

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

July 11, 2021



MISSION STATEMENT

We Worship ~ We Teach ~ We Care

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

July 11, 2021

15th Sunday

in Ordinary Time



Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them."

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong. The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence. If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.



St. Maximilian Kolbe
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Mass Intentions

Sunday 8:30: **For The Parishioners**
 10:30: **Patricia Champion**
 by Laura and Harry Bacon
1 pm Polish Mass: Anna & Peter Nowak
 by Jacek & Dorota Nowak
 Monday: **Betty Lou Torpey**
 by Rich and Lynn
 Tuesday: **Eugene Gartner and Daughter Denise**
 by Joan Gartner
 Wednesday: **Deacon Frank Gisoldi**
 Thursday: **Irene Lucy Samolewicz**
 by Knights of Columbus #13752
 Saturday: **Ray and Nellie Paglione**
 by Ed and Roseanne Nidweski
 Sunday 8:00: **For The Parishioners**
 10:30: **Jeff Ford**
 by Pat and John Connors

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.
 Sunday Masses: 8:30 and 10:30 am
 Daily Mass: 9:15 am, Mon-Thurs. (no mass Fri)

Available for Your Intentions:



~ **Sanctuary Light**

~ **Altar Flowers**



Bread and Wine

Is for Victims of Abortion

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)



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

Readings for the Week

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33
 Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13
 Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34—11:1
 Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14; Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21
 Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34



A Warm Thank You to those who continue offertory support to our parish during these difficult times.
 Donations for June 27th were \$6,733.
 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.

FAITH formation



September 2021 Registration

Summer is almost half over and school is right around the corner. **Faith Formation Classes begin on Sunday, September 19th.**

Those classes preparing for Sacraments, 1st & 2nd for Reconciliation and First Communion, and 7th & 8th for Confirmation, will meet here at St. Max. Class times are Sundays at 9:00 A.M. until 10:15 A.M.

The cost of these classes is \$20.00 per child to cover expenses.

Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have virtual classes. There is no cost to parents for these classes. However, family involvement is encouraged. Each lesson is only about 40 minutes. If you have any problems understanding how to proceed with virtual classes, please let me know. The teachers and I will be more than happy to help any way we can.

Registration forms are available in the office during office hours – Monday- Thursday, 10 am to 1 pm.

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.

NEW MASS HYMNALS ARE HERE

This weekend July 10/11 the new hymnals will be in the Narthex. If you ordered a copy for yourself, pick it up. If you donated a copy in memory of a loved one, stop by the table to place a label in the hymnal and set it in the pew of your choice.

FUN EVENT FOR AGES 4 TO 12

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FIELD DAY

Wednesday, July 28th, from 4pm to 8pm.

~DINNER AND SNACKS SERVED

~Meet in the church at 4 pm for an opening prayer and break into groups.

~Visit 5 different stations for 2 games, 2 crafts and 1 Bible station.

~The evening will end around 7:30 pm for music and a closing prayer.

SIGN-UP IN THE NARTHEX AFTER MASS, OR BY VISITING OR CALLING THE OFFICE.



Living to the Max Youth Group Meets bi-weekly

Download the “Remind” app and search “Youth Group” so you can get updates about the group, meeting dates, etc.

Schedule:

July 14th Meeting at 7 pm.

July 28th to help with VBS Field Day, 4-8 pm.

August 11th for “We Teach” Speaker and Mission Statement.

August 18th to package “We Care” items for Valor.



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

ST MAX PARISH PICNIC

SUN. AUG. 15TH, 12:30 pm

Our chance for fellowship
which we have surely missed.

A pre-wrapped lunch and games for everyone
to enjoy, following the 10:30 am mass.

**PARISH
PICNIC**

Mission Statement Reflection:

“We Worship. We Teach. We Care”.

~For one week, starting Wednesday, August 11

We Teach at 7 p.m. in the church.

Msgr. Grimalia will be here to speak.

~Saturday, August 14, mass at 9:15 am —

We Worship— We Celebrate
the Feast Day of St. Max.

~**We Care** donations, both monetary and goods
for Valor House will be accepted beginning on
July 31/Aug 1. These will be packaged by the
Living to the Max Youth Group on August 18th
and sent to Valor House.

(A list of items will be published soon).

THIS WEEKEND

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 be 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!

The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident. This year we keep in our hearts those who lost their struggle with COVID-19.

The Mass is scheduled for **Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Saint Peter’s Cathedral, 315 Wyoming, Scranton.** All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy. The mass will be televised on CTV.

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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 are published in this bulletin.

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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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.

ST. MAX PARISH OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
10 am to 1 pm

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.



If you are interested in being a Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Commentator, Altar Server or Usher, please call the Parish Office. Training for these positions will be scheduled in August and September.

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**Top of the Mountain Ecumenical Council
Summer Picnic on**

Friday, August 13th at 5 pm.

**Location is the Pocono Lake Wesleyan
Church Pavilion.**

**Each family should bring a dish to share.
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Drinks
will be provided.**

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Our Parish is seeking two additional members for our Finance Council. Our Next meeting will take place in July. If you would be able to assist in this area, we would be happy to have you join the team. Please call the parish office if you are interested.

LIVE THE LITURGY *INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK*

God calls us to bring His Word to all corners of the earth. What does that mean for you and me? We are just simple and humble folks trying to find our way through the Gospel and our world. After all, we are not professional preachers but gentle servants. Jesus summons us to take his message on the road and bring it from the pew to the pavement. We cannot keep the joy of the Gospel to ourselves but must bring it into every aspect of our lives: our families, our schools, our work, our corporations, our politics, our social circles, and our philosophies. We cannot just accept the wisdom of the world as true and conduct our lives as if the Good News is a separate matter. They are one. Jesus never asked his friends to go and construct buildings where people could come to hear the truth. He asked them to go to their homes and meet them one on one, face to face. When the rubber meets the road and the message is challenging, rejection is quite possible. That's the litmus test for whether we're really doing what we have been asked.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: St. Henry
Wednesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Thursday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church
Friday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What We Carry from Town to Town

In my experience, there are two kinds of people: the folks who kick off their shoes the second they walk through the door, and the ones who don't.

People can feel strongly about this on both sides. The main thrust of the Shoes-Off Brigade seems to be this: we track a lot of weird stuff on the soles of our feet. Little reminders of all the places we've been — whether it's a private home or a public bathroom — cling to our shoes long after we leave.

This same theory applies to our spiritual lives. As human beings and as disciples, we visit a lot of figurative towns and pick up a lot of figurative dust. Sinfulness. Shame. Defeat. Anger. Fear. Doubt. No matter how hard we try to keep free of it, these things have a way of attaching themselves to us, sometimes without us even noticing. We need to take a good look at what unhelpful and unconstructive baggage from our past we're tracking into our present and future encounters.

What is the "town" God is asking you to visit today in His name? Is it a tough conversation with a friend, a brief witness to a stranger in the checkout line, a call to be present to someone in your family? Before you go, remember, shake off the dust. Don't let a past disappointment constrain you. Don't allow yesterday's failures or burdens to keep you from the joy of today's witness, whatever form it might take.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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97th Annual St. Ann's Solemn Novena

The closing mass for the novena will be on Monday, July 26th—Mass begins at 7:30 pm and will be celebrated by Bishop Bambera.

St. Max Parish is coordinating a carpool or bus trip to Scranton for the mass, depending on interest.

A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for those interested in attending.

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