

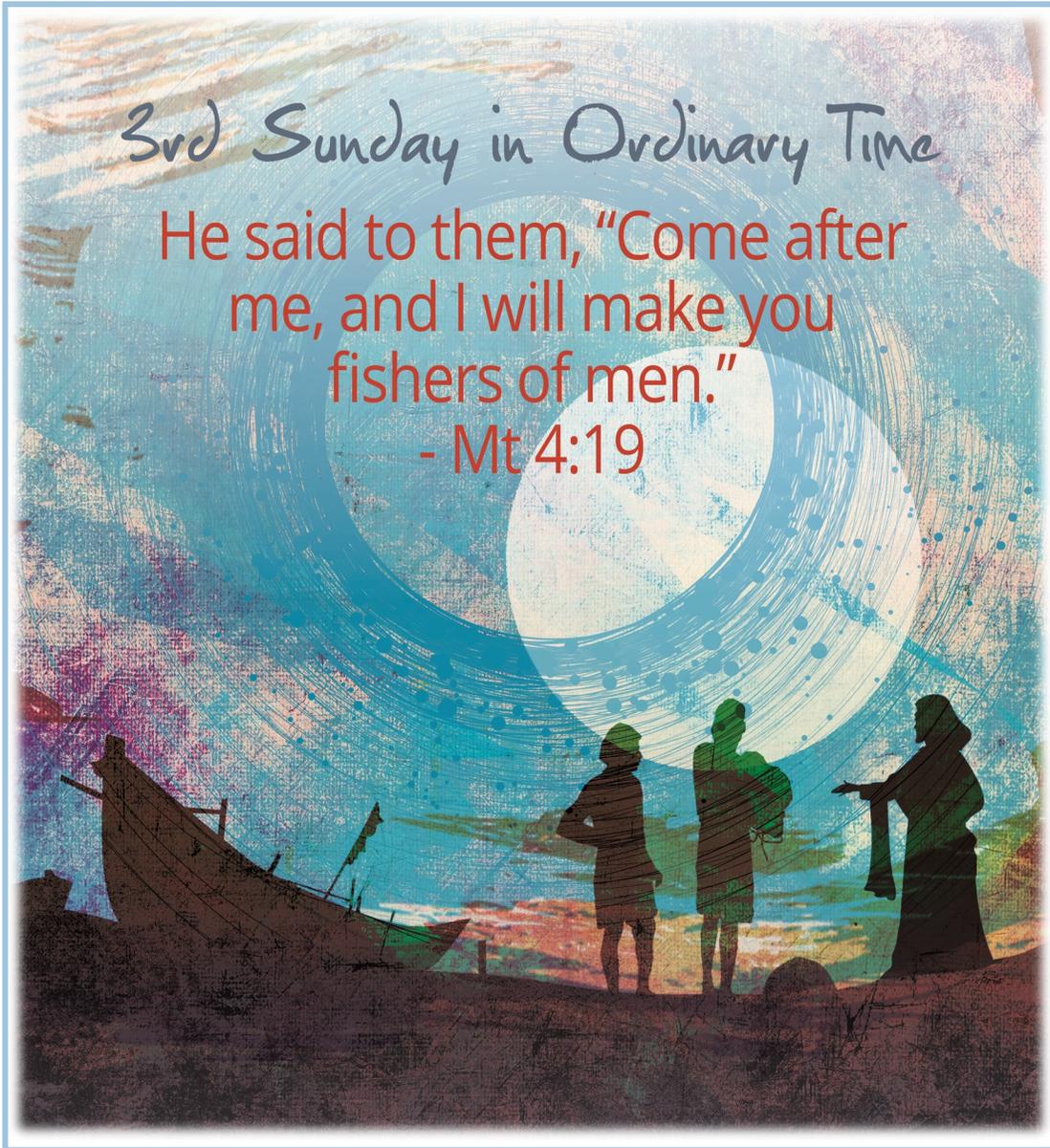
# St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

## January 22, 2023

*3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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fishers of men."

- Mt 4:19



### MISSION STATEMENT

**We Worship ~ We Teach ~ We Care**

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

**Mass Schedule:**  
Monday through Friday 9:15 am  
Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am

January 22, 2023  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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*As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Mt 4:18-19*



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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, “Don’t lie when you pray.” He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It’s stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, “He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulon and Naphtali...” This isn’t just the Lord’s relocation up north. It’s his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He re-locates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in *those* places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we’re no longer lying when we pray.

— *Father John Muir*

**This weekend there will be a Diocesan-wide  
Collection for the Church in Latin America.**

This will help to promote solidarity throughout the hemisphere by providing support for pastoral projects in Latin America and the Caribbean through contributions to an annual collection.

