cox

Safe Environment Virtus training

It is required for all adults over 18 who are involved in church activities to be Virtus trained. Please go to <https://syracusediocese.org/safe-environment> and sign up. Walk ins not accepted. Thank you!

Missing Church Envelopes

Cathedral Letter Concepts will not be sending monthly envelopes for July in order to catch up production for its 3,000-plus customers. Please use a previous month's envelope if you still have available and write the correct date on it. The goal is to ensure that your August envelopes are delivered on time and that we remain on schedule moving forward. Cathedral Corp is committed to restoring the reliable service you expect and deserve.

Diocesan Organist Training Program

The Diocesan Organist Training Program currently has openings for new applicants --- do you know of a pianist who would make a good organist? Or would you yourself be interested in updating your organ skills (registration, use of the pedals, hymn playing, legato touch, Baroque technique, directing a choir from the console, service music, or developing repertoire?) For further information, please contact Armand Di Scenna, Coordinator of the Training Program, at adiscenna@syrдио.org

Please Pray For:

Peter Destefano (Healing), Mike Mahoney, Fr. Jim Fritzen, Margaret Abrahamson, Marlene Robinson, Tom Finn, Thomas and Bernice Wagner, Dan Cupoli, Theresa McClusky, Genie Barnes, Jack Bragger, Lauren Carnes, Kelly Cunningham, Robert Darling, Nicole DeMore, Rev. J. Michael Donovan, Michelle Flegel, Greg Gibbons, Steven Goldberg, Larry Hammond, Robert Hammond, Lucienne Henneberry, Ryan Huff, J.E.L., Ann Konieczny, Brett Kresco, Martin Long, Austin Marlowe, The Myles Family, Andy Nagen, Casey Smith, Viking Nyberg, Danielle Painter, Tom Palmer, Lyla Perkins, Peyton James Perkins, Gretta Peterson, Lisa Pikarski, Allan Stonecipher, 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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