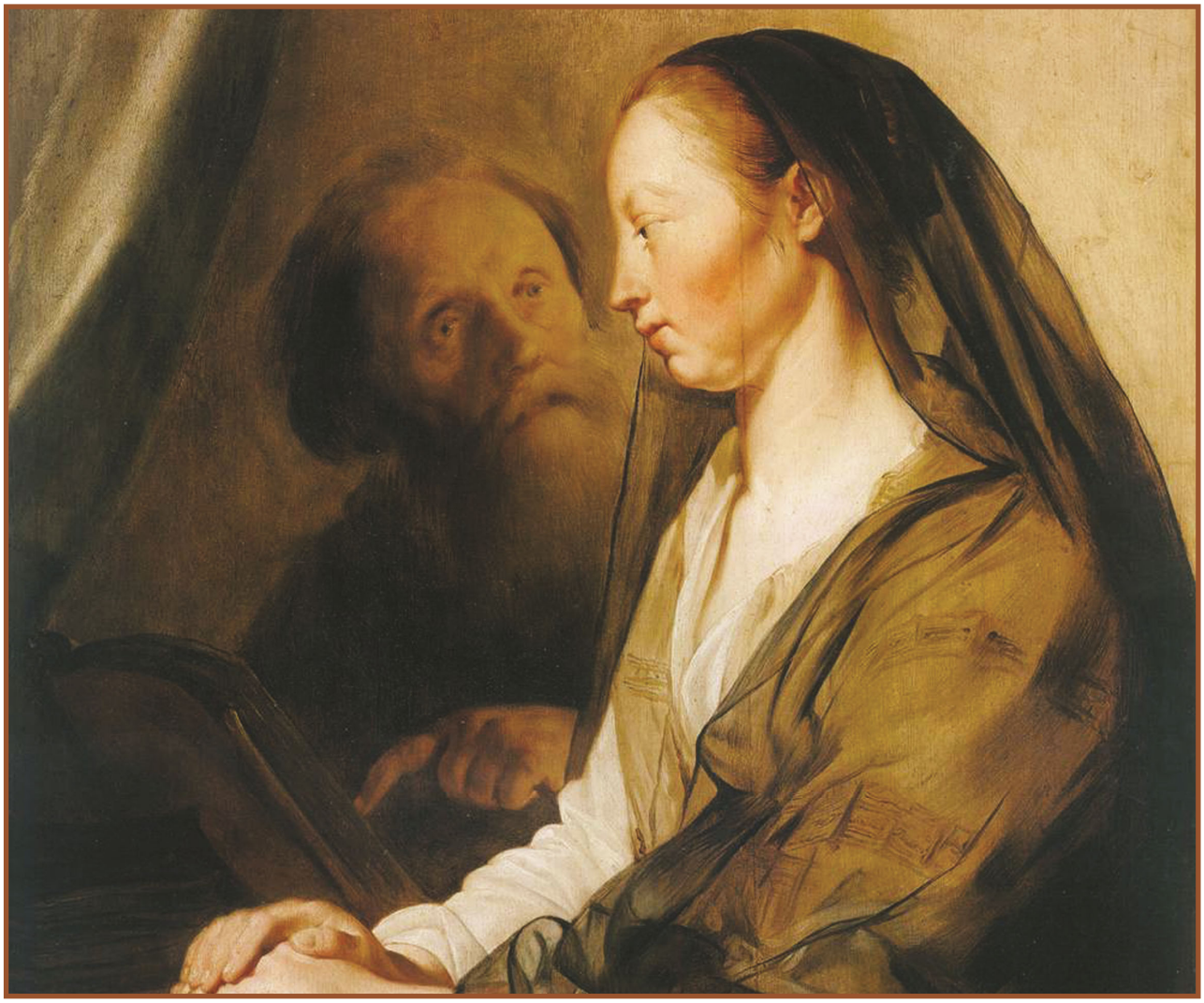
St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish
October 20, 2019



Mission Statement
We Worship ~ We Teach ~ We Care

5112 Pocono Crest Road
PO Box O
Pocono Pines, PA 18350
570-646-6424

Mass Schedule:
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Saturday Confessions 3:00 pm

OCTOBER 20th
29th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Because this widow keeps bothering me
I shall deliver a just decision for her
lest she finally come and strike me."
~Lk 18:5

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Staff

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Render a just decision for me against my adversary." Today's Gospel features a persistent widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? *"Because the widow keeps bothering me."* Jesus' recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge. If only it were that easy, right? We've all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something "fair," which — in our limited view — typically means that something works out in our favor.

