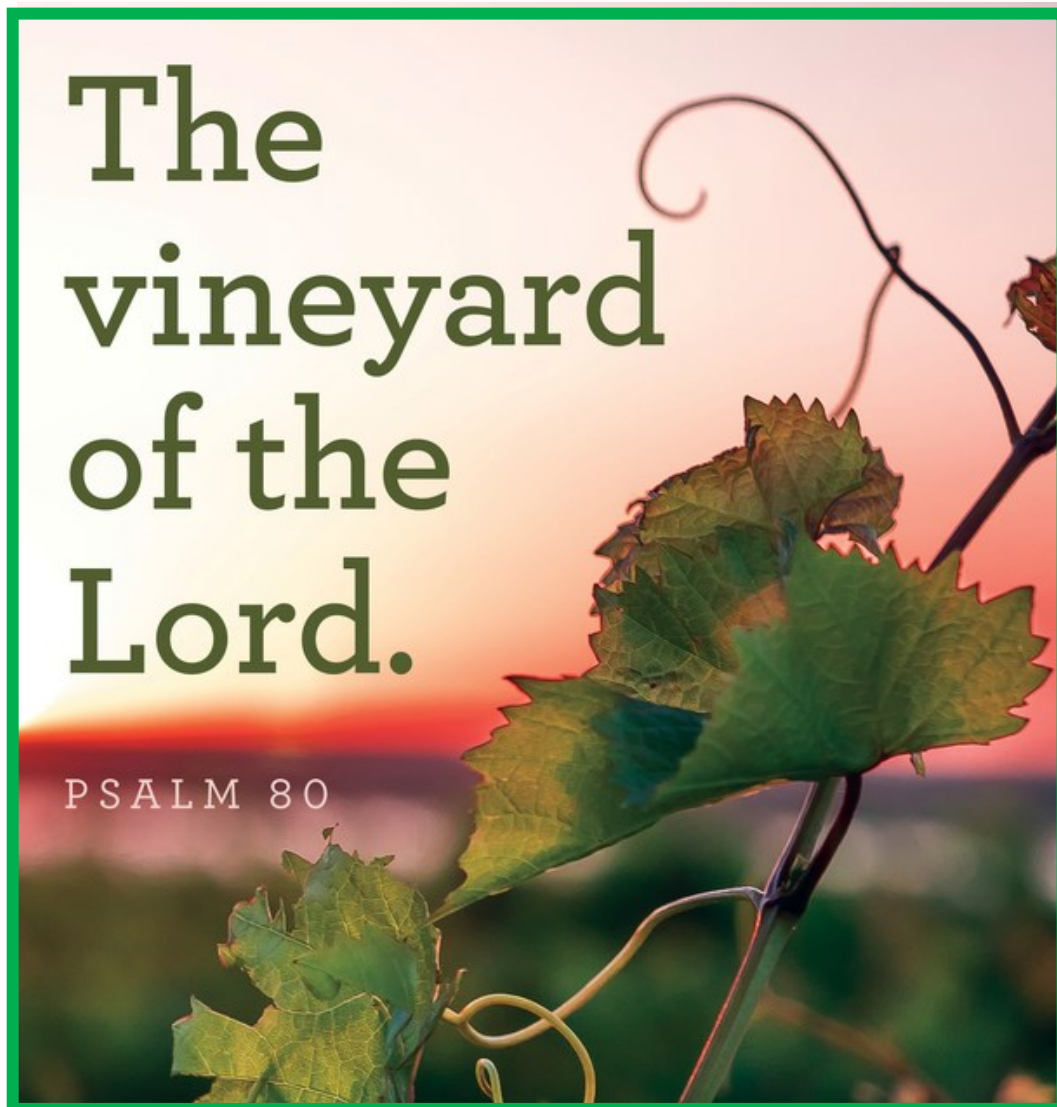


St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

October 4, 2020



MISSION STATEMENT

We Worship ~ We Teach ~ We Care

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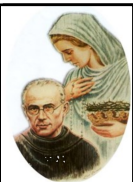
Mass Schedule:
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

October 4, 2020
27th Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone...? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.”

~Mt 21:42ab,43



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GOSPEL MEDITATION -

DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Do you ever wonder why things never seem to come together? We see glimpses of consistency, equity, justice, peace, harmony, and wellbeing, but it always falls short. Human life is still expendable and manipulated, people are used for personal advancement, countries are at war, the economy continues to face turbulence, anger and frustration are widespread, and happiness is the possession of just a few and not the many. Could it be that we are serving the wrong kingdom? We keep trying to make our kingdom work and find ourselves still scratching our heads after repeatedly failed attempts to do so. It is almost as if people are saying, “we’ll get it right this time if we do ...,” as if some new and secret innovation has yet to be tried.

