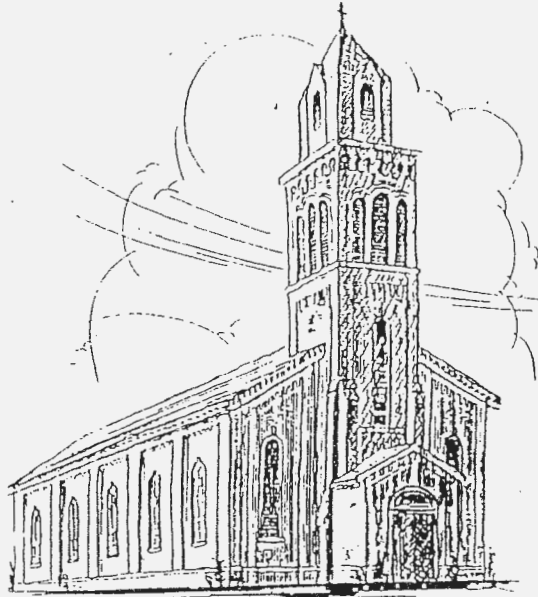


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WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil - 4:30 PM
Sunday Masses - 8:30 & 10:45 AM
Sacrament of Penance - Saturday 3:30pm

TELEPHONES:

Rectory: 673-2531
1 West Main St., P.O. Box 177

Rel. Ed. Center: 673-4107
53 North Street

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."

Liturgy Schedule

Weekend Masses:
Saturday Evening Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday Masses: 8:30 am & 10:45 am

Holy Day Masses: See schedule inside.
Daily Mass: 6:45 am Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri

Weekend Mass Schedule in our area

St. Michael-St. Peter	St. Mary's of the Lake	St. Patrick's Jordan
Sat. Evening: 5:00 pm	Sat. Evening: 4:30 pm	Sat. Evening: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:15 am	Sunday: 8:00 & 10:15 am	Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 am

PASTORAL STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. Daniel C. Muscalino*
Pastoral Associate: Deacon John J. Falge*
Religious Ed. Director: Renee O'Connor*
Parish Secretaries: Mary Jo Osterman
Katherine Boos

Social Service Coordinators:
Rosalie Durand
Patty White

Music Director: Robin Schott, Jr.
Buildings and Grounds: Ron Schneider
Housekeeper: Kathy Welsh
Parish Historian: John P. Curtin
Confirmation Coordinators:

Laurie LeFever
Laura Carver

PARISH TRUSTEES:

Diane Foster*
Joseph E. Durand*

* Also on Parish Council

SACRAMENTS:

Baptism:

Class required.
Call rectory for arrangements.

Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30 - 4:00

Marriage: Arrangements at
least 6 months in advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS are most welcome.
See Fr. Muscalino after Mass or call
the Rectory.

PARISH COUNCIL

Jay Austin	Roxanne Taylor
Terry Hall	Kim Flood
Pen Anderson	Marty McClusky
Cheryl Hunt	Terry Kotlarz
Beth Cusick	Carter Austin

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Rick Reagan
Chris Hunt
Diane Foster
Rev. Daniel C. Muscalino
Joseph E. Durand
Jay Austin

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday December 19

VIGIL FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:30 PM- People of St. Francis Xavier Parish

Sunday December 20

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 AM- Betty Joyce- Andrew & Shirley Kowalczyk

10:45 AM- Jonathan E. Clark- Family

Monday December 21

SAINT CANISIUS

6:45 AM- Ena Froot- Family

Tuesday December 22

6:00 PM- Claude Smith- Family

Wednesday December 23

SAINT JOHN OF KANTY

No Mass

Thursday December 24

VIGIL CHRISTMAS

3:00 PM- Carol A. McGrath- Family

6:00 PM- Thank God for Blessings of St. Francis Xavier

Midnight- Kevin Falge- Family

Friday December 25

CHRISTMAS

10:00 AM- Elizabeth Gooden- Family

Saturday December 26

VIGIL THE HOLY FAMILY

4:30 PM- Robert Welsh- The Welsh Family

Sunday December 27

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:30 AM- Daniel Balman- The Dixe Family

10:45 AM- People of St. Francis Xavier Parish

Information Regarding Mass: We are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass until further notice. If you are uncomfortable with attending any group gathering or have a preexisting medical condition that would make you more susceptible; or are ill or have any symptoms of covid19 or your family member is ill; please stay home and take care of yourself. You may view the weekend Mass on our Facebook page or through the link on our website.

Confession: We have confessions each Saturday in the Church from 3:30-4:00 PM. Fr. Dan will hear confessions in the Sacristy. Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing while waiting in the pews. Please do NOT line up outside of the Sacristy, when the door nearest St. Francis Xavier's statue is closed you will know that Fr. Dan is not free, when it is open, you are welcome to come in for confession. Thank you.

What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

For those attending Mass, it is very important for you to register since there are capacity limits for our church. St. Francis is open for public Mass for 50 people. In addition to weekend Mass, this week we will also have Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday Mass.

www.sfxmarcellus.com/events

(Please sign up by Friday morning for weekend Mass)

If you are unable to join in person, please know that many parishes livestream their Sunday and even Daily Masses and these can be found on our diocesan website at www.syrдио.org. Also, **Christmas Mass** will be broadcast on Christmas Day on WSYR Ch. 9 Syracuse at 6am (and localsyr.com starting on Christmas Eve).

