

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

May 3, 2020



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.”
~John 10:2-3

MISSION STATEMENT

We Worship ~ We Teach ~ We Care

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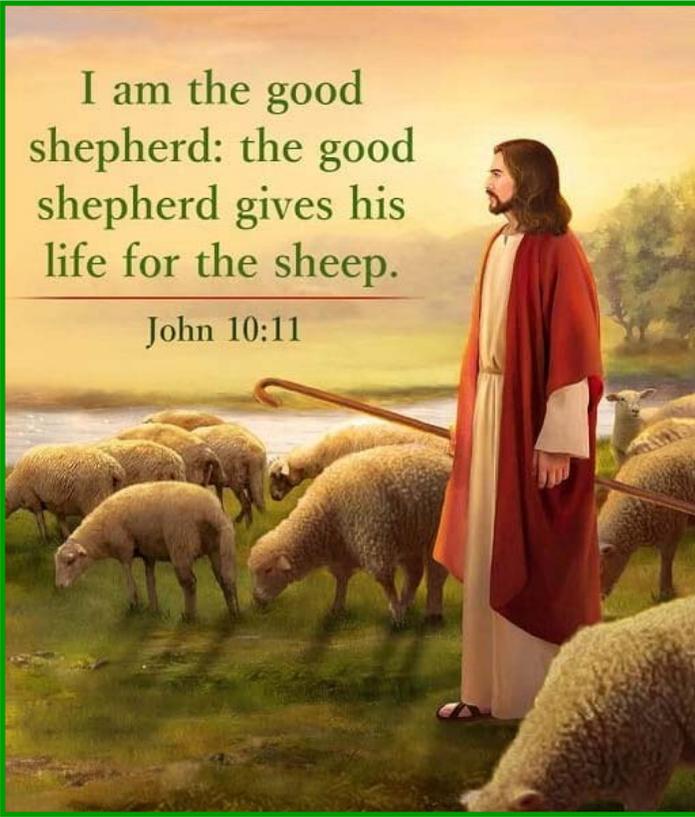
Mass Schedule:
Cancelled until further notice
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Saturday Confessions 3:00 pm

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I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep.

John 10:11



GOSPEL MEDITATION

With whom do we converse and listen to the most? Believe it or not, the answer is ourselves. We are constantly having conversations with ourselves, and sometimes we even get caught! Our inner conversations reveal the truth about ourselves. We really cannot hide from ourselves, although we often pretend we can. By conversing with ourselves, we find solutions to our challenges, problem solve, work through our relationships, formulate opinions, run through dress rehearsals of possible conversations, and wrestle with and determine our system of priorities and values. What other voices affect the conversations we have with ourselves?

Often, voices from our past continue to haunt us. These voices cause us to mistrust our judgment, harbor anger, and cling to our fears of rejection, failure, being wrong, and the like. It is in these inner conversations that we face what holds us captive — our limitations, weaknesses, sinfulness, and stubborn ego preoccupations. We often go about our lives putting out one fire or another, keeping ourselves preoccupied and busy, and trying to stay on top of things. Intentionally or unintentionally, we find ourselves wandering off. We turn around and can no longer see our home. We look down at our feet and realize we have lost our anchor. Feeling scared, out of place, desolate, unsettled, and lonely, we realize that we are lost.

We listened to the wrong voices! In the midst of everything competing for our attention, the voice of the One who could truly call us home got muffled. We didn't hear it. As our inner dialogues continue to play out, the one voice we need to consult — even before our own — is God's. He is the Good Shepherd who can keep us safely where we need to be. As we graze through the stuff of our lives, we must constantly remember to look up, be attentive, and stay focused. Our habits of prayer are the only thing that can properly root us and keep us grounded. Contemplating God's presence and developing an inner awareness of love incarnate, we will then find ourselves praying unceasingly as the days and nights and the ebbs and flows of our of lives unfold. Suddenly, the inner conversations we are constantly having are no longer just with ourselves or with voices that can lead us astray but with the Trinity, who desperately wants us to stay home.



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Thursday, May 7th



ST. MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE, PRIEST AND MARTYR, PRAY FOR US

~Our church will be closed until further notice with no daily visitation hours. If you have an emergency, email St.MaXMelissa@outlook.com or call 570-646-6424. Emails and voicemails will be monitored at all times.

~Daily Masses are celebrated online. Check the emails sent by our parish.

~Our bulletins are available online at:

Stmaxkolbepoconos.org and Parishesonline.com.

Type in our parish name and the zip code 18350 and the latest bulletin will open.

Readings for the Week

May 2nd through May 10th

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10
Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When you wake up in the morning, whose voice is the first one you listen to? Your own? Someone else's? Or God? We all listen to someone and follow some sort of guidelines and principles. If it is a secular voice that propels us to get up in the morning and take up the task of the day's agenda, then we may find ourselves off track. The advice found in the Acts of the Apostles was as true then as it is now, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Most of what we listen to in secular voices is off the axis of truth and distorted. It may sound attractive, but it is deceptive at best. Many have gone astray like sheep and need to return to the Good Shepherd. Only Jesus can offer us the gate of life, and only Jesus as the Good Shepherd can really motivate us to take on the challenges of life. If we don't recognize his voice, we can risk facing destruction.



Due to the church closure, we have no donations to report. We thank those who continue to support through Parish Pay or by other means. In addition your donation can be mailed to St. Maximilian at PO Box O, Pocono Pines, PA 18350



Mass Intentions

MAY 2ND THROUGH MAY 10TH

Saturday: **Frank Reinhart & Claire Reinhart North**
by Sue and Bill Snell
Sunday: **For The Parishioners**
Jerry Plisinski
by Claire Dubinsky
Monday: **Bernadette Hughes**
by Billy and Missy Papa
Tuesday: **Ludmille Vanden**
by Gloria Glinide
Wednesday: **Carmela Dolly Ginette**
by The Lichen Family
Thursday: **Robery Ruezinsky**
By Tom and Ann Curley
Friday: **David Henry**
by Bill and Sue Snell
Saturday: **William H. Bins, Jr.**
by Bill and Eileen Bins
Sunday: **Mother's Day Intentions**

Bread and Wine: For Victims of Abortion

Masses are celebrated by Fr. Sean in private.

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and Blessed Virgin.

(Recited by Pope Francis on March 11, 2020)



Confessions/Anointing of the Sick by appointment -only for serious need

First Friday Adoration
Suspended until further notice
(Check your email for when this will be offered online)