We serve God’s kingdom. We may not like hearing that, but it is true. God did not make only a few of us. God made all of humanity and all of humanity is called into service. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? Secular leaders enjoy winking at the Sacred Scriptures and using them when they advance a cause, but are they really listened to? Even those who consider themselves believers tend to sift through God’s Word, taking what seems to fit and apply and discarding the rest. After all, if we were really serving God’s kingdom, we would see an abundance of fruit testifying to this fact. But what’s growing on the vine is anything other than good Gospel-centered fruit.

Nothing in this world or the next belongs to us. We have such a hard time believing this and live our lives as if everything belongs to us. And, the fruit does not lie. Trees that are neglected and not properly fertilized reveal that fact. They cannot keep these deep secrets from being discovered. If God’s kingdom was really being served, then life would have looked much differently after the crucifixion. By now, there would be plenty of fantastic fruit to harvest in abundance: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, justice, and fortitude. Do we see these in abundance around us? Why not?

Still we grapple with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. It’s all about us and what we want, think we need, and expect to acquire. When did this change of focus occur? We may be struggling with this since humanity’s day in the garden and have never understood that the focus cannot be on us and the apple but on God and God’s justice. Maybe the only answer is that the Kingdom be taken from us and given to someone who is willing to do a better job. Is that the fate we really want?

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr, pray for us

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4 pm

Sunday - 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Daily Masses

Monday through Thursday at 9:15 am

All masses will be on a first come, first serve basis. Overflow seating will be in the parish hall with live television. Everyone is required to wear a mask and ushers will take everyone to their seats, following social distancing protocols. We humbly ask for your patience and cooperation with this arrangement.

Online masses continue on Zoom, Facebook Live, and Pocono Catholic.

Go to our website: stmaxkolbepoconos.org, for weekly bulletins and other information regarding our parish.



Mass Intentions

October 3rd through October 11th

- Saturday: **Susan Wanko**
by George Wanko
- Sunday: **FOR THE PARISHIONERS**
Eugene Aloysius Noone
by Joe & Mariette Naughton
- Monday: **Edward Sowinski**
by Marion Colvin
- Tuesday: **Richardson Family**
by June Schott
- Wednesday: **Dominic Lacasha**
by Pat & Marie Murtha
- Thursday: **Mary Ann Adams**
- Saturday: **C.J. & Janet Coleman**
by Bill & Eileen Binns
- Sunday: **FOR THE PARISHIONERS**
Christopher Madere
by Marybeth & Greg Landrey

Readings for the Week of October 4th

- Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43
- Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28
- Sunday: Is 25:6-1; Phil 4:12-14, 19-2; Mt 22:1-14

Bread and Wine: For Victims of Abortion

VIRTUAL STOP THE HATE VIGIL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH @ 7 PM

If you do not receive an email with information on how to access, a link is posted on our Parish Website: stmaskolpoconos.org

Inspiration For The Week

Who has authority over God's kingdom? While we know that the obvious answer is Jesus, that is not the answer our lives always reveal. We struggle with wanting control over God's kingdom. We wrestle with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. However, at the end of the day nothing in this world or in the one to come belongs to us. All that we see and know to be true belong to God, and Jesus is the only one who has any authority. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? We often conduct our business as if we are the owner, lord and master of it all, but sadly we are not. God gives us the means and the potential to bear good Gospel-centered fruit. This desire and capacity exist within each individual. Unless we really acknowledge and accept who is ultimately in charge, the type of love, justice, peace, and other good fruits God desires for the world will never be realized.



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

First Friday Adoration

Suspended until further notice



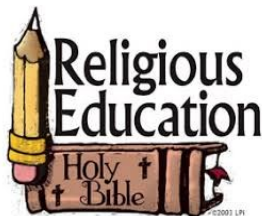
We thank those who continue to support St Max through Parish Pay or by other means.
Collections for w.e. Sept. 26 & 27 were:
Offertory: \$4,039 Capital: \$326

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Faith Formation

Attention St. Max Faith Formation Families,



This year, all Faith Formation classes will be taking place online. For this year, all registration fees will be waived, but you must still

register your children by sending in the registration form that was mailed. If you did not receive one please call the parish office. Please return this form to Melissa via email or snail mail, or by bringing it to the parish office.

Thank you for your patience and understanding, since we are all trying to navigate the plans for the upcoming school year for our children. Please call me with any question you may have. -Melissa

Youth Group Forming

For teens in 7th grade and up.

Aubrey Reese and Lillian Namik are starting a youth group. The goal is to meet twice a month based on student and parent's availability. One of the meetings will focus on the spiritual works of mercy, these meeting would include food, bible study and prayer. The other meeting will focus on the corporal works of mercy (e.g. canned food drive, visiting the sick, volunteering at a shelter) or a fun activity to connect and form relationships with likeminded peers. This will be designed for St. Max parishioners, but all are welcome.