Our Weekly Collection

Weekly Goal: \$7,900 Last Week: \$5,000

Please Pray For...

Gretta Petterson, Robert Hammond,
Richard Hammond, Isabelle Callahan,
Dennis McEnery, Riley Christine Perkins,
Nick Olenych, Roger Schott, Danielle Painter,
Genie Barnes, Nicole DeMore, Lisa Pikarski,
Michelle Fleegel, Jo-Ann Foertch,
Ellie Hauver, Justin MacLachlan, Jack Bragger,
Peggy Paradise, Missy Fitz, Austin Marlowe,
Brian Stonelake, Brett Kresco, Lucienne Henneberry,
Allan Stonecipher, Donna Martin, J.E.L.,
Kelly Cunningham Suberts, Sr. Mary Brendan Wilson

Please Pray for Our Homebound...

Isabelle LaClair, Theresa Holmes, Kay Wilson,
Jim Reagan, Helen Volcko, Mike Berish,
Marie Patterson, Mary Martin, Ethel Cole

Please call the Church Office to add anyone to our Prayer List.



We are still doing the **Giving Tree** this year, however, due to COVID and with the church capacity being limited, we will be conducting the program a little different. St. Francis Xavier Church will be making a donation to each family. You can still help us provide Christmas joy for children in need by making a monetary donation to the Parish Outreach fund.

2021 Calendars, courtesy of Ryan Funeral Home and Plis Funeral Home, are available at the church entrance. If you would like a calendar sent to you, please contact the church office.

The Light is On For You

By participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, whether our first time in days, weeks, months or years, we are experiencing God's individual & unwavering love for us, & one of the true graces made available to us by our Catholic faith. God loves us just the way we are, but He loves us too much to leave us that way. When we return to the Church for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Jesus rejoices like the father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son. It's never "too late" to return to Jesus and ask for forgiveness. Imagine how joyful you will feel upon confessing your sins, big or small!

Monday, December 21st – 4:00pm–7:00pm
Fr. Dan will hear confessions in the Sacristy.

World Marriage Day

February 14, 2021 will be celebrated by Bishop Lucia with a special Mass at the Cathedral at 2:00pm. Bishop Lucia will specially recognize couples married 25, 50 and 50+ years. Couples celebrating 25, 50 or 50+ anniversaries, please contact the church office to receive your invitation. Limited seating available and registration will be required. The event will be live-streamed on the Syracuse Diocese YouTube channel. A special blessing will be offered for all couples in attendance.



December 20, 2020

4th Sunday of Advent

Scripture Readings

2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

ROM 16:25-27

LK 1:26-38

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar – QUESTION:
What do you call a family, which began with an unmarried pregnant teen, and had a twelve-year-old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal?

ANSWER: HOLY! Two lessons in today's gospel: (1) No matter what is happening in your family, "The Lord is with you." (2) "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God."

Question of the Week – Acceptance of God's Will

For Adults: How do you open your heart to what God wants for you? How do you follow the pathway that leads to happiness?

For Children: Is there something hard you need to do this week? What might make it easier?

Bottle Drive Care Package Update

We wanted to provide an update about our services project. As you can imagine, the significant spread of Covid-19 has slowed the progress we were hoping to make. We raised \$740 with our bottle return and we are still planning on completing this project because of the incredible generosity and Spirit of our St. Francis Family. But given the need to exercise a lot more caution, we are going to be safe, keep those funds designated for this project, and circle back around to it once things stabilize. Thank you again for your giving Spirit and desire to help those in need. Remember - God is with us! We'll get through this and put those funds to good use soon enough! God bless you and your families.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions - Evangelization

For a life of prayer – We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Vocation Corner – 4th Sunday of Advent

"Do not be afraid" if the Lord is calling you to discern the priesthood or religious life. Follow Mary's example and respond with humble trust. Call Father Jason Hage (315) 470-1468, or email: vocations@syrдио.org. Each week we will print one name of our Diocesan Seminarians so that we can remember them specifically, by name, in prayer throughout the week. This week we remember in prayer: **Cornelius Deep**.

OFFICIAL PRAYER FOR THE

Year of Vocations



GOD, MY FATHER,
YOU CREATED ME WITH A SPECIFIC PURPOSE
FOR MY LIFE; THIS IS MY VOCATION.
BY FOLLOWING YOUR PLAN,
I WILL BE HAPPY ON EARTH,
EARN THE REWARD OF HEAVEN,
AND HELP OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.
PLEASE HELP ME TO HEAR,
UNDERSTAND, AND FOLLOW
YOUR CALL WITH MY WHOLE HEART,
ESPECIALLY WHEN IT SEEMS MOST DIFFICULT.
SAINT JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE
UNIVERSAL CHURCH,
PRAY FOR ME TO KNOW AND ACCEPT,
GOD'S WILL FOR MY LIFE.

AMEN.