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# Mass Intentions

**Saturday 4:00 pm: Jack Connors**  
by Mike and Teri Castellano

**Sunday 8:00 am: Iwona Ciesluk**  
by The Family

**10:30 am: For The Parishioners**

**Monday: Stanley Jablonski**  
by John and Sandy Carbone

**Tuesday: Henryk Rogowski**  
by The Rogowski Family

**Wednesday: Dominick and Jacqueline Giordano**

**Thursday: Jean Carbone**  
by John and Sandy Carbone

**Friday: Iwona Ciesluk**  
by The Family

**Saturday 4:00 pm: John Duffy**  
by Cousin Jack

**Sunday 8:00 am: John Miller**  
by Jim & Maureen Rinehimer

**10:30 am: For The Parishioners**

**Weekday Mass at 9:15 am unless otherwise noted.**

**Saturday Confessions: 3:00-3:45 pm.**

## **ST. MAX PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

***MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY***

***10 am to 1 pm***



## **STEWARDSHIP**

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

### **Donations**

January 8.....\$ 4,161.

***Many thanks to those who support our Parish.***

**Your Intentions for Masses,  
Sanctuary Light, Bread and Wine or Flowers  
can be requested for loved ones or friends.**

**Call the parish office to schedule  
your intentions: 570-646-6424**



### **Sanctuary Light**

***In Memory of John C. Mercer Jr.***  
by The Glinane Family

### **Bread and Wine**

***For Victims of Abortion***



### **Altar Flowers**

***In Memory of Robert and Gloria  
Glinane by The Glinane Family***



## **Readings for the Week**

**Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17;  
Mt 4:12-23**

**Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30**

**Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35**

**Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18**

**Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8; Mk 4:21-25**

**Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34**

**Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41**

**Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31;  
Mt 5:1-12a**



Katie Scully ~ Eileen Long ~ Maurice Berger

Mary DeWaters ~ Charles Brunner

Lillian Bellis ~ Mirosława Trochimowicz

John Scomillio ~ Ed Sohayda

Joan Aronowitz ~ Christopher Mortensen

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## FAITH FORMATION CLASSES IN SESSION

**Grades 1st, 2nd, 7th and 8th**  
meet Sundays between masses  
from 9 am to 10:15 am.

**Grades 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th**  
meet Wednesdays 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.

**It's not too late to register.**  
**Contact Judy in the parish office.**

### **St. Maximilian Kolbe 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](mailto:tomlyn65@ptd.net).

**Next Meeting:: January 11th at 2 pm**

### **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](mailto:reesecup2018@gmail.com)



We are always looking for young and adult parishioners to serve as **Lector, Commentator, Eucharistic Minister and/or Altar Server,**

And

Currently our Music Director, John Marcinkowski, is also recruiting new faces and voices to be

**Cantor and Choir Members.**

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in serving in one of these ministries. 570-646-6424

### **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 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](mailto:tomlyn65@ptd.net) or Judy Grace (Coordinator of Faith Formation) at [stmaxkolrelioused@ptd.net](mailto:stmaxkolrelioused@ptd.net).

The *Word Among Us* magazine offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings of the Catholic Church, inspirational essays, stories of the saints and more!

For \$20 you can receive 10 issues each year that include the daily mass readings. If you are interested in a 2023 new subscription, please contact the parish office. New subscriptions begin at the start of the Lenten Season.

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Community Clothing Closet  
At Pocono Lake United Methodist Church  
1188 Route 940, Pocono Lake

Clothing for Children, teen and adult sizes,  
“gently used” is free to all individuals living in  
the local community who are experiencing a  
season of need.

The Clothing Closet is open the 2nd Monday  
of the month 10am-12 pm & 5:30 –7:30 pm.

Call for information 570-646-2650

### ONLINE SCRIPTURE STUDY

The St. Maximilian Kolbe Scripture Study discussion group meets live on Zoom Wednesday mornings @10:30 am. New members are always welcome. For more information on how to join, contact Judy in the parish office. We would love to “see” you.

### *Inspiration for the Week*

When Jesus called Simon and Andrew, they left “at once” to follow him; when he called James and John, they did likewise. St. Peter, St. Andrew, St. James and St. John, pray for us, that God will grant us similar courage and clarity when called by Christ.