This will begin virtually, so if you have a child that is interested, please email or text to Aubrey: areese@thecommonsofscranton.com or 804-572-3399



St Max Ministries Meetings will begin

Ministry leaders are asked to please call the Parish Office to schedule a meeting that can be held after regular office hours and reserve a date and time on the church calendar.

Pray the Rosary

St. Maximilian

Kolbe Parish - Pocono Pines

Saturday, October 10, at 12 p.m.

Celebrate the anniversary of the appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary to three young children in Fatima, Portugal, with a rosary and devotional service.

Millions of Catholics around the nation and the globe will pray the rosary at this time with hope for

peace for the world and an end to evil.

The service is appropriate for all ages.



October 4th

Virtual STOP THE HATE Vigil

will be presented by our parish at 7 pm on Sunday, October 4th. The goal of this prayer service is to encourage and empower participants to act nonviolently as agents of healing in their communities and to stand up against all forms of violence.

Sponsored by our St. Max Social Concerns Committee collaboration with our area Interfaith Community, the Stop the Hate Vigil is designed to encourage us to speak out when others are attacked due to their race, religion, sexual orientation, nationality, disability, gender, or economic status, and to stand together against hate violence by fostering justice and peace through respectful behavior, education, and civil dialogue. Our Parish Family encourages everyone to join us in the safety of their homes via Zoom or Facebook; access information will be provided via a parish email blast and links will be posted on our Parish Website: stmaxkolpoconos.org.

Stop the Hate vigils began appearing throughout the United States after the 1998 death of Matthew Shepard, a student at the University of Wyoming, who was beaten, tortured, and left to die near Laramie, WY. Since that time the vigils continue to honor the memories of victims of hate-related crimes and to inspire communities to work for respect and justice for all people.

For more information about the *Stop the Hate* vigil, contact Lynnette Smith at (570) 839-9346.



Feast Days This Week

MONDAY; BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, PRIEST

Zeal as a preacher and a confessor led Father Seelos to works of compassion as well. Born in southern Bavaria, he studied philosophy and theology in Munich.

On hearing about the work of the Redemptorists among German-speaking Catholics in the United States, he came to this country in 1843. Ordained at the end of 1844, he was assigned for six years to St. Philomena's Parish in Pittsburgh as an assistant to Saint John Neumann. The next three years Father Seelos was superior in the same community, and began his service as novice master.



TUESDAY; ST BRUNO, PRIEST Bruno and his friends built an oratory with small individual cells at a distance from each other. They met for Matins and Vespers each day and spent the rest of the time in solitude, eating together only on great feasts. Their chief work was copying manuscripts.

TUESDAY, BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER, VIRGIN

Marie-Rose Durocher (6 October 1811 – 6 October 1849) was a Canadian Roman Catholic religious sister, who founded the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. She was beatified by the Roman Catholic Church in 1982.



WEDNESDAY; OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Saint Pius V established this feast in 1573. On October 7, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the yearly feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Known for several centuries by the alternate title of "Our Lady of Victory," the feast day takes place in honor of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a

campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe. The feast always occurs one week after the similar Byzantine celebration of the Protection of the Mother of God, which most Eastern Orthodox Christians and Eastern Catholics celebrate on October 1 in memory of a 10th-century military victory which protected Constantinople against invasion after a reported Marian apparition.

FRIDAY; ST. DENIS, BISHOP, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS, ST. JOHN LEONARDI, PRIEST

Denis (or Dinsysius as he is also called) is the most famous of the three. This martyr and patron of France is regarded as the first bishop of Paris. His popularity is due to a series of legends, especially those connecting him with the great abbey church of St. Denis in Paris. He was for a time confused with the writer now called Pseudo-Dionysius. The best hypothesis contends that Denis was sent to Gaul from Rome in the third century and beheaded in the persecution under Emperor Valerius in 258. According to one of the legends, after he was martyred on Montmartre—literally, "mountain of martyrs"—in Paris, he carried his head to a village northeast of the city. Saint Genevieve built a basilica over his tomb at the beginning of the sixth century.



OCTOBER 4TH

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY



October is Respect Life Month. This year's theme is "Live the Gospel of Life." This Respect Life display is meant to unpack the theme and celebrate the sacredness of human life at every stage and in every circumstance—from birth announcements and pictures of aging loved ones to prayer requests and service opportunities. All parishioners are invited to participate by adding their own items that highlight the precious gift of human life.



God gives us gifts every day and we too often act like those gifts will simply always be there. The truth is, unlike God Himself, many of those gifts are not eternal. If we fail to acknowledge them and put them to use, we risk losing them in the end. What a shame. What gifts might be slowly slipping away from each of us due to our lack of interest and indifference? They might not be there if and when we change our minds.