There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes grievously, and our efforts to remake the world in *our* image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will *"secure the rights of his chosen ones."* Sometimes, He may well seem *"slow to answer them."*

In the face of these very real questions, it's important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God's thoughts *"are not [our] thoughts."* His ways are not our ways. God respects the freedom He has given us. When we see what free will has wrought, perhaps we question God's better judgment! Yet somehow, we hear that He mysteriously works all things for our good. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are always free to love. We are invited to be persistent in our prayer, to continue bringing our concerns before God in trusting surrender. We are invited to love well in the circumstances we find ourselves in, to be a light in the darkness. No matter when — or if — our prayers are answered the way we would like, we are nonetheless invited to witness to *"faith on earth."*

Today, World Mission Sunday we are called to personal encounter with Jesus Christ alive in the Church, and to offer, through Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are "sent" out to witness to Mission in the world through our prayers and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world. As little as $25 helps support a catechist for a month in remote Latin America. As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers and financial help, offered today, **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**, support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace.

Mass Intentions

October 19th through October 27th

Saturday	4:00 pm	**C. J and Janet Coleman** by Bill and Eileen Binns
Sunday	8:00 am	**For The Parishioners**
	10:30 am	**Morgan John Sweeney** by Linda and Eddie Colon
Monday	9:15 am	**For Healing of Marion Moran** by Gil and Genny Bernal
Tuesday	9:15 am	**Joe McFadden Jr.** by Joe and Mariette Naughton
Wed	9:15 am	**Irene Halupa** by Norma and Victor Bellino
Thursday	9:15 am	**Leo Lenick** by Mary Ann Lenick
Friday	9:15 am	***Communion Service***
Saturday	4:00 pm	**Bob Creed** by Jean and Rich Seebacher
Sunday	8:00 am	**For The Parishioners**
	10:30 am	**Frank Cranley Sr.** by Pati Cranley

9:15 am mass will still be celebrated when we have a funeral mass that day.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Sunday: 9 am to 10:15 am
Monday thru Wednesday: 9 am to 2 pm
Thursday: 9 am to 12 pm
Friday: Closed
Sunday: 9 am to 10:15 am

RECONCILED with God

Confessions -Saturday 3 pm

First Friday Adoration held after 9:15 am Communion Service each month.

stewardship
sharing the gifts we have been given

Sunday Collection 10/06/19…….. $ 5,769.
Capital Collection…….. 25.
Diocesan Collection for Care & Education.. 493.
Thank You for Your Generosity

Readings for the Week
October 19th through October 27th

Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday:	Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14—4:2; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday:	Ex 17:8-13; Tm 3:14—4:2; Lk 18:1-8
Monday:	Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday:	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-; Lk 18:9-14

FAITH formation

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES UNDERWAY

Faith formation classes for 2019-2020 are underway. If you still need to register your child, forms are available in the parish office and by the upstairs exits. Pre-k/k meets during the 10:30 a.m. Mass; Grades 1-5 meet Sunday mornings from 9-10:15 a.m. and Grades 6-8 on Sunday from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

You may also print out a form from the parish website — StMaxKolbePoconos.org. New forms must be completed and submitted each year as this enables us to maintain accurate and updated records. For more information, contact Melissa in the parish office.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES AND REMINDERS

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 5 p.m. Our celebrant will be the Most Reverend Joseph Bambera, Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Important Reminders:

Students in grades 6-8 are encouraged to bring a snack or lunch to class following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Important Dates:

- Sunday, October 20: First Communion Parent Meeting, 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday, October 27: Confirmation Parent Meeting, 11:45 a.m.
- Saturday, November 9: First Penance Retreat, 10 a.m.

DIVINE MERCY VIDEO SERIES

Join us on Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. in the parish hall for the video series *Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told* featuring Father Michael Gaitley. The series explores history, Scripture, prophecy and personal sacrifice and features the appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima, the witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe and much more. For more information, contact the parish office.

