

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

June 20, 2021



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MISSION STATEMENT

We Worship ~ We Teach ~ We Care

5112 Pocono Crest Road
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Pocono Pines, PA 18350
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Mass Schedule:
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

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*“Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”
 He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea,
 “Quiet! Be still!” The wind ceased and there was
 great calm. They were filled with great awe and said
 to one another, “Who then is this whom even wind
 and sea obey? ~Mk 4:38c-39,41*

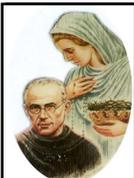
GOSPEL MEDITATION

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God’s patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity’s reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can’t be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God’s attention. Even more so, we want God’s intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It’s unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That’s the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God’s job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That’s not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God’s love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God’s unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, “Let us cross to the other side”?

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Mass Intentions

Saturday: **Betty Lou Torpey**
by Rita, Joe and Family

Sunday 8:30: **For The Parishioners**
10:30: **Father's Day Intentions**

Monday: **Father's Day Intentions**

Tuesday: **Father's Day Intentions**

Wednesday: **Father's Day Intentions**

Thursday: **Father's Day Intentions**

Saturday: **Father's Day Intentions**

Sunday 8:30: **Father's Day Intentions**
10:30: **For The Parishioners**

*Note: Confessions are held
on Saturdays in Father Sean's office
from 4 to 4:45 pm.
Enter the side entrance of the church
and go to waiting area down the stairs.
Other times are by
appointment only)*

Readings for the Week

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11; Cor 5:14-17;
Mk 4:35-41

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26;
Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24;
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

PLEASE NOTE:

**Our Summer Schedule for Saturday Mass
at 5 pm continues throughout the summer
until September 12th,
when mass will return to 4 pm.**



Sanctuary Light is Available

Bread and Wine
Is for Victims of Abortion



Altar Flowers are Available



Katie Scully ~ Eileen Long - Geri Williams
Mary DeWaters ~ Elaine Madere
Regina Chmil ~ Marge McDonald
Charles Brunner
Lillian Bellis ~ Mirostawa Trochimowicz

If you know someone in need of prayers
and would like to have them added to this list,
please call the Parish Office.



A Warm Thank You to those who continue offertory
support to our parish during these difficult times.
Donations for June 6th were \$6,378.
Your donations may be placed in the basket when
leaving mass; by mailing to the church, or by online
giving. Please contact the parish office if you want
information on how to donate online.

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FAITH formation

Faith Formation Classes Updates and Reminders

This year, students in the parish's Faith Formation program in grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are learning about their faith using the online program *My Catholic Faith Delivered*. This year, the parish is covering all costs for the program. It's not too late to get started if your child hasn't already done so. For more information or if you need to reset your child's login password, contact Judy in the parish office.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MASS

During any future Masses, our parish welcomes anyone who would like to help us during daily and weekend Masses with greeting and/or seating parishioners, serving as lector, or assisting with technology. Anyone interested may contact Juli or Judy in the parish office.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

In order to understand and appreciate the Sacrament of Baptism, expectant parents are required to attend Baptism preparation. Currently, preparation takes place online. A call to the parish office approximately four months before your child is due will make the scheduling of your pre-Baptism session easier and give you ample time to prepare for this Sacrament of Initiation to the life of grace. For more information, contact Judy in the parish office.



ONLINE SCRIPTURE STUDY



The St. Maximilian Kolbe Scripture Seekers discussion group meets live on Zoom every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. New members are always welcome. For more information on how to join, contact Judy in the parish office. We would love to "see" you.

St Max uses Flocknote !

Flocknote is the new communication system the parish is using to communicate with all of its parishioners via email or text. In addition to parish news, you'll also receive weekly communications from Bishop Barron's Word on Fire Institute/Engage Program. If you are not receiving Flocknote notifications and would like to, reach out to Judy or Juli in the parish office.



Little Rock Scripture Study

St Max looks forward to restarting Little Rock Scripture Group in September.

