

# St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

## May 17, 2020



*“If you love me,  
you will keep my  
commandments.  
And I will ask the  
Father, and he will  
give you another  
Advocate to be with  
you always.”*

*~Jn 14:15-16*



### 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

# 6th Sunday of Easter

## May 17, 2020



***“I will not leave you orphans;  
I will come to you.***

***In a little while the world will no longer  
see me, but you will see me,  
because I live and you will live.”  
(Jn 14:18-19)***



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## **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince Him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth and destiny and who we truly are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and don't rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving toward the fulfillment of God's promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this life. Hope always travels with two friends — faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God's greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of His presence.

As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don't carry this virtue within us to use solely for our own personal agenda. Hope is not something that simply comes with the human package. As with faith and love, hope is a gift that is given to us to draw us closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs that there is something far greater going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining. The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see His eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do.

***LORD, be gracious to us;  
for you we wait.  
Be our strength every morning,  
our salvation in time of trouble!  
~Isaiah 33:2***

~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 16th through May 24th

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  
Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20  
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28  
Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Do you understand the true spiritual meaning of hope? Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness. It is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and rely not on our own strength, but on the help of the Holy Spirit. Hope, when seen in this way, doesn't set its sights purely on the things of this world but on the promises of God to come. Hope always is linked with faith and love. Often our hope can become too self-focused and something that is only about me and things that matter to me. Christ's resurrection reminds us that it is not ultimately for this purpose. What is the reason for your hope? Our Easter season provides the opportunity for us to again assess whether it is the kingdom of heaven and life eternal or something else.



**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 16th through May 24th

Saturday: **Mother's Day Intentions**  
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Tuesday: **Eugene Gartner and Daughter Denise**  
by Joan Gartner  
Wednesday: **Irene Halupa** by Rich & Donna Peterson  
Thursday: **Martin Wible** by Angel Wible  
Friday: **Ludmire Vindmen** by Glinane Family  
Saturday: **Margaret Applin** by Pat & John Connors  
Sunday: **John & Brian Donahue, Megan Pierson**  
by Theresa Lockyer

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

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



**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)



### Why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: **"May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart."** In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.



### May 21st -Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

Ascension Day is the Christian celebration of Jesus rising into Heaven after He had spent 40 days on Earth after the Resurrection. Ascension Day is celebrated forty days after Easter Sunday.

### **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

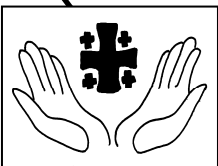
#### **Help for the Underprivileged:**

#### **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



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