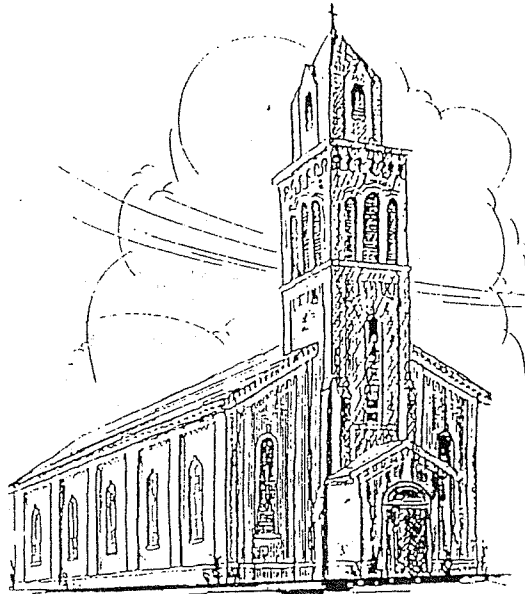


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WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil - 4:30 PM
Sunday Masses - 8:30 & 10:45 AM
Sacrament of Penance - Tuesday 5:30pm
Saturday 3:30pm

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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:	Holy Day Masses: See schedule inside.
Saturday Evening Vigil: 4:30 pm	Daily Mass: 6:45 am Mon, Thur, Fri
Sunday Masses: 8:30 am & 10:45 am	Tuesday 6:00pm

Weekend Mass Schedule in our area

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

PASTORAL STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. Daniel C. Muscalino*
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PARISH TRUSTEES:

Diane Foster*
James P. Curtin

* Also on Parish Council

SACRAMENTS:

Baptism:
Class required.
Call rectory for arrangements.
Penance
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
Terry Kotlarz	Carter Austin
Beth Cusick	John Ketterer
Patty Gooden	Ed Dunn

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday February 24

VIGIL SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Sunday February 25

VIGIL SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 AM- George Hall- Mike and Terry

10:45 AM- John "Tom" Steele- The Skvarches

Monday February 26

6:45AM- Marianne Jula- Friends

Tuesday February 27

SAINT GREGORY OF NAREK

6:00 PM- F. Anthony Lubkin- Catherine Grace

Wednesday February 28

No Mass

Thursday February 29

6:45AM- Gerry Joyce- Friends

Friday March 1 – First Friday

6:45AM- David Files- Friends

Saturday March 2 – First Saturday

9:00 AM- Henry Gooden- Family

VIGIL THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

4:30 PM- Robert O'Connor- Kerry and Jane Stinson

Sunday March 3

VIGIL THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 AM- Eileen Smith- Family

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

Ministry Schedule for St. Francis Xavier

Saturday, March 2	Sunday, March 3	
4:30	8:30	10:45
Lector	Lector	Lector
Terry Hall	Patty Gooden	Rosalie Durand
E. Ministers	E. Ministers	E. Ministers
Pat Dailey	Judy Priest	Jeff Dixe
Altar Servers	Altar Servers	Altar Servers
Jack Lindgren	Peter Daituo	Madeline Carver
Jesse LaPlant		CLOW
		Amanda Petrick
		Anna Carver



Adoration is the First Friday of each month. If you are interested in sitting for an hour with our Lord, please email ppeterbish@twcny.rr.com (Patty Bishop) to have your name added to the Adoration email list for sign-ups.

Stewardship Committee

Thank you, St. Francis Xavier Parish, for all your donations of winter coats and other clothing items collected recently for needy persons this cold winter! There were enough items given to fill 12 extra-large trash bags. The donations went to Catholic Charities.

What's Happening This Week at St. Francis

Sunday, February 25

CLOW- 10:45 Mass

Monday, February 26

Lectio- Ch Hall- 6:30pm

Wednesday, February 28

Ecumenical Lenten Lunch- Ch Hall- Noon

Thursday, February 29

Rosary- Church- 7:00pm

Friday, March 1 – First Friday

Exposition- Church- 7:00am

Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction- Church- 7:00pm

Saturday, March 2 – First Saturday

Men's Group- Ch Hall- 7:30am

First Saturday Mass- Church- 9:00am

St. Joseph's Bottle Drive (Saturday and Sunday)

Sunday, March 3

CLOW- 10:45 Mass

Our Weekly Collection

Weekly Goal \$7,900 Last Week: \$6,260



Please Pray for...

Fr. Jim Fritzen, Isabelle Callahan, Genie Barnes, Noah Bilsback, Jack Bragger, Laura Brown, Robert Darling, Nicole DeMore, Mary Dorsch, Michelle Fleegel, Baby Gavin, Steven Goldberg, Richard Hammond, Robert Hammond, Lucienne Henneberry, Ryan Huff, J. Michael Kelly, Katie Kelly, John Kianka, Eugene Koloski, Brett Kresco, J.E.L., Martin Long, Austin Marlowe, Gerry Muldoon, Andy Nagen, Viking Nyberg, Danielle Painter, Tom Palmer, Gretta Petterson, Lyla Perkins, Peyton James Perkins, Lisa Pikarski, Barb Stapleton, Allan Stonecipher, Carl Thorpe, Kelly Cunningham Suberts, Sandra Wallak, Sr. Mary Brendan Wilson, Msgr. Bob Yeazel

Please Pray for our Homebound...

