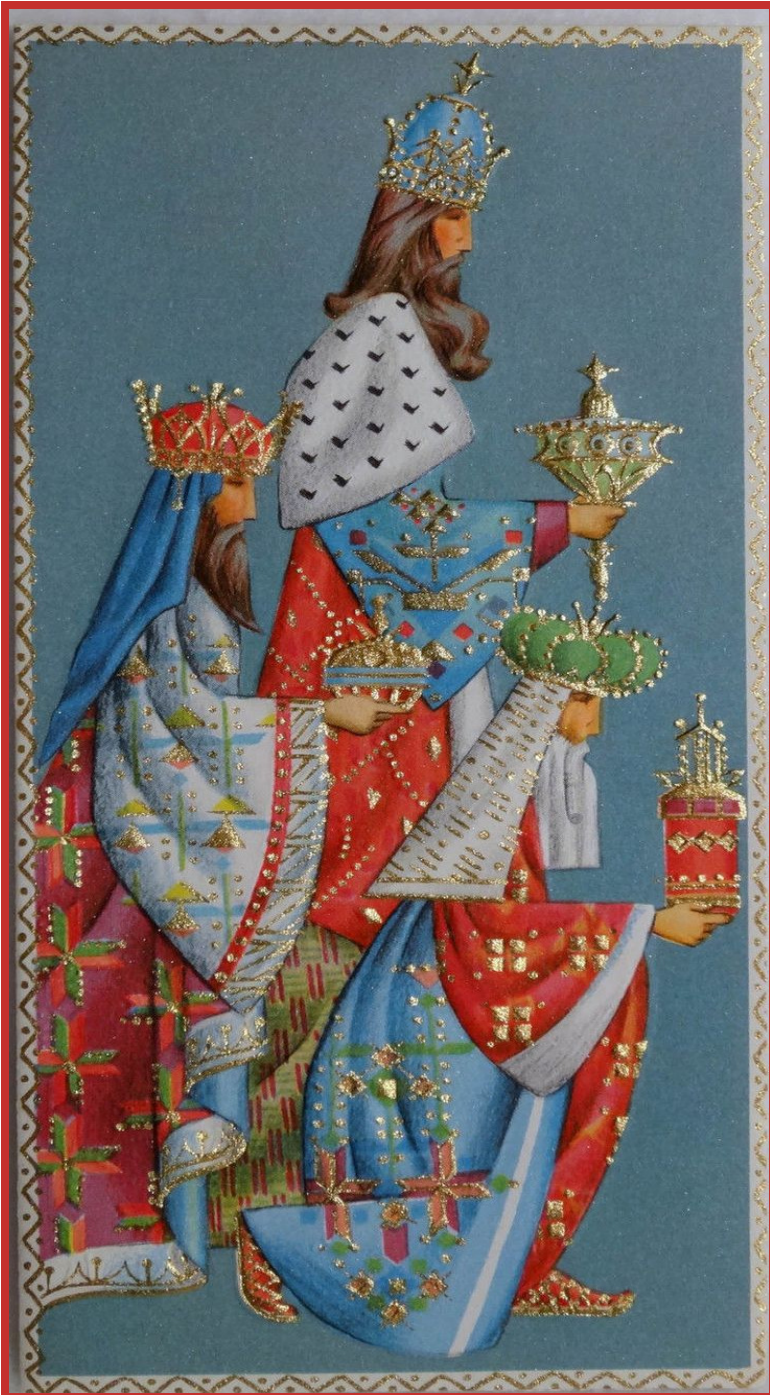


St. Maximilian Kolbe Church  
January 4, 2015  
Feast of the Epiphany



The star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

-Matthew 2:9-11

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#### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday – Vigil Mass – 5:30 PM  
 Sunday – 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

#### WEEKDAYS IN THE CHAPEL

Monday through Friday – 8:00 AM  
 Saturday – 9:00 AM

#### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 PM or by appointment.

**BAPTISM** – Celebrated the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 1:00 PM. Please call the Rectory Office 6-8 weeks in advance to make arrangements.

**PRE-JORDAN** – Expectant and/or new parents are to participate in a class on Baptism. This session is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM. It is necessary to call the Rectory in advance of the class to register.

**MARRIAGES** – Arrangements should be made at least six months before the date of the wedding.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** – In case of serious illness, please contact one of our parish priests. The Sacrament is also administered after any weekday Mass. Please see the priest in the Sacristy.

**HOME VISITS** – Anyone unable to attend Mass regularly due to illness may call the Rectory to make arrangements to receive Communion in their homes.