Parish Life

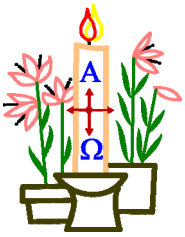
JEFF CAVINS BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

If you are interested in taking part in or hosting a home bible study featuring the DVD series *Bible Timeline* by Jeff Cavins, contact June Schott at 570-646-0379 or by email at jschott@ptd.net. All materials are provided for the study.

PURCHASE SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Our parish has the opportunity to purchase Scripture reflections and commentaries at a discounted price. Copies of the annual book of reflections *Living the Word* are available for purchase for $12. For more information, contact Melissa in the parish office.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Adults who would like to become members of the Catholic Church are welcomed into a process of inquiry and formation. It is open to those who have never been baptized, those baptized in another Christian Church and those baptized as infants in the Catholic Church but who have not received further catechetical formation nor, consequently, the Sacraments of Confirmation and /or Eucharist. For information, call the parish office.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

On Saturday, November 3, at the 4 p.m. Mass, our parish will remember the loved ones from our parish family who have died during this past year. Family members of those who have died since November 2, 2018 may bring a photo of their loved one to the parish office by Thursday, October 31, for display around the altar during the Mass. Our parish's Book of the Dead will also be available in the narthex for anyone who would like to add the name of a deceased family member. For more info contact Melissa in the parish office.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The St. Maximilian Kolbe Bereavement Support Group will meet next on Wednesday, Oct. 9th, at 10 a.m. in the parish hall. Anyone who is grieving a loss from death, divorce or separation is warmly invited to attend. It is not necessary to be a member of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in order to attend this ecumenical group. For more information, contact the parish office.

Parish Life

This Week at St. Max

Sat/Sun., Oct. 19/20- Family Promise Collection

Sun., Oct. 20 .- First Communion Parent Meeting -9:15 am

-Polish Mass at St. Max - 2 pm

Mon., Oct .21 - Knight of Columbus - 7 pm

Tue., Oct. 22 - Women's Cornerstone - 7 pm

Wed., Oct. 23 - Choir Practice - 7 pm

Sun., Oct. 27 - Confirmation Parent Meeting - 11:45 am

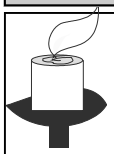
MEMORIAL PAVERS FOR ST. MAX PRAYER GARDEN

With your support, the St. Maximilian Kolbe Stewardship Committee created a beautiful, quiet space on the church grounds where we are able to reflect and pray. Along the walkway, in addition to benches, statues, and Stations of the Cross, there is an area with memorial pavers to honor loved ones and to commemorate special occasions. 4 x 8 inch pavers (with 3 lines of 17 spaces and letters each) are $60 for one paver and $100 for two. An 8 x 8 inch paver is $150. If you would like to purchase one of the pavers, get a form from the parish office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL

Meetings are the 1st & 3rd Mondays
of the month @ 7 pm in the parish hall.
~ **http://knights13752.webs.com/**
~Facebook: Knights of Columbus Pocono Pines

Week of October 20th, 2019



Sanctuary Light

Available for $20. for two weeks

Bread and Wine

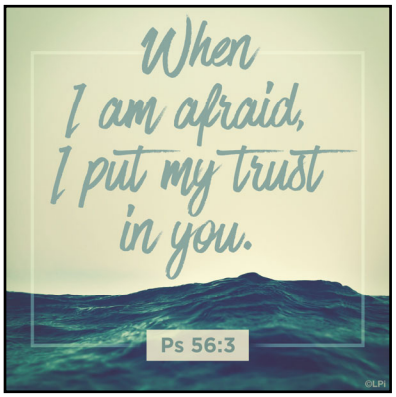
For Victims of Abortion

Altar Flowers

Available for $100 for one week

Parish Life

We welcome new parishioners. If you would like to join our parish, registration forms may be found in our church narthex and in the parish office or if you prefer, register online at www.stmaxkolbepoconos.org.
You may also call the parish office (570-646-6424) and we would be happy to send you a registration form.
Get involved……Our Parish has many ministries where you are able to offer your gifts and talents to build up the Kingdom of God with our Parish Family. Liturgical, Social Outreach, Parish Activities, Christian Education, Stewardship and Communication are ways in which you can serve. Please call the Parish Office or go to our Parish Website www.stmaxkolbepoconos.org and CLICK on "MINISTRY CONTACTS" for a complete list of the ministries.



