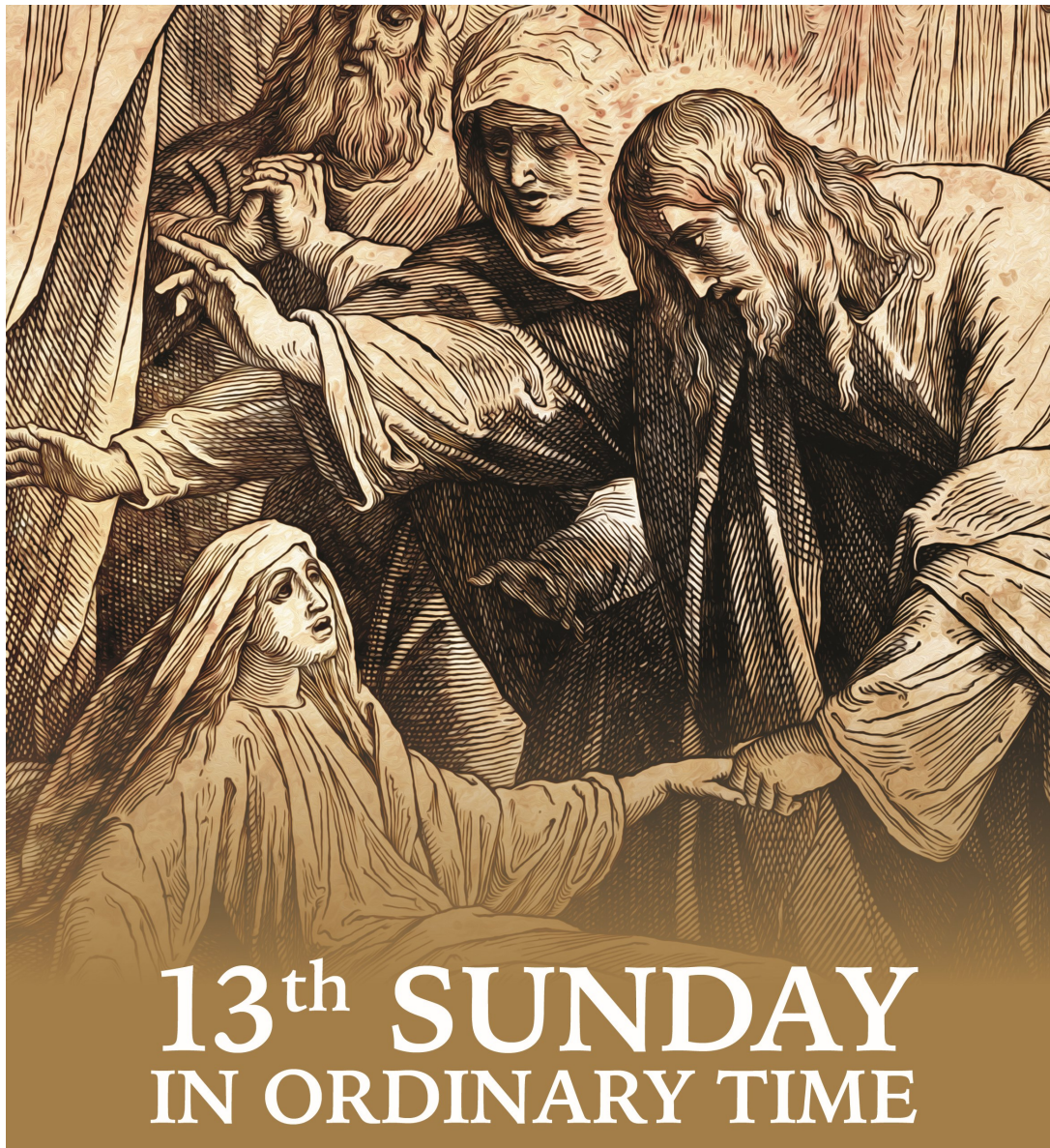


St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

June 27, 2021



MISSION STATEMENT

We Worship ~ We Teach ~ We Care

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

Mass Schedule:
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

June 27, 2021

13th Sunday

in Ordinary Time



Jesus said to the synagogue official,
"Do not be afraid; just have faith."