**It's easy to join our parish !**  
Go to: [stmaxkolbepoconos.org](http://stmaxkolbepoconos.org)

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

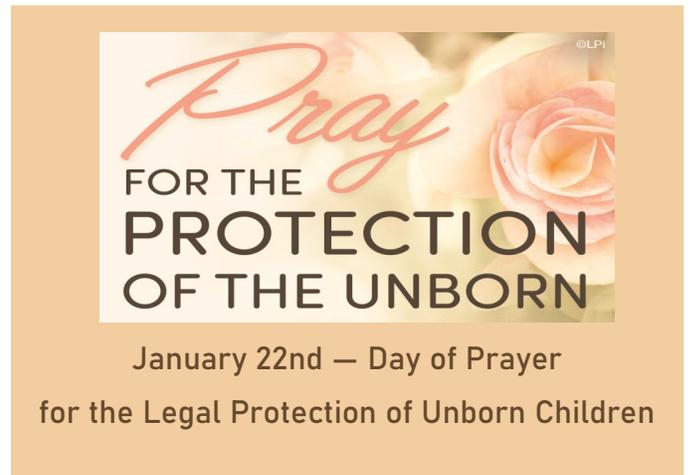
Or, call the parish office @ 570-646-6424.

**2023 Calendars** courtesy of Bolock Funeral Home in conjunction with Jersey Memorial Group are available at all exits.

### Catholic Trivia—Just For Fun

**Question:** In which year did the church start allowing for Catholics to attend Mass on Saturday night to fulfill their weekly Sunday obligation?

**Answer is found on the last page of the bulletin.)**



### **WHY DO WE DO THAT?**

#### **- CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

#### **Chastisement vs. Punishment**

**Question:** What is the difference between a chastisement and a punishment?

**Answer:** The distinction is, in many ways, a subtle one, but which is relevant in Catholic tradition.

First, chastisement is a concept that is grounded in Sacred Scripture. Here, we see chastisement as a response by God to people’s actions that is intended to teach a lesson. As St. John Paul II observed, “chastisement appears to be ... a kind of divine pedagogy, in which the last word is reserved to mercy: He scourges and then shows mercy, casts down to the depths of the nether world, and he brings up from the great abyss” (Tobit 13:2). The idea here is that in order to capture our attention or to highlight how we have not lived out our covenant-relationship with God as we should, there are times when God uses events in life to draw us back to the quality of relationship or faith that we should have.

The concept of punishment has a different sense. The Catechism of the Church observes that punishment is the consequence of a damaging action that “has the primary aim of redressing the disorder” and to protect the community and the common good from further damage or harm. Although we always hope that someone who is being punished for a crime or some other harmful action will learn from their actions, punishment isn’t necessarily intended to teach a lesson in the same way that a chastisement is.

Ultimately, how we make the distinction between chastisement & punishment is a matter of discernment. As with almost everything in life, our experiences can be an opportunity for grace depending on how open we are to recognizing the movement of God’s Spirit within them. ©LPi

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## ART 'N SOUL

**New Hours have been added.** The Art 'N Soul group, led by Desiree Schultz will meet this Thursday, January 12th at 7 pm and also on Wednesday, January 25th at 2 pm

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### 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.

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### **"St. Max Cares"**

#### **A Program of Service by and for the Parishioners of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish**

 For the past 10 years, our Social Concerns Committee has sponsored a service program called "St. Max Cares." This program is designed to support our fellow parishioners who live alone or are homebound caring for a loved one. How? It begins with one caring person making a friendly phone call to another. *The mission of "St. Max Cares" is to know that members of our parish family, who might not have frequent contact with a friend or relative, are safe.* We pray for you, we offer you God's peace at Mass, now may we offer you a friendly phone call? If you or a loved one are interested in receiving this service, *or* if you wish to volunteer, please contact Jean Sockol at 727-542-2280.

***Remember, members of St. Max  
care about you!***

## RECOGNIZE GOD

### IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### THE ART OF RETREAT

Social media has made it far too easy for me to share my opinion.

These virtual spaces tend to strip our words of all empathy. Someone will post something that I think is nonsense, and I just have to tell them why — and quickly! Hurry! Before they delete it!

Nine times out of ten, when the dust is settled, I find that I've said too much and listened too little.

As I've gotten older, the motto I try (not always successfully) to live by is this: You do not have to be on the attack all of the time, even if it's for what you think is the truth.

I can't help but notice that the first thing Jesus does when he hears of the arrest of John the Baptist is to retreat. He doesn't punch a hole in a wall or take to the streets in protest. He withdraws.

And what does he do after withdrawing? A lot of praying, I would imagine. A lot of thinking, a lot of reflecting. A lot of listening to the voice of his Father.

Sometimes we mistake stillness with vulnerability. But Christ shows us that to withdraw, and to contemplate, can actually be a tremendous show of strength. Even the fiercest dogs wait for the command of their master before they act.