Back in March of 2020, before the pandemic hit the Poconos, the Little Rock Scripture Group started studying "Life Eternal".

We would like to know who would be interested in attending in September, starting with "Life Eternal".

A study set can be ordered for you if you do not have one and wish to sign up.

Please contact Judy in the Parish Office if you have any questions.

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ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10TH

POCONO FARM

COUNTRY CLUB

CONTEST - GAMES -
AWARDS - PRIZES



Format-4 Person Team Scramble-4 Flights
LIMITED TO 132 GOLFERS

TEE OFF AT 12:30 PM

\$125. Golf & Dinner

Dinner will be held at Lake Naomi Clubhouse
(subject to Covid restrictions)

Cash bar—6 pm Dinner Buffet—7 pm

Dinner only \$50.

Sign-up by Aug. 3rd

Forms for sign-up and

sponsors will be in the narthex, office and
in the bulletins 6/26 & 7/3.

For more info contact Mike 570-646-6007 or
Kathy 201-925-7718

Attn: Young Men in grades 9-12 this past school year:

**Quo Vadis Days, the camp for high school catholic
young men is happening this summer at**

Marywood University in Scranton,

Sunday, June 20th through Tuesday, June 22nd.

Space is limited. Registration can be completed online
at: vocations.dioceseofscranton.org The camp allows
young men to deepen their faith, learn more about all
vocations, and better discern God's call in their lives
and features dynamic talks, prayer, games, sports,
activities, music, and more. Participants will have the
opportunity to meet Bishop Bambera, priests and
seminarians of the Diocese of Scranton.



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Tuesday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;
Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, & Thomas More,

Thursday: Nativity of St. John the Baptist

ST. MAX MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 pm

(May 29 through Labor Day Weekend)

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 am

Daily Mass: Mon-Thurs @ 9:15 am



Please see all the updated Diocesan guidelines that
are sent to you by Flocknote. If you are not
receiving them, please call the office and give them
your email address. Per the Diocese of Scranton,
anyone not fully vaccinated is still expected to wear
a mask during all Masses. Anyone who has been
fully vaccinated does not need to wear a mask
inside the sanctuary. As you seat yourself, we ask
that you follow social distancing protocols.

To access the Masses live on Facebook:

Saturday @ 4 pm; Sunday @ 8:30 & 10:30 go to
Facebook.com and in the search engine, type

*"St Maximilian Kolbe Parish,
Pocono Pines, PA."*

To access Mass on Pocono Catholic YouTube:

go to: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UC_38MQDvW5w347cmZpbTDgQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_38MQDvW5w347cmZpbTDgQ).

ATTENTION:
**MINISTRY LEADERS
AND MEMBERS**



If you have upcoming news
about the ministry that you are

participating in, please send articles to
MCOL@PTD.NET, so that they can be published
into our bulletin and members can be made aware of
any activities that may happen. Our bulletins are
submitted to our printer 10 days prior to the date of
the bulletin, so receiving your articles in timely
fashion are important.

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It's easy to join our parish !
Go to: stmaxkolepoconos.org
and click **Join.**

Fill in your basic information and a member of our parish staff will contact you. Or, call the parish office at 570-646-6424 to have a registration form mailed to you.

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Social Concerns Schedule of Activities

**June 19th & 20th – Father's Day weekend
Collection for Nurse-Family Partnership.**

New Board books for Newborns to age 2

**July 10th & 11th – An “Essentials” Collection for
Family Promise of Monroe County.**

List of requested items will be published later.

**August 14th & 15th – Collection of goods for
Women's Resources of Monroe County.**

Their “Wish List” will be published later.

**September 12th – *FREE Community Dinner* –
*This date is tentative. Guidelines from the CDC,
the Diocese of Scranton and Father Sean will
determine if this dinner can be held.***

**October 16th & 17th – “Essentials” Collection for
Family Promise of Monroe County**

**October 24th – *FREE Community Dinner* – *This
date is tentative. Guidelines from the CDC, the
Diocese of Scranton and Father Sean will
determine if this dinner can be held.***

Please check future bulletins and posted flyers for more information. The Committee sincerely appreciates the continued support of Father Sean, the parish staff and our parish family!