**NEW PARISHIONERS** – Register at the Rectory at your earliest convenience or go to [www.stmax.org](http://www.stmax.org). Please notify the Rectory of any change of address as soon as possible.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER** – Tuesdays in the Chapel at 7:30 PM

**CENTERING PRAYER** – Fridays in the Chapel at 8:45 AM

**RCIA** – For those desiring to become Catholic or adults who were not baptized. Contact Fr. Capizzi.

#### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

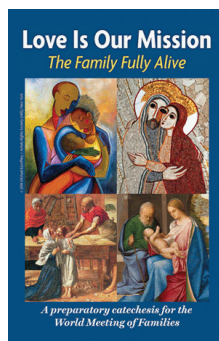
Monday through Thursday 8:30 AM-5:00 PM  
 Friday 8:30 AM-4:00 PM  
 Sunday 8:30 AM-1:30 PM



**EUCCHARISTIC  
 ADORATION  
 EVERY TUESDAY  
 8:30 AM-7:00 PM**

**CONCLUDING WITH THE  
 MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

*Joy to the world!  
 The Lord is come!*



#### REFLECTION

**“Our mission of love will require courage and fortitude. Jesus is calling, and we can respond, choosing lives of faith, hope, charity, joy, service and mission.”**

**—Love is Our Mission, pg. 109**



### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

“...He (Simeon) took him in his arms and blessed God in these words: ‘Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace; you have fulfilled your word. For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed displayed for all the people to see; a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel.’...’The Lord sets a father in honor over his children; a mother’s authority he confirms over her sons.”

We eagerly await the upcoming World Meeting of Families in September. In preparation, the Church considers the gift, the needs and the hopes of families in an age when family life has radically changed.

Today we meet the Holy Family of Nazareth. Not unlike ourselves, many difficulties and trials came their way. Living as refugees, itinerants, as working laborers, and finally facing trial and condemnation, we can identify with them with the challenges of today.

The prayer of Simeon, part of the night prayer of the church, can be ours as well, as we recognize the presence of Christ among us during these holidays. It was the Spirit that moved Simeon to take Him in his arms and praise God. May we, as we bring this year to a close, express as he did, our gratitude for the Lord’s presence in so many ways during the year. May we thank God for support in time of need. May we see the light of Christ in our lives and be that light for members of our family. May we take Him in our arms, too.

May our fathers mirror the goodness of Joseph, caring for and protecting their children. May our mothers bring the warmth, kindness and understanding of Mary, the heart of the home at Nazareth. May the Christ, born anew in our hearts, allow us to live blessed by the presence of God’s grace in our lives. May all these virtues be manifest in our homes.

—*His Word Today*, Rev. William J. Reilly

### OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Media attention surrounding the World Meeting of Families has been astounding and generally positive thus far. We expect over 5,000 reporters to be present in Philadelphia next September. Archbishop Chaput stated the need for well-informed priests, religious and lay people from across the Archdiocese to help us speak to the media about Church teaching on a variety of matters.

In order to help prepare people for possible media encounters, both the Archdiocese and the Word Meeting of Families 2015 –have partnered with Catholic Voices USA. The goal of this organization is to provide media training to Catholics so that they can speak to the press about their faith with confidence, comfort and sensitivity. Their training sessions focus not only on interviewing techniques, but also on how to field questions that might seem critical of the Church and her teachings by embracing them as a way to provide clarity and understanding.

Catholic Voices will host 2 initial information sessions for all those interested in this opportunity. The content provided at each meeting will be the same. Multiple meeting options are being provided for your convenience. Those meetings will be held on **Friday, January 9th at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, January 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Vianney Hall Auditorium at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary**. Representatives from Catholic Voices, the Archdiocese, and the World Meeting of Families will provide detailed information at that time. You will be able to learn more, ask questions and decide if this opportunity is right for you. **Attendance at one of the upcoming information sessions does not obligate anyone to participate further.** If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to the Archdiocesan Office for Communications at 215-587-3747 or [commof@archphila.org](mailto:commof@archphila.org).



### **BAPTISM AND THE ROLE OF GODPARENTS**

Baptism is the foundation of the Christian life, for it unites one to Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection and incorporates the baptized into the Church as a son or daughter of God. As with each of the sacraments, Jesus is present to confer a unique "sacramental grace" - which is symbolized in the action and words of the sacrament is occurring truly. This sacrament imparts the gift of sanctifying grace (God's healing presence in which He gives us a share in the divine life of the Trinity) and bestows on the person baptized the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Baptism cleanses the child of Original Sin and marks him/her with an indelible character on the soul. He/she is Christ's and now has God living in them. Joyfully he/she obtains the right and duty to proclaim the Good News of Christ.

When asking to have their child baptized, parents accept the responsibility to train their child in the practice of the faith. Godparents assist the parents in this duty of Christian mothers and fathers. Thus, parents should select godparents who do and will witness to the Catholic faith in the manner of their lives, not just because they are a relative or a friend. A godparent should be a trustworthy witness, practicing the Faith they are a witness to and helping the godchild and parents attain salvation in Christ.

