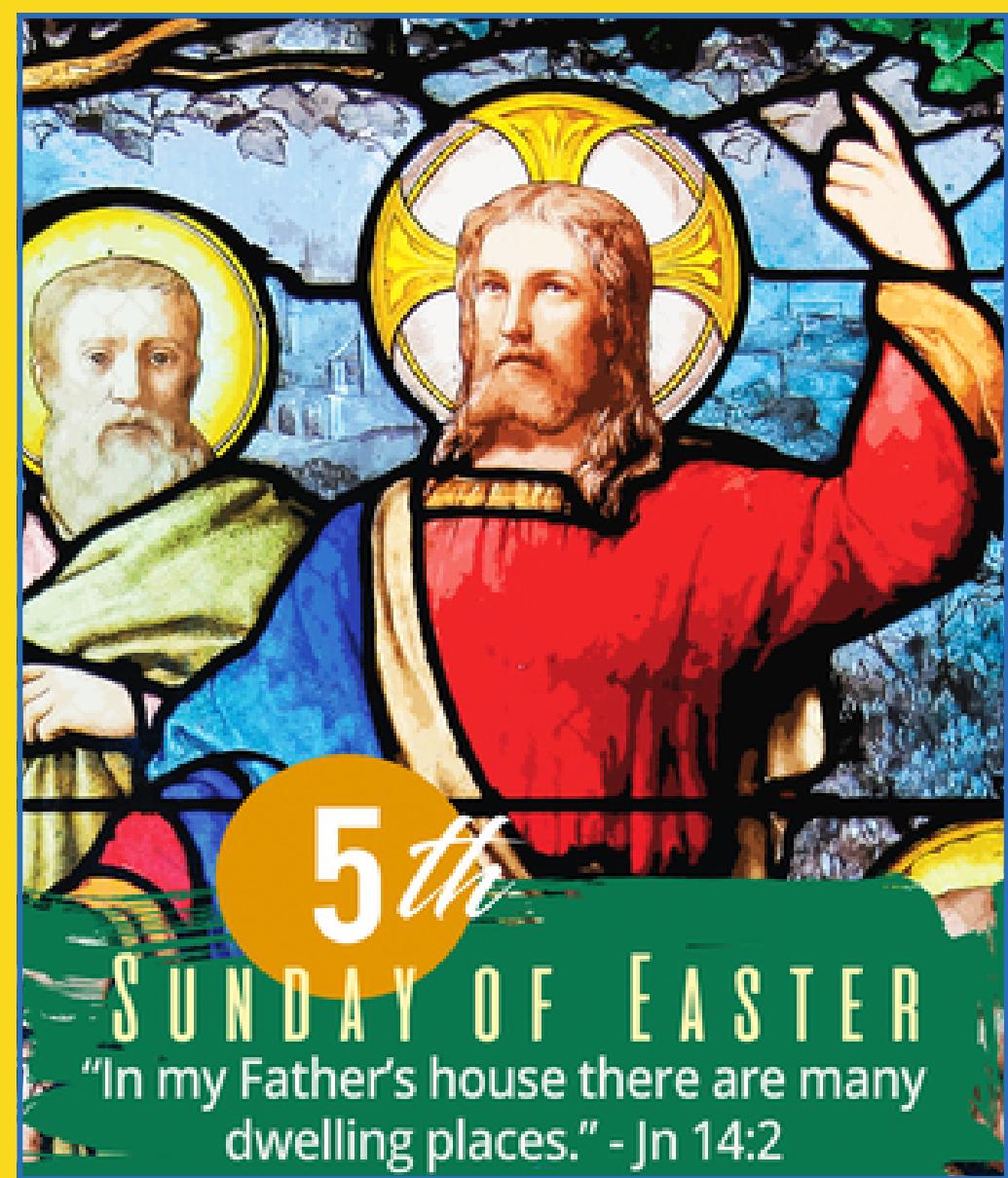


# St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

## May 10, 2020



### MISSION STATEMENT

We Worship ~ We Teach ~ We Care

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

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

# 5th Sunday of Easter

## May 10, 2020



*Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

*If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."*

~Jn 14:6-7

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

When earthly lives end, especially when the person is younger, we tend to focus upon and consider what was lost. We think of lost opportunities — things they won't be able to see, babies they won't be able to cradle, and adventures that now must go undiscovered. Our minds create this chasm between earth and heaven that sees the losses of this life as permanent ones, never possible to achieve again. This perception causes many folks to remain stuck in their grief as they ponder all of the missed opportunities and regrets.