Jay Crandall ~ Bill Gleason
Richard Snell ~ Kim Maria Giganti
Fr. Ed Kearns ~ Jennifer Royall
Deacon Frank ~ Terry Howe
Joan Harrigan ~ Alice & Eileen O'Neill
Samson Colborn ~ Jamie Nderitu
Maurice Berger ~ Sal Rullis ~ Bill Goodwin
Msgr. Fitzpatrick ~ JoAnn Berger ~ Ryan Miller
Cathy Valente ~ Fr. Anthony Urban ~ Katie Scully
Joseph Conte ~ John Mercer ~ Bette Jayne Kovich
Pasquale & Josephine Papa ~ Katherine Krais

……..And For All Members, Family and Friends that are in need of Prayers, Lord Hear Our Prayer.

Hospital Visits -

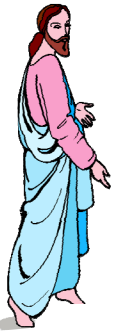
Due to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the parish is unaware when a parishioner is in the hospital. If you or a loved one would like a hospital visit from Father Sean, contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Parish Life

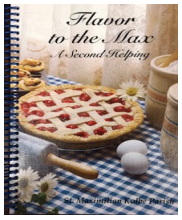
Thursday, December 5, 2019
- Trip to Radio City
"Christmas Spectacular" starring the Rockettes
Our own St. Maximilian Kolbe Adult Choir will perform, alone on stage, for the Sounds of Christmas Experience, opening the 11:00 am show. ~Cost $120.
Contact Marianne @ 643-1293 for more information.
~See the lighted Rockefeller Center Christmas tree!
~Visit the St. Patrick's Cathedral Nativity scene awaiting Baby Jesus!

A well-read Bible is the sign of a well-fed soul.

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us….
~Romans 15:4



PARISH COOKBOOK
"Flavor to the Max ~ A Second Helping"



can be purchased in the Cry Room after Masses or in the Parish Office during regular office hours.

During our year-long celebration of the 10th Anniversary of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, we hope to feature many delicious dishes found in this cookbook at various parish events.

Prayers for Military and Government Service

HA Valerie Novak ~ Sr. Airman Charlie Maldanado
Alston Smart, Jr.~ Eugene Maslar, Jr
Sgt. Matthew Price ~ 1st Lt. Mark Gaido
Airman Patrick Alminde ~ TECH Sgt. William D. Olsen
Seaman Nicole Beckman ~ Cpl. John P. Bramley
Lt. Joseph V. Yuskaitis, Jr.
Major Thomas M. Smith ~ S Sgt. Amber Keppol
2nd Class Petty Officer DC2, Jeffrey Royall
Sgt. Andrew Malave ~ Sgt. Matthew Ponce
PFC Lars Hicks ~ Lance Corporal Kevin Horoszewski
Lord, hold our troops in you loving hands.

Parish Life

Polish Mass Today
at St. Maximilian Kolbe

Sunday, October 20th, 2019 at 2 pm
Our Celebrant will be
by Fr. Jacek Bialkowski
Mass will be said in the Polish language.
ALL **ARE WELCOME!**

To Give of Oneself

In the South, the use of "Yes, Sir," "Yes, Ma'am," and "Thank you," have been drilled into many a little person's brain. Unfortunately, as time goes by, those social conventions seem to be in danger, even in the very places that have held them sacred for so long. In fact, I have found that I sometimes will even get a strange look when I utter similar words to a stranger or passer-by. It seems manners are being traded for acceptance of ill-conceived tolerance, even tolerance of the ill-mannered.

We know this is nothing new when we look at the story of Jesus' healing of the ten lepers. After healing ten, only one comes back to show gratitude to the healer. Why did 90% of those healed not offer thanks?

We all find our lives filled with blessings. We may sometimes think we deserve the good things we receive. We may also believe because everyone receives the same gifts — things like life, air, and the planet — that God didn't single us out, and our obligation to offer thanks is diminished. However, gratitude is never obligated. The other 9 did not get their leprosy back due to ungrateful hearts. Gratitude is simply the gift we give to the one who was generous to us in the first place. A gift for a gift. Generosity gives birth to more generosity. Without as much gratitude in the world, there is less chance for an increase of love and generosity. So, who do you need to thank today?

