St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

November 10, 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

November 10th
32nd Sunday
in Ordinary Time

"Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise."
~Lk 20:34-36

St. Maximilian Kolbe
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Some Saducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus …"
In this Sunday's Gospel, the Saducees avoid their real question. Is there a resurrection from the dead or not? Rather than ask this question point blank, the Saducees try to prove their point through a roundabout, unrealistic scenario. Jesus cuts straight to the question behind the question, citing Scripture passages relating to the resurrection.

The Saducees are trying to trick Jesus. While we may not intend to stump God, our doubts and questions may have more in common with the Saducees than we care to admit. Doubts are part and parcel of life in a fallen world. Still, there are different ways we can word our doubts to ourselves, God, and others. When we're struggling, truly struggling, about some article of faith, do we admit it? Or do we cloak it with other, obtuse questions to hide the nature of our concern?

Have you considered leaving the Church over the hypocrisy of some of her members and leaders? Perhaps the real question is: "How can a place blessed by God and instituted by Christ have this evil in it? Can I reconcile with the concept that an institution has an admixture of good and bad? What do I expect from others, from myself? What responsibility do I have to try and remedy evil in an institution I'm part of?" Perhaps you've wondered about the nature of romantic love, and if God is love, does He really care so much about the details of this particular scenario? Perhaps the real question is: "Can my mind wrap around the concept of a God whose law seems — on the surface, in this situation — to make people unhappy? What is the relationship between the moral law and human flourishing?" These aren't easy questions, but they are more honest ones. This week, don't be afraid of your deeper questions! Bring them to God, to someone you trust, and to yourself.

Wednesday is the Feast of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

July 15, 1850 – December 22, 1917

Francis, also called **Mother Cabrini**, an Italian-American Roman Catholic nun, founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a Catholic religious institute that was a major support to the Italian immigrants to the United States. She was the first naturalized citizen of the United States to be canonized by the Roman Catholic Church, on July 7, 1946.

Mass Intentions

November 9th through November 17th		
Saturday	4:00 pm	**Anne Marie Alcamo** by Nat Alcamo ***All Souls Intentions***
Sunday	8:00 am	**For The Parishioners**
	10:30 am	**In Thanksgiving for** Abigaelle & Pierre Andre Stiven ***All Souls Intentions***
Monday	9:15 am	**Edward Baker** by Pat Baker
Tuesday	9:15 am	**J. Raymond Oldroyd** by Jacki Olsen
Wed	9:15 am	**Kelly Brennan** by Al and Gail Huff
Thursday	9:15 am	**Michael D'Amore** by MaryAnn & Michael Dalton
Friday	9:15 am	**Communion Service**
Saturday	4:00 pm	**Margaret Mary Curran** by Tom and Ann Curley
Sunday	8:00 am	**For The Parishioners**
	10:30 am	**Kathleen Gettis** by Bob Gettis

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

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 10/27/19…….. $ 5575.
Mission Collection ……..… 1,130.
Thank You for Your Generosity

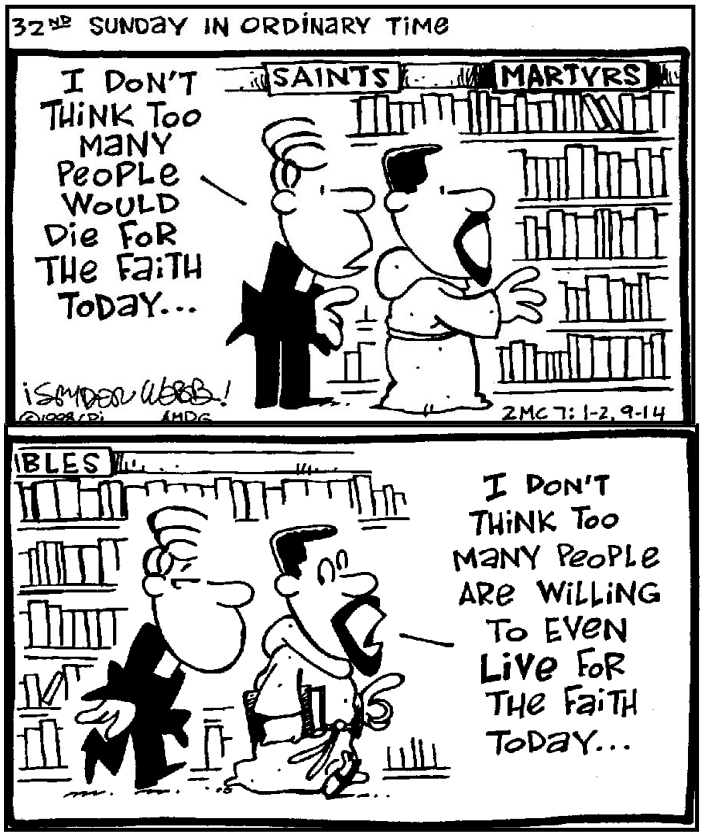
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11th

