

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

September 11, 2022



MISSION STATEMENT

We Worship ~ We Teach ~ We Care

5112 Pocono Crest Road
PO Box 0
Pocono Pines, PA 18350
570-646-6424

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

September 11, 2022
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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“I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” — Lk 15:10

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of “who is God” and foolishly believe some of God’s job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It’s a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

“Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure).” One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God’s power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm’s way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God’s wide-open arms waiting to receive us. “Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure).” ©LPi



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Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:00 pm: John Hetherington
by Carolyn Hetherington

Sunday 8:00 am: For The Parishioners

Sunday 10:30 am: Josephine and Joe Anania
by The Castellano Family

Monday: Bernadette Hughes
by The Hughes Family

Tuesday: Tadeusz Biedron
by Mr. & Mrs. Jedreczyk

Wednesday: Eugene Gartner and Daughter Denise
by Joan Gartner

Thursday: Darrin Hutchinson
by Thomas Gallagher

Friday: Frank and Mary Ann Farrell
by The Family

Saturday 4:00 pm: Betsy Clark
by The Gettis Family

Sunday 8:00 am: For The Parishioners

10:30 am: Michael and Angela Castellano
by The Castellano Family

Daily Mass at 9:15 unless otherwise noted

***Saturday, Confessions return
to our regular schedule:
3:00—3:45 pm***

Other times by appointment only.



ST. MAX PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

10 am to 1 pm



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Donations

August 28th.... \$ 5,192.

Many thanks to those who support our Parish.

Please Note: Time Changes for Mass and Confessions

~ Saturday Mass 4 pm

~ Saturday Confessions from 3:00 to 3:45 pm

~ Friday Mass 9:15 am (added to the schedule)

~ Sunday Mass 8:00 am and 10:30 am



Sanctuary Light
Available for Your Intentions

Bread and Wine
For Victims of Abortion



Altar Flowers
Available For Your Intentions

(Call the Parish Office to offer Intentions)

Readings for the Week

Sunday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49
Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17;

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Jn 3:13-17

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Jn 19:25-27

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13



While we have our grandparents in our lives, it is important to cherish them. Spend time with your grandparents. Learn about their life and ask questions to keep the stories coming. Do the things they enjoy doing. Sometimes, they only want to spend time with you.

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FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 11th

Grades 1st, 2nd, 7th and 8th

will meet between masses from 9 am to 10:15 am.

Wednesday, September 14th

Grades 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th

will meet from 4:30pm to 5:45pm.

Registration forms are available in the Narthex and in the Church office for the 2022-2023 year.

The cost of registration is \$30.00 for the first child in the family and \$15.00 for the second. There is no charge for any more children in the same family.

Youth Liturgy Ministry Restarting

~Joyful Noise Choir - contact Juliet Dunham
call or text 570.262.9225 or
juliet.the.great@gmail.com

~Altar Servers - contact Parish Office
call 570.646.6424 or stmaxkol@ptd.net

~Lectors - contact Mary Finkernagel
call or text 570.350.1654 or
mfinkernagel@hotmail.com

~Gift Bearers/Entrance Processions-
contact Lynnette Smith: call or text 570.242.6165

**Living to the Max
Youth Group
Meets Every
Wednesday
at 6:30 pm**



Download the "Remind" app and search "Youth Group" so you can get updates about the group. Email: reesecup2018@gmail.com for more info.

ATTN: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are restarting the St. Max Nursing Home Ministry and are seeking ministers who would like to visit those who are not able to attend mass and receive the Eucharist.

Only a few hours a month are all that is needed for you to contribute to this rewarding ministry.

**Please contact Terry Logan for more information
at 215-805-8224.**

An Invitation to Find Out More about St. Max Scripture Sharing Materials & Wednesday Zoom Sessions

"Scripture Sharing" offers an opportunity to deepen our faith and grow in authentic discipleship by reading and reflecting on the Word of God.