When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, *"Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep."*

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The author of The Cloud of Unknowing prays, *"That which I am and the way that I am, with all my gifts of nature and grace, you have given to me, O Lord, and you are all this. I offer it all to you, principally to praise you and to help my fellow Christians and myself."* Knowing that God sustains us in being is the key to faith. All that we need to do is to love God as God is and the rest will begin to fall into place. God made us in His image and desires that we have life. God also desires that we be healed of all of our wounds, especially those caused by sin, and know his loving touch. Being weighed down by negativity, imperfections, the cares of the world, and weakness is not something that God desires.

Faith can profoundly change how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It gives a clearer lens through which to see life and connects us with the powerful virtues of love and hope. Three friends journeying with us through all that we encounter, faith, hope, and love, help us experience God's embrace and heal us. All we have to do is let God be who God is and not foolishly try to make Him into what we need or want Him to be. Without God we cease to be. It's that simple. The very blood that flows through my veins and the life that I have come directly from Divine origins. With this knowledge of who God is and who I am, I can open my ears and hear the powerful words Jesus speaks, "Do not be afraid, just have faith." Trust begins.

When we are struggling, we naturally reach out for God because we know that a divine remedy is the only remedy. But, in doing so we wrestle with letting God take charge. We want something more miraculous and visible than the obvious and have difficulty in finding consolation simply resting in God's presence. Our naked being, stripped of any pretense or self-serving agenda, is being called to rest in and love the uncreated Presence of God. Reach out in love to God. Ask God to heal you from all that separates you from Him. Put aside any ideas of God that create barriers between you and God's tender and endearing presence. The Cloud of Unknowing leaves us with wisdom, "think of yourself and of him in the same way, that is, with the simple awareness that he is as he is and that you are as you are." This is a meeting of two friends who desire nothing more than to share life together.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday: **Father's Day Intentions**
 Sunday 8:30: **Father's Day Intentions**
 10:30: **For The Parishioners**
 Monday: **Father's Day Intentions**
 Tuesday: **Marion E. Dignan**
 by Serena Dignan Fischer & Family
 Wednesday: **Deacon Frank Gisoldi**
 by Marion Colvin
 Thursday: **Kate** by Family
 Saturday: **Robert Cimeo** by Pam Cimeo
 Sunday 8:30: **For The Parishioners**
 10:30: **Tom McAndrew** by Family

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

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24;
 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43
 Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Mt 8:18-22
 Tuesday: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;
 Mt 16:13-19
 Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34
 Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67;
 Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29
 Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

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



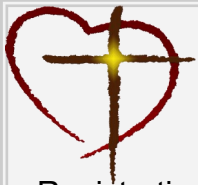
Katie Scully ~ Eileen Long - Geri Williams
 Mary DeWaters ~ Elaine Madere
 Regina Chmil ~ Marge McDonald
 Charles Brunner
 Lillian Bellis ~ Mirosława Trochimowicz
 If you know someone in need of prayers
 and would like to have them added to this list,
 please call the Parish Office.



A Warm Thank You to those who continue offertory
 support to our parish during these difficult times.
 Donations for June 13th were \$4,138.
 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 September 2021 Registration

Registration forms are available for this year's Faith Formation classes.

Those classes that prepare children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion (First and Second Grades) and Confirmation (Seventh and Eighth Grades) will be held at St. Max between Masses on Sundays, from 9:00A.M.-10:15A.M. There will be a fee of \$20.00 for those four classes to cover expenses.

Grades Three, Four, Five and Six will meet virtually as they did this past year. There will be no cost to parents for these grades.

If you would like to pick up a Registration Form, they are available in the office during business hours, or you can call Judy at 570-646-6424. One will be mailed or emailed to you.

Judy Grace
Director of Religious Education

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.



Little Rock Scripture Study

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

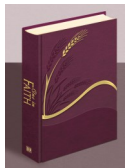
Back in March of 2020, before the pandemic hit the Poconos, the Little Rock Scripture Group started studying "Life Eternal". We would like to know who would be interested in attending in September, starting with "Life Eternal".

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.

PARISH NEWS

NEW MASS HYMNALS

An initial order of 230 hymnals for our pews has been placed. The new hymnal will be a hard cover book, including both hymns and readings, called "One in Faith".



You can still order a hymnal for yourself or to donate. The cost is \$25.00. These orders will be ongoing. There is a flyer at the exit to use to place your order.

Thank You TO EVERYONE WHO HAS
SAVED THEIR WEIS MARKETS RECEIPTS
AND GAVE THEM TO US.

WE RECENTLY RECEIVED A CHECK
FROM WEIS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$508.63

WE APPRECIATE YOU !!!