VETERANS DAY

WE HONOR YOUR SACRIFICE

Readings for the Week
November 9th through November 17th

Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes 2:16—3:5; Lk 20:27-38
Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19



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

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:

- Saturday, December 7, 2019:
  First Penance, 12 p.m.

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.

FAITH FORMATION CANCELLATION PROCEDURES

Parents, in the event of inclement weather, you will receive an email from Melissa, Coordinator of Religious Education, if classes are cancelled. If you do not receive regular emails from the parish, kindly contact the parish office to ensure we have your most recent email address. You may also call the parish office on Sunday morning to check if classes are cancelled for the day.

Faith Formation

PARISH HOSTS CATECHIST WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, December 11, from 6-8 p.m., St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish will host a network workshop for catechists, directors of religious education, youth ministers, and anyone engaged in Ministry of the Word and lifelong faith formation. Presented by the Diocese of Scranton, the workshop will focus on practical ways of bringing lifelong faith formation to parishes. For more information, contact Melissa in the parish office.

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

Beginning Tuesday, November 19, join us on **Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. in the parish hall for the *Little Rock Scripture Study*.** Using both videos and written materials, this program is designed to help bring Catholics to a greater understanding of the Bible and an awareness of God's living presence in the Scriptures, as well as an appreciation of how the Bible can be applied to daily life. For more information, call or stop by the parish office or simply join us on each Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. in the parish hall.

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.

UPCOMING PRE-JORDAN SESSION

In order to understand and appreciate the Sacrament of Baptism, expectant parents are required to attend Baptism preparation. A Pre-Jordan session will be held for all parents preparing for their baby's baptism on Sunday, November 24, at 12 p.m. in the parish hall. Since parents are seen as their child's primary teachers, the Pre-Jordan preparation session seeks to offer parents both the support of the community and an opportunity for reassessing their own faith and responsibilities. For more information or to register for the session, contact Melissa Laverty in the parish office.

Parish Life

This Week AT ST. MAX

Tues., Nov. 12th - Women's Cornerstone - 7 pm

Wed., Nov. 13th - Choir Practice - 7 pm

Sat., Nov. 16th - Pierogi Dinner - 5 pm

Sun., Nov. 17th - Choir Practice - 1:15 pm

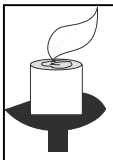
MEMORIAL PAVERS FOR ST. MAX PRAYER GARDEN

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 November 10th, 2019



Sanctuary Light

In Memory of Deceased Member of Knights of Columbus #13752

Bread and Wine

For Victims of Abortion

Altar Flowers

Available for $100 for one week

Parish Life

Pierogi Dinner November 16th

The Polish Community of St. Max Parish will host
Pierogi Night Dinner—Next Saturday
November 16th after the 4 pm Mass.

There will be various pierogi fillings in this traditional Polish meal. Salad, homemade desserts and beverage will be included.
Reservations are required by Sunday, November 9th.
$10/ Adult and $7/child at the door.
Call 609-354-2153 or sign-up by the exits of the church or in the parish office.