Each week, materials are gathered & emailed to anyone who wants to join our "Spiritual Seekers" in preparing for the upcoming weekend liturgies by reflecting on the Scripture Readings from the lectionary. In addition to the Scriptures, participants also receive attachments with several commentaries, Reflection Questions, and Prayers. All who sign up to receive materials for their own reflection are also welcome to use the Zoom link to join us at any Wednesday Sessions (10:30 am – noon). If you would like to receive the Scripture Sharing materials and the Zoom link each week, or if you have any questions about the group, please contact either Lynnette Smith (Group Facilitator) at tomlyn65@ptd.net or Judy Grace (Coordinator of Faith Formation) at stmaxkolreligious@ptd.net.

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Parish Bereavement Support Group

The Monthly Meeting of the Bereavement Support Group is held **downstairs in the Parish Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 2 pm.** It is not necessary to be a member of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in order to attend this ecumenical group. The format is open and ongoing. Anyone who has experienced a loss due to death, divorce, or separation is encouraged to attend. For directions or more information, please call Lynnette at 839-9346 or 570-242-6165, or email her at tomlyn65@ptd.net.

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Blessing for the Fallen of 9-11

God of mercy, in your word of Scripture, you instruct us to “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Give us today the courage to assist those around us who may need our assistance. Give us patience when we become impatient.

Remind us to pray for all those who perished on United Airlines 93, American Airlines 11, United Airlines 175, American Airlines 77, and those in the Twin Towers and Pentagon.

Give us a heart thankful for those who gave their lives as first responders, as did the men and women who ran into danger to be of aid.

We ask all this in the name of the One who first responded to our need for a savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

ART ‘N SOUL

- Collage Workshops

The 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month
from 7 to 9 pm in the parish hall.

No cost to participant but donations are welcomed.

For more information contact

Desiree Schulz at: dcrv9er@gmail.com



Katie Scully ~ Eileen Long

Mary DeWaters ~ Charles Brunner

Lillian Bellis ~ Mirosława Trochimowicz

John Scomillio ~ Ed Sohayda

Joan Aronowitz ~ Christopher Mortensen

(Please update the office if there are names that may be deleted from this list. ~Thank You)

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

If you have offered Intentions for loved ones and friends please sign up to present the Gifts at our weekend masses. There is a sign-up book located in the Narthex.

Catholic Trivia—Just For Fun

Question: Question: What is considered the most ancient of Catholic litanies?

(Answer can be found on the last page of the bulletin.)

GOLF COMMITTEE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS !

The St. Maximilian Kolbe Golf Committee is looking for several parishioners to join the committee. Traditionally, the golf tournament, held each August, is the biggest fundraiser for our parish, and the work involves five or six meetings over a 10-week period beginning in early June and ending in mid-August. If you have any interest, please contact the parish office at 570-646-6424 or email stmaxkol@ptd.net.

Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

Yard Sale

September 9,10, & 11th

119 Lilac Drive, Blakeslee

Proceeds to Benefit

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Social Concerns Outreach



If you are in need of clothing *or* have clothing to donate, there is a Community Clothing Closet at the Pocono Lake United Methodist Church. Call 570-646-2650 for details.



Thank you for your ongoing support in carrying out this part of our Parish Mission Statement: WE CARE!

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Latino Ministry Meet & Greet

is scheduled for Sunday, September 25th
following the 10:30 mass.

It's easy to join our parish !

Go to:

stmaxkolbepoconos.org

Click on ***Join*** and fill in your basic information and a member of our parish staff will contact you..

Or, call the parish office @ 570-646-6424
for a registration form and one can be sent to you.



**The Knights of Columbus would like to
personally thank anyone who donated baked
goods for their fundraiser bake sale.**

**If you were kind enough to donate items for the
sale, please respond by calling the
staff at the parish office so that the
Knights can extend their thanks.**

CREMATION NICHES OFFERED

Pocono Lake Cemetery on Old Route 940 in
Pocono Pines is now offering cremation niches.

For more information call 570-269-3162 or
570-646-5206 or visit:
www.poconolakecemetery.org

ART 'N SOUL will be hosting an Art Show after each mass this weekend.

Art'N Soul Collage Workshops

are held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month
from 7 to 9 pm in the parish hall.

No cost to participant but donations are welcomed.