Mike Berish, Mary Martin

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

40 Days for Life February 14- March 24

Help save lives in Syracuse by joining in prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil for an end to abortion. God is doing great things in Syracuse and calls us to be present at the Planned Parenthood abortion center to be a sign of Hope and a source of help to pregnant women in need! No experience is necessary, just a heart full of compassion for moms and their little ones. Call Jeanie 315.956.7772 or email syracuse40daysforlife@gmail.com with questions or to sign up for your hour of prayer!

Rice Bowls for Lent are located by the church entrances. Please return by Holy Thursday.



Why Lent?

Dear Parish Family, Each year we enter into a forty day preparation for Easter, but the question arises: "Why Lent?" "What is the purpose of Lent?" This week's Gospel for the second Sunday of Lent of the Transfiguration gives some insight in answering these questions. In the Transfiguration, Jesus lets His Divinity be seen to Peter, James and John. This experience along with Moses and Elijah (symbolizing the Law and the Prophets) gives witness and testimony to the same reality that was given at Jesus' Baptism.. The Spirit and Father testify to Jesus as the beloved Son in whom the Father is well pleased. We became God's children, by Sanctifying Grace, at our Baptism; clothed with a white garment, we were reminded of our new dignity, a dignity that we are to keep untarnished unto Eternal Life. Unfortunately, because of our sin, that dignity gets tarnished, and even totally obscured. Lent provides us the occasion to allow God's grace, once again to restore our dignity and remove our sins through our Penance Prayer, Fasting and Alms-Giving and in a very singular way through the Sacrament of Confession. Unlike Jesus' Transfiguration, this is an interior, spiritual transfiguration for us. This interior transfiguration should not be limited to external acts of piety (remember the Pharisees whom Jesus called: "Whited Sepulcher", whose intention was rotted and who acted for show, so that others would think that they were holy. For us, this interior transformation must be evident in the way we live our daily lives, not just in prayer or in church, but in each moment and every word and action, we should show ourselves to truly be, by God's grace, our Father's children. God Bless, Fr. Dan



Faith Formation GRADES 1-8:

Sunday 3/3-Class 9:45am-10:30am

Monday 3/4-Class 6:15pm-7:00pm

Gr 4,5,6- Sun. 3/3-Class Mass Reh. after 10:45am mass or greeters, readers, and gift bearers

SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE:

Saturday 3/2-11:00am at the Church

CONFIRMATION: Year 1: Don't forget to check your emails and sign up for volunteer opportunities!!

Year 2: Sunday, March 17 Conf Interviews

Sunday, April 7-Retreat begins with Mass @ 8:30am and Church Hall after mass. Retreat will end at 2:30pm

Wednesday, April 10-Rehearsal

CLOW: Sunday 3/3-CLOW during 10:45am Mass

The Church of St. Michael and St. Peter is hosting its annual **Chicken & Biscuit dinner** on Saturday, March 2, 4-7 pm (or sold out) in the church basement. \$15 for chicken, gravy, biscuit, green beans, coleslaw, cranberry sauce and a dessert.



February 25, 2024 Second Sunday of Lent

Scripture Readings

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

Rom 8:31b-34

Mk 9:2-10

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar: The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were "afraid." In families, we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.

Question of the Week - *The Assurance of Faith*

How deeply do you believe that since God is for you, no one can destroy you?



Marcellus Ecumenical Food Pantry

This weekend - February 24 & 25

The 4th Sunday of every month is our St. Francis Food Pantry Collection.

If you are able to make a donation, please leave the items in/by the baskets at the back entrance ramp door.

Wish List: Kids Snacks, Coffee, Pet Food, Personal Care Items



Joseph's House for Women Baby Bottle Drive

at St. Francis Xavier Parish begins the weekend of March 2 & 3. The BBD helps to support pregnant women and those parenting young children who are facing homelessness in CNY! Your support provides a warm and nurturing home and the hope for a brighter future! Pick up your bottle at the parish and fill it with your cash, check, or change!

Return your bottle by Sunday, March 17th. You can also give securely online at www.jhfw.org/baby-bottle-drive
To learn more, visit www.jhfw.org



IGNITE 2024 Catholic Men's Conference: Saturday, March 23rd

IGNITE is moving to Bishop Ludden Junior/Senior High School this year. Mark your calendar NOW.

Marcellus Ecumenical Noon Lenten Luncheons

February 28- St. Francis Xavier Church

March 6- St. John's Episcopal Church

March 13- Marcellus United Methodist Church

March 20- Marcellus First Presbyterian Church



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