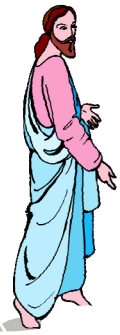
Jay Crandall ~ Bill Gleason
Richard Snell ~ Kim Maria Giganti
Fr. Ed Kearns ~ Jennifer Royall
Deacon Frank ~ Terry Howe
Joan Harrigan ~ Alice & Eileen O'Neill
Samson Colborn ~ Jamie Nderitu
Maurice Berger ~ Sal Rullis ~ Bill Goodwin
Msgr. Fitzpatrick ~ JoAnn Berger ~ Ryan Miller
Cathy Valente ~ Fr. Anthony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

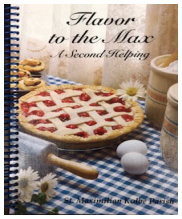
Thursday, December 5, 2019
- Trip to Radio City
"Christmas Spectacular" starring the Rockettes
Our own St. Maximilian Kolbe Adult Choir will perform, alone on stage, for the Sounds of Christmas Experience, opening the 11:00 am show. ~Cost $120.
Contact Marianne @ 643-1293 for more information.
~See the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

The age of understanding and acceptance comes to different people at different times.



Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord… Isaiah 1:18

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

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.*

BUILD A CULTURE OF LIFE

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond? Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts. When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him, we become more aware of our own immeasurable worth and that of others. His unchanging love is the source of our God-given dignity, which, therefore, cannot be taken away. When someone is facing great trials, we need to walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however He directs. We simply need to follow where He leads.

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

Winter Hours for Prayer Shawl Ministry
Beginning in November, members of the prayer shawl ministry will meet once a month at 6:30 pm, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, weather permitting.
Nov 19/ Dec 17/ Jan 21/ Feb 18th
All are welcome to attend and either knit or crochet.

Winter Hours for the Saturday Prayer Group
Beginning in November, members of the prayer group will meet once a month on the 2nd Saturday of the month
Nov 9/ Dec 14/ Jan 11/ Feb 8 - weather permitting.
All are welcome to attend, for prayer and praise.

Parish Life

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

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.

St. Max has a new look on our website:
www.stmaxkolbepoconos.org.
Click on "About" for the
Parish History, Bulletins and Contacts.
You'll also find information about the Ministries our Parish has to offer, Sacraments and a Registration Form for the 2019-2020 Religious Education year.

Responding to God

Question:
I can't explain it. I feel a nudge from God to something out of the ordinary. How do I respond?
Answer:
You're in good company! Abraham was asked to leave all he knew and loved for a strange land, with only abstract divine assurance that such a sacrifice would be worth it. Plenty of prophets protested against God's call, whether it was claiming they were too young (Jeremiah) or running away entirely, only to end up in a whale's belly (Jonah). St. Joseph was asked to do something very strange. He was asked to believe — on the word of an angelic appearance in a dream — that his betrothed was pregnant not from another man, but by a miraculous intervention of God. Then he was called to marry her.
Author Flannery O'Connor once wrote, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd." Sometimes God's invitation might seem strange or challenging. It might require sacrifices we never expected to make. Our life might look different than we had always imagined. But as we all know, life throws its own curveballs, regardless of whether or not we're listening for God's will. Better, one would think, to be open to the promptings of God and to follow along the strange trails that they lead. We have the assurance that, eventually, we will find green pastures.

Around the Diocese

CLERGY *Support*

I'm ready to go out and proclaim the Gospel, live a good example of a Christian life and serve those that need service.
Kevin Miller
Transitional Deacon

Diocesan clergy bring the presence of Christ to you, your families and friends. Your donations to the Annual Appeal fund the education of our priests, seminarians, and permanent deacons so that they can be "men of God, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:17). Appeal funds also help care for our retired priests who have spent their lives in service to our Diocese.

2019 Diocese of Scranton DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL | SERVING IN *faith* WITH HOPE AND GRATITUDE

Diocesan Ministries assisted by Appeal donations:
Visit **AnnualAppeal.org/**
and **Vocations.DioceseofScranton.org**

XLT (Exalt!), will be held Sunday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Matthew Parish, in E. Stroudsburg. sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life & Vocations. This will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, praise/ worship music/ a dynamic talk, the sacrament of Reconciliation, &social. All are welcome. For more information, please call 570-780-2996.

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.

SCRANTON PREPARATORY SCHOOL
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.
visit www.scrantonprep.org

FOOD PANTRY NEWS : **Five Loaf House**
133 Fire House Rd., Pocono Pines
Distributions are to qualified persons & families only on the 2nd Monday of the month and the Tuesday following that Monday. *Monday Hours 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 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.