For more information contact

Desiree Schulz at: dcerv9er@gmail.com

MASS AT ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL

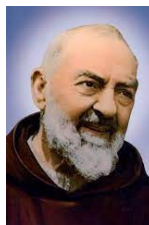
**In Observance of Suicide Awareness Month,
Bishop Bambera will celebrate a Mass for
Suicide Healing and Remembrance next
Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 12:15PM
at the Cathedral of St. Peter, Scranton. The
Mass will serve to remember loved ones lost to
suicide, and to promote healing for those who
grieve their passing. During the Mass, those
attending will be invited to bring forward to
the altar a flower, in remembrance of those
lost.**

All are welcome.

Registration is requested, but not required.

To register go to www.dioceseofscranton.org
or call 570-207-2213.

Bus Trip to Padre Pio Shrine



The 50+ Club of St. Matthew's & Adult
Formation & Education Committee are
sponsoring a day trip to the Padre Pio
Shrine at Barto, PA on Thursday, October
6, 2022. The cost for the bus is \$32.00.
Lunch will be served at an additional cost.

Payment for the bus will be due by Sept. 23, 2022.
Checks are to be made out to St. Matthew's Church &
dropped at the Parish Office. To register or for more
info, contact Judy Alfieri at 570-872-6623.



SEPTEMBER 19th

The PA March for Life

**A bus will be provided at no cost, departing
St. Max at 8:00 am and returning approximately
6:00 pm. For more information contact
Steve Glinane at 570-977-4617 or by
email: sglinane2013@yahoo.com**

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Saint John Chrysostom
Feast Day - September 13

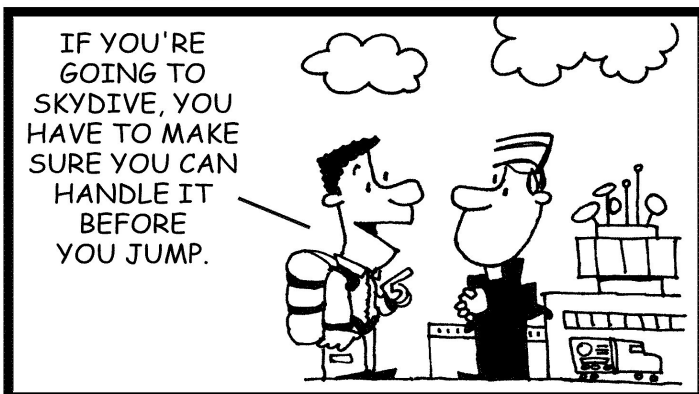
Born in Antioch in the 4th century, and raised by his widowed mother, Saint John received a rigorous classical education. He was first called to the ascetic life, even spending time as an anchorite living in a cave near Antioch. However, this life of extreme mortification was hard on his physical body, and he eventually returned to the city to recover.

After Saint John was ordained he spent 12 years preaching in the Cathedral of Antioch, and it was most likely during this time that he earned the name Chrysostom which means "golden-mouthed."

He was made archbishop of Constantinople against his will. This post placed Saint John in the midst of imperial politics. But he would not be drawn in. He kept a modest household without extravagance and refused to serve the sumptuous suppers for political supplicants that predecessors in the position had. He preached against corruption and decadence and fought for the reform of clergy even deposing corrupt bishops.

Unfortunately, this high moral stance made enemies of powerful people at court and in the Church. They conspired against him and eventually Saint John was exiled to Armenia, where he died. He was made a Father of the Church at the Council of Chalcedon and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1568. ©LPi

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It is easy to worship things other than God. Our perception of reality gets distorted as well as our understanding of truth. Ideologies and theories that find a popular reception are extolled when they are simply lies. Human beings easily get lost. God came to us in the person of Jesus Christ to rescue us from our sins and keep us where we need to be. But we have to realize that we are living in darkness before we can ask for light. We have to recognize that we are lost so that we can desire to be found. And, we have to know that we have sinned so that we can repent. God always patiently waits. God is delighted when one of His children chooses life over death and runs toward His unconditional Mercy. Let's not be so stubborn and stiff-necked that we fail to recognize that we may have wandered into the wrong pasture.

Facebook Live Online

There is a Mass option to view our
Sunday 10:30 Mass.

Go to Facebook.com and
in the search engine, type in
"St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Pocono Pines, PA."

Trivia Answer: The Litany of the Saints, prescribed by Saint Pope Gregory the Great in 590, it was first mentioned by Saint Basil in the 4th century.

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