June 19 & 20

(Fathers' Day Weekend)

COLLECTION of BOARD BOOKS

Your donation of a NEW Board Book (Ages Birth - 2 years) for Nurse-Family Partnership of Monroe County will help to foster Mother-Baby bonding and will help to nurture a lifelong love for books!

**Please place the Board Books
in the baskets by the exits.**

Nurse-Family Partnership empowers first-time moms to transform their lives and create better futures for themselves and their babies. Over more than four decades, research consistently has proven that Nurse-Family Partnership succeeds at its most important goals: keeping children healthy and safe and improving the lives of moms and babies.

Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School Raises the Standards!

Our Catholic school in East Stroudsburg prepares students for full and meaningful lives. Students from 7th to 12th grade learn daily about their faith, excel in their academics, and practice good citizenships. Prayerfully consider the benefits a Catholic Education for your child at Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School.

Tuition assistance is available. Call our office today to learn more! 570-421-0466 or visit us online at www.ndhigh.org

ST. MAX PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

10 am to 1 pm

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**St. Max Day
at Knoebel's
Thursday, June 24th
Everyone is welcome!**

The parish will provide lunch free of charge and will rent a pavilion at the park for the day.

Contact the parish office for more info.

LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Do we trust that God will take care of us and has things under control? When life gets difficult, shaky or painful, we may find ourselves wondering what we may have done to deserve this fate. Often, we go to great lengths to explain suffering away, as if it has no purpose and ought not to exist. In an attempt to get God on our side in our battle against suffering, our prayer can mirror a question asked by the disciples: do you not care that we are perishing? As we are asking that question of God, God is asking of us: do you not yet have faith? It is for certain that God does not intentionally inflict pain upon us. God has no sinister plot to test our faith or trip us up. Rather, the unconditional, restorative and rejuvenating power of God's love can bring light out of the greatest darkness and gives hope in the midst of deep despair. We have to be patient and ride out the storm. It is our task to deepen our faith that God will calm the wind and draw meaning out of that which seems senseless.



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE
GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

Waking God

A show of hands, ladies and gentlemen. Have any of you been given the silent treatment and had absolutely no idea why?

On the flipside, have any of you have sworn you're not going to demean yourself by explaining, for the thousandth time, that you need extra help with the kids before soccer practice, or that you feel ignored when your spouse doesn't ask how your day went?

But sadly, love doesn't give you the ability to read minds. And in the end, we learn the lesson again and again, we have to verbalize our feelings, our needs, our wants. Expecting your partner to anticipate your needs is guaranteed to end badly.

It's the same with God, even though, oddly enough, He *does* have the ability to read minds. But He still desires us to explain ourselves to Him, doesn't He? "I'm feeling scared of this." "I'm really worried about that." "God, I think I need x, y and z. Help me. Please."

Jesus slept on that boat, as it was tossed and turned by the waves, until his disciples woke him. "Why were you sleeping?" they ask. Well, geniuses, he was sleeping because they hadn't woken him up yet. They had wasted time cowering in fear, waiting for him to act. They gave him the silent treatment and they didn't even know it.

God doesn't desire us to verbalize our needs as a way of keeping us submissive. He's not that petty. What He desires is the communication — that's what really counts. That act of opening yourself up, of becoming vulnerable, of relying on Him, trusting Him. If it feels like God is asleep in your life, ask yourself this, have you tried waking Him up?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Our Lady Queen of Peace will be holding their
Annual Flea Market from June 25-27th.**

It will be an outdoor only event, under the pavilion and large tents in order to practice safe and social distancing.

Fri. June 25 (7am-4pm) Sat. June 26 (7am-4pm)
Sun. June 27 (1-4pm)

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church
Route 209 & Weir Lake Road
Brodheadsville, PA 18322
610 681-6137

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