This is not resurrection thinking. All of the love that we can give and receive, the joy and elation that can be experienced, the adventures that can be undertaken, and the possibilities to be discovered are all part of a continuous journey. They are not ends in and of themselves but are all part of the unfolding of a relationship we have with God, who not only makes all of these wonderful things possible now but sustains them and fulfills them into eternity. The perception and experience of loss is really an illusion, because in God's eternal kingdom and in God's time, nothing is ever lost. Even the most intimate and tender of moments we can conceive of sharing with another human being are only part of a journey toward perfect intimate and tender moments to be shared with God in our resurrected life. We become like God and see God as He is in eternity. What greater joy, love, and hope can ever be discovered as we walk down our often dimly lit paths in this world. This is an awesome wonder and magnificent news to behold. Call to mind someone you have lost in death. How do you see them now? How do you see yourself in heaven? Remind yourself, again, that God is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our happiness is not going to be fully realized in this world, and there is nothing we can find here that cannot be found one hundred fold in eternity. It's all about relationship, and not solely about the relationships we have with each other, ourselves, and the world in which we live. It's about our relationship with God. If we realize how special that one relationship really is, then there is only one particular of heaven and life eternal that really matters: namely, that we fall into love eternal and discover truth. For when we finally close our eyes in death, then all will be well as long as we are with God. There are no losses, only gains.



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*"A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God." ~St. Faustina*

**~Our church will be closed until further notice with no daily visitation hours. If you have an emergency, email [St.MaxMelissa@outlook.com](mailto: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](http://Stmaxkolbepoconos.org) and [Parishesonline.com](http://Parishesonline.com).**

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

## **Readings for the Week May 9th through May 17th**

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14  
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12  
Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21  
Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18;  
Jn 14:15-21

### **INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

What do you imagine the resurrected life of heaven to be like? When we try to get our minds around such an enormous concept, we can easily find ourselves at a loss. For some folks, the enormity of the question actually causes them to ignore the reality of heaven or even conclude that it does not exist. Jesus knew that the magnitude and grandeur of eternal life are really too much for us to grasp. He kept it simple and described it in terms of relationship. The disciples treasured their relationship with Jesus, and he assured them, "Where I am you also may be." Ultimately, that was enough for them to know. They would be with him. Strengthen your relationship with God as He is the way, the truth, and the life. Is the assurance that you will be with Him enough for you as well?



**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**

### **Thank You, Mother**

Once upon a memory  
Someone wiped away a tear  
Held me close and loved me,  
Thank you, Mother dear.

*~ Anon.*



(see Mother's Day Mass Intentions on page 5)



### **Confessions/Anointing of the Sick**

by appointment -only for serious need

### **First Friday Adoration**

Suspended until further notice

*(Check your email for how this will be offered online)*



### **Mass Intentions**

May 9th through May 17th

Saturday: **William H. Binns Jr.**  
*by Bill and Eileen Binns*  
Sunday: **Mother's Day Intentions**  
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Thursday: **Mother's Day Intentions**  
Saturday: **Mother's Day Intentions**  
Sunday: **Mother's Day Intentions**

### **Bread and Wine: For Victims of Abortion**

**Masses are celebrated by Fr. Sean in private.**

### **Wednesday is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.**

At Fatima, Our Lady promised special graces to those who recite the rosary.

The rosary is more than a devotion to our lady. The beads and chain of the rosary itself are often a reflection of our character and out hope. Catholics are buried with rosaries, wound carefully about folded hands. There is no greater symbol than this of the primacy the rosary has in the canon of Catholic devotion. As Catholics, we know -we do not merely believe, we know, that the rosary is the most powerful recitation we can make when we desire a miracle or some other grace from God.

Holy Mary, Mother of God knew the loss of her only child at the hands of unjust executioners. She witnessed the sick and the dying, and she asked Jesus to perform miracles, which He obliged His mother. We know that Mary retains this respect, so by asking for her intercession with Jesus, we too can change in accord with God's will.