*For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence.*  
— 1 Corinthians 1:17

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### Latino Ministry Meet & Greet

Meetings have been postponed during the winter and will resume in the Spring.

**Para Informacion/For Information: 570-646-6424**

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**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Knights of Columbus #13752

meets on Wednesday evenings in the parish hall.

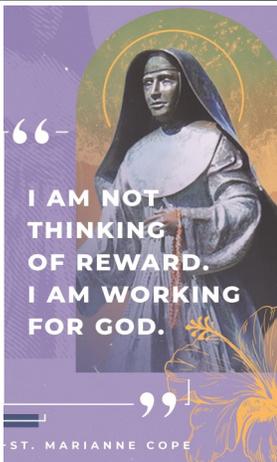
(no longer on Mondays)

the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7 pm.

New members are welcome.

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**SAINT OF THE WEEK**  
**St. Marianne Cope**  
**January 23**

Barbara Koop, later Mother Marianne Cope, was born in Germany on January 23, 1838, and immigrated to New York when she was 2 years old. In August of 1862 she went to the sisters of the Third Order of Saint Francis in Syracuse, New York and took her vows the next year.

Her early religious life saw her working as a teacher and administrator for local Catholic schools until she was called upon by the bishop to use her administrative skills as superior of St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, New York. She devoted herself to the care of the sick and infirm and the hospital flourished under her leadership. As the Provincial Mother of her order in Syracuse, Cope, along with six other sisters, she answered a call made by the Hawaiian government to run the Kaka'ako Branch Hospital on Oahu that served as a receiving station for people suspected of having leprosy.

Of the more than 50 religious communities in the United States and Canada who were asked by the government to help the suffering communities and hospitals for those with leprosy (Hansen's disease) in Hawaii, Mother Marianne and her sisters were the only ones to answer the call. They immediately got to work transforming the hospital environment for those with leprosy and their families. In 1888, Mother Marianne and two sisters took on an even more challenging assignment and went to the Hawaiian island of Moloka'i, a leper colony, to open a new home devoted to the protection of girls and women with leprosy as well as to take charge of the home that her friend, Saint Damien de Veuster, had established for men and boys. She helped improve life on the island by introducing pride, cleanliness, and a little fun to the colony. She often provided bright scarves and dresses for the women she served and cheerfully carried out her mission until she died on August 9, 1918. While in service, she was awarded the Royal Order of Kapiolani by the Hawaiian government for her selfless love and care of those in need and never contracted leprosy. She was canonized in 2012.

**Trivia Answer: 1970**

**New...Saint Joseph Sunday Missal:**  
**The Prayerbook and Hymnal for 2023 were donated by a parishioner.** These are available at each exit. Each Family is welcome to take one.

*The Lord is my light  
and my salvation. (Ps 27)*

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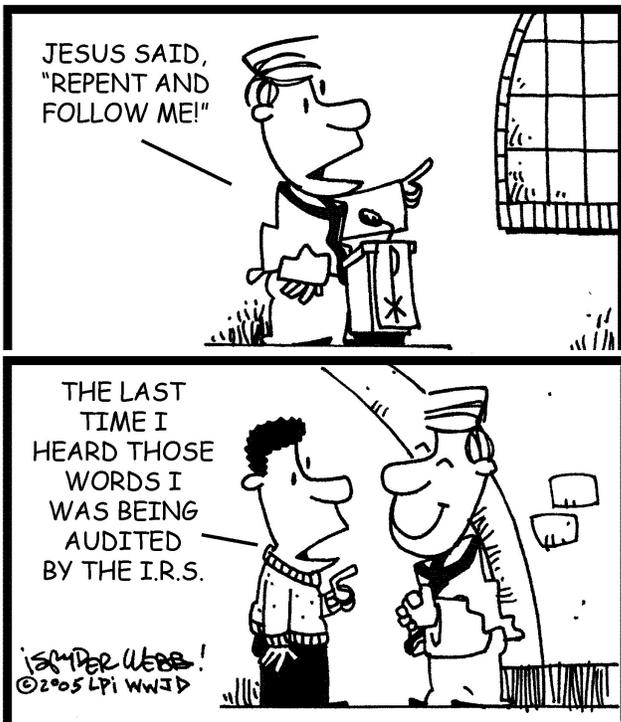


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 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE @ [www.pocconolakecemetery.org](http://www.pocconolakecemetery.org)

**Facebook Live Online Mass Option:**  
**Sunday, 10:30 a.m.**

To access the Mass live on Facebook, go to [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) and in the search engine, type :  
 "St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish,  
 Pocono Pines, PA."

**3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



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