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ST, MAXIMILIAN KOLBE
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

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."*

Essentials Collection for Family Promise ~ July 10 & 11

Family Promise helps local communities coordinate their compassion to address the root causes of family homelessness. They address the issue holistically, providing prevention services before families reach crisis, shelter and case management when they become homeless, and stabilization programs once they have secured housing to ensure they remain independent. They tap existing local resources to empower families towards economic stability. Families come to Family Promise in crisis; FP helps them rebuild their lives with new skills and ongoing support. Family Promise of Monroe County provides emergency shelter, meals and support service to at-risk and homeless children and their families in Monroe and Pike counties through a collaborative network of community volunteers.

In addition to providing prepared meals to families served by Family Promise, our St. Max Social Concerns Committee also sponsors several ***"Essentials Collections"*** throughout the year to offer an opportunity for our Parish Family to help provide necessary supplies for sheltered families. Our next collection will during the weekend of July 10th and 11th. ***Please place your donation of any of these requested items in the bins by the church exits: Laundry Detergent, Dish Liquid, Kitchen/Bathroom Cleaning Supplies (Disinfectant Cleaners, Sponges, Scrub Brushes, and Brillo Pads), Kitchen Trash Bags with Ties, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Tissues, Bar Soap and Liquid Hand Soap.***

Thank you for sharing God's Love with our brothers and sisters!

A "THANK YOU!" FROM SOCIAL CONCERNS

St Max's Social Concerns Committee thanks all those who donated new board books to Nurse-Family Partnership during our Father's Day weekend collection.

The books will be a great tool, helping first time moms bond with their babies.

May God bless these new families!



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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

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!

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ST. MAX PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

10 am to 1 pm

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.

DO YOU NEED A HELPING HAND?

Can you give a helping hand?

The Helping Hands of St. Max is willing to provide rides to the doctor's office and/or pickup medicines for parishioners, as needed. Anyone who is in need of such help, please contact Jean Sockol at 727-542-2280 for more information.

There is also a need for parish members willing to drive and/or run errands for fellow parishioners. If you are available to help, please contact Jean.

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

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LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Do not be afraid, just have faith." God does not rejoice in our demise or our destruction. Rather, He made us in his image and desires that we have life. He also desires that we be healed and know His loving touch. There is great power in an embrace offered in love. The touch of another can heal wounds and restore life. There is also power in faith. Faith can turn us toward the truth and turn us toward God. Both love and faith can lead us to hope that no matter what we encounter, God will continue to sustain us in being. He will not allow us to perish. God can profoundly change how we see Him, ourselves, and one another. God desires that we turn toward Him and be healed of all that wounds and binds us so that we can be free and enjoy the fullness of life. We are asked to arise and walk proudly with this life-giving faith. Reach out and share this faith with someone this week so that they too can receive God's life changing embrace and heed His call to wholeness. There are many in our world wandering around aimlessly without hope. Bring it to them. ©LPI

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

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday: St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
Tuesday: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Wednesday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Thursday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest
Saturday: St. Thomas, Apostle

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Touching the Cloak of Christ

Look to today's Gospel and you'll find one of the most arresting images in all of Scripture. Christ in a crowd, everyone clamoring for his attention, pressing against him. Several feet away, is a chronically ill woman, weak and desperate for help. She knows she doesn't have a chance of getting his attention. She has no connections. She has no strength. All she can do is lift up her hand. So that's what she does. She reaches out.

There comes a time, or maybe several times, in each of our lives when we become this woman. We're tired and we're sick. Is it with sin? With fear? With anger? It doesn't matter. Whatever it is, it's made us weak, and we feel like we've run out of options. We've looked for help and come up empty. We've consulted friends and gotten nowhere. We're lost in the crowd of life, unable to stick our heads above the pressing throng to wave for help. And there is Christ, always passing by us. The hem of his cloak is never far from our grasp. We have no hope of a big miracle like the synagogue leader. We don't even bother asking for that. But that cloak ... we can touch that cloak. That's something we can do.

Do we do it, though? Do we have the confidence of that sick, beaten-down woman who knew so totally that healing was there for the taking? Or do we retreat back into the crowd, stumbling back home with our pain and our sinfulness? Reach out, friends. However, whatever, whenever — reach out. Christ will not fail you.— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

Our Living to the Max Youth Group

will meet this Wednesday, June 30, at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

They will begin planning, along with our Director of Religious Education a one night Vacation Bible School Field Day Event. The event will take place from 4pm to 8pm on Wednesday, July 28th. This is open to all children ages 4 to 12. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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