— Tracy Earl Welliver

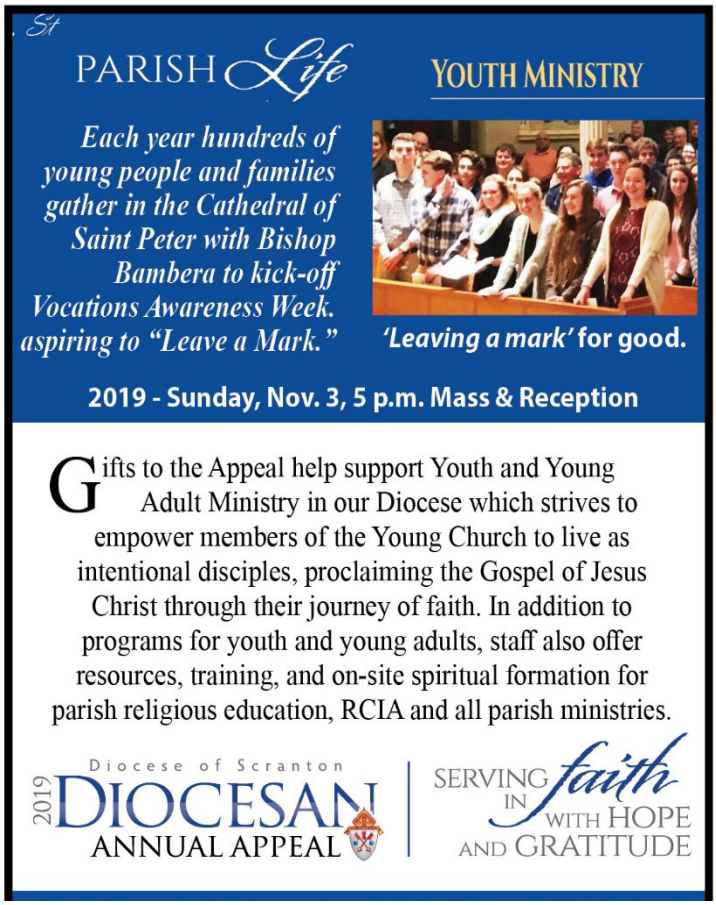
Bulletin submissions can be emailed to Marion Colvin at: mcol@ptd.net
Please submit two weeks prior to publication date otherwise we cannot promise publication date desired.
~ Thank You

Parish Life

BE SURE TO UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

If you wish to receive email notifications from the parish, be sure to contact the parish office to ensure we have your most current email address. Many addresses have not been updated for several years and are no longer in service. To update your address, call the office at 570-646-6424 or email stmaxkol@ptd.net.

Check out our new website (same address as before) ***www.stmaxkolbepoconos.org.***
We've got a new look. *Click on "About" for the Parish History, Bulletins, Contacts, Ministries, Sacraments and much more.*



Around The Diocese

SCRANTON PREPARATORY SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH
FROM 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
7th and 8th grade students, their parents and families are cordially invited to attend.
Attendees can register at
www.scrantonprep.org/openhouse

The Scholarship Entrance Exam will be held on Saturday, December 7th for eight grade students interested in applying for the fall term of 2020. Registration will begin at 8:30 am and the exam starts at 9:00 am. Students may register and apply by visiting www.scrantonprep.org

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Rachel's Vineyard Retreat
November 1 – 3, 2019

Abortion impacts *everyone* in its path.
Our Father is calling **you** home to heal.
An intimate spiritual journey for those seeking to heal the impact of abortion in their life.
For registration information contact: Denise Mengak (570) 822-7118 ext. 3333, drowinski@csswb.org

Meals on Wheels Volunteer Drivers Needed

Can you spare 2-3 hours once a month to deliver meals to the homebound in the Tobyhanna/ Tunkhannock Twshp. areas? If interested, call Sue Snell @ 570-646-7163 or Linda at the Meals on Wheels office @ 570-424-8794.

Monsignor McHugh School is looking for a Kindergarten Aide. If interested please contact the main office 570-595-7463 Monday - Friday from 7:30 am to 3.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS : Five Loaf House
133 Fire House Rd., Pocono Pines
Distributions are to qualified persons & families only.
Distributions are the **Second Monday of each month and the Tuesday following that Monday.**
Monday Hours 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. by appointment after these hours & Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Food Donations are accepted on Mon/Tues only, from 9 a.m. -11 a.m. or call 570-646-7456.