Sister Lucia of Fatima told us that *"There is no problem we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary. With the Holy Rosary we will save ourselves. We will sanctify ourselves. We will console Our Lord and obtain the salvation of many souls."*

*Let us know and believe this is true.*

### **A Note From Our St. Max Social Concerns Committee**

Below is a list of the non-profit organizations that the committee usually asks members of our Parish Family to support through various collections of essential items and funds each year. Since we are unable to coordinate these collections at Parish Gatherings at this time, we offer this contact information for those who are financially able to help by sending donations to the charity of their choice. Please join us in praying for our brothers and sisters in need and for those who serve them.

### **==== Donate If You Can ====**

#### Help for the Homeless: **Family Promise of Monroe County**

~ *Supplies food, shelter and support to homeless families with children in Monroe County.*  
[www.familypromisepa.org](http://www.familypromisepa.org) P.O. Box 1021, Stroudsburg, PA 18360

#### **God's People Helping People**

~ *Purchases food and essential supplies for homeless adults in our area*  
7520 Crestview Lane, Tobyhanna, PA 18466

#### Help for the Hungry:

#### **TOMEC Food Pantry**

~ *Food for the needy in our county.* 133 Firehouse Road, Pocono Pines, PA 18350

#### **Monroe County Meals on Wheels**

~ *Supplies nutritious meals for older adults and the homebound.*  
[www.monroemeals.org](http://www.monroemeals.org) 901 Polk Valley Road, Stroudsburg, PA 18360

#### Pro-Life and/or Help for Newborns and First-time Moms:

#### **Shepherd's Maternity Home**

~ *Home for unwed mothers* P.O. Box 277, Analomink PA18320

#### **Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos**

~ *free and confidential care*  
[www.prcpoconos.org](http://www.prcpoconos.org) P.O. Box 1385, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

#### **Nurse-Family Partnership**

~ *A program to support first-time moms in need*  
[www.NFPMOMS.org](http://www.NFPMOMS.org) 2 Storm Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360

#### Help for the Abused:

#### **Women's Resources of Monroe County**

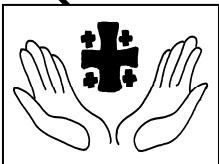
~ *Shelter for women, children and men who are victims of sexual and/or domestic violence*  
[www.wrmonroe.org](http://www.wrmonroe.org) P.O. Box 645, Delaware Water Gap, PA 18327

#### Help for the Underprivileged:

#### **Getting Ahead/Staying Ahead**

~ *program administered by the Pocono Mountains United Way (and formerly Pocono Alliance) for Monroe County's unemployed or under-employed who attend classes in order to make a better life for themselves and their families.*

[www.poconounitedway.org](http://www.poconounitedway.org) 301 McConnell Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360





**MOTHER'S DAY MASS INTENTIONS  
IN MEMORY / HONOR OF:**

**Marie Benner** by Mark and Margaret Mary Argot

**Ann Bennett, Margaret Adams, Therese Bennett, Carlene Carpenter** by Margaret Carpenter  
**Carole Witehey, Danielle Steward** by Ms. Carleen Policastro

**Katherine Jakubiec** by Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Dicaro

**Alice McCarthy, Mamie McCarthy, Helen Gartner** by Mrs. Joan Gartner

**Elsie Bossuyt, Elanor McKee, Martha Bossuyt** by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bossuyt

**Katherine Dalton** by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dalton

**Claire Stewart** by Mrs. Annette Castellano

**Angie Wasik, Rita Navarro** by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wasik

**Valeria Lucia, Maria Cioffi** by Mr. & Mrs. Pietro Lucia

**Lola Amantea** by Mrs. Sandra Naylor

**All Living & Deceased Mother of the Slagle & Finkernagel Families**

By Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Finkernagel

**Helen Toryak, Tillie Litwienski** by Mrs. Carol Litwienski

**Jadwiga Ciesluk, Wanda Nowak** by Jacek Nowak

**Latife Adum De Rivera, Connie Doninetz** by Edgar & Marianne Rivera & Will Rivera

**Jacqueline Giordano, Ersilia Gisoldi, Dolores Sauchelli, Helen Lancieri, Godma Rosie**

By Deacon Frank & Antoinette Gisoldi

**Karen Stamp, Katharine Miraglia, Rachel Miraglia, Jean Miraglia, Nadine Yount**

By Dr. & Mrs. Richard Miraglia