Therefore, the requirements for a godparent include that they be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), worship God regularly (weekly) at Mass, are in a valid marriage if married (married in the Church or had permission to be married elsewhere), and live as Jesus teaches. To be asked to be a godparent is an honor and an opportunity to live more faithfully in Christ. Please call the rectory (610-399-6936) if you have any questions concerning this graced-filled role.

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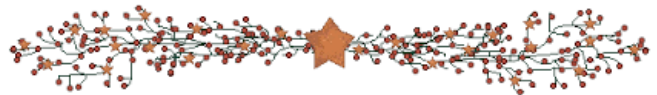
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### **CHURCH COLLECTION**

**DECEMBER 21, 2014**  
**\$21,587.50**

**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR GENEROSITY!**



### **BISHOP MCINTYRE TO VISIT ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH**

We welcome Bishop John McIntyre to our parish. He will be visiting on Sunday, January 11th and will be celebrating the 10:30 AM Mass. Afterwards, he will be greeting parishioners in the narthex.



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

## KNIGHTLY NEWS

The Knights of Columbus will once again be sponsoring the annual "Change for Life" fundraising effort, beginning on Sunday, January 8th. Pick up your baby bottle, fill it with your loose change and return it. Your contributions help support organizations such as Birthright of West Chester, The Chester County Pro-Life Coalition, Generation Life, Mother's Home and Rachel's Vineyard.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST



This event will held on Friday, January 16th, after the boys' varsity game. Time will be approximately 9:00 PM. Come and cheer on the varsity boys. Pick up a registration form and stay to compete! Winners advance to the District Competition. To request an advance registration form, contact Jim Fongheiser at JGFong@aol.com. The contest is for boys and girls, ages 9-14. Snow date will be January 30th.

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

FROM 8:00AM TO 12 NOON

IN THE SCHOOL MULTI- PURPOSE ROOM

*Menu Includes: Pancakes, Sausage, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Juice & Milk*

Free Will Donations Accepted



### CRAB CAKE SALE

The Knights will once again be having their crab cake sale. It will start on Sunday, January 15th. There will be a box for your orders in the church vestibule. More details to follow.

Your contributions help support SMYLE, CYO and St. Max HSA.

## Giving & Stewardship

### ANNUAL CENSUS STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN (BLOCK COLLECTION)

Thank you to all who have contributed to our annual census/stewardship appeal (block collection.) We have collected \$72,392 so far from 388 contributors. We have not yet reached our goal for this year. If you have not sent in your Stewardship/Block contribution, we most sincerely ask you to please consider doing so. As we reach the end of the calendar year, please remember that your gifts are tax deductible.

**The Stewardship/Block Collection has a significant impact on the parish's annual operational budget. Again, Thank You!!**



### TAX STATEMENTS

Tax statements for 2013 are now available. If you would like a statement sent to you, please contact the Rectory Office at 610.399.6936.

### MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

The regular monthly collection of **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** for the needy of Chester County will take place this weekend January 3 & 4. Please leave your donations in the bins in the vestibule. Your generous contributions of food are greatly appreciated.



### IMPORTANT SAFE ENVIRONMENT UPDATE REGARDING MANDATED REPORTING

As part of our Catholic commitment to safe environments, the Archdiocese recently updated its policies and training curriculum for mandated reports of child abuse and neglect. These new policies reflect the Church's commitment to always do more, as well as new Pennsylvania laws that go into effect on December 31, 2014. All parish volunteers who have contact with children are mandated reporters. Lori Miller, Parish Administrative Assistant, is our Safe Environment Coordinator and will be working with our parish volunteers in the coming weeks to educate them about their responsibilities and how to properly report child abuse to ChildLine, PA's 24-hour child abuse reporting hotline. In the meantime, Lori can be reached at 610-399-6936 with any questions. Information is also available at [www.childyouthprotection.org](http://www.childyouthprotection.org).

As we continue to do all we can to keep our children safe, also know that the Office for Child and Youth Protection provides services, resources and support toward healing for victims and survivors of child sexual abuse and their families. Victim services can be reached at 1-888-800-8780 or via email at [philavac@archphila.org](mailto:philavac@archphila.org).

### IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! OTHER SAFE ENVIRONMENTS NEWS

If you are a coach, volunteer or parishioner and have still not completed the Protecting God's Children training, there will be a class at **Sts. Simon and Jude on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 6:30 PM.**

This is mandatory if you are currently coaching and have not yet completed this training.

Please go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) to register. The left hand panel has the link to get to the classes in the Philadelphia Archdiocese.

Thank you for all your help keeping our children safe.



### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The Blessed Dorothy Day Ministry Center at St. Agnes Parish in West Chester assists financially and nutritionally at risk preschoolers to prepare for kindergarten success. Volunteers are needed to spend time reading to children (Tuesday or Thursday mornings) and/or to provide and prepare healthy snacks (weekdays) for them. Commitment could be weekly or monthly. For more information, please contact Lisa Bice at 610-659-0825 or at [LisaBice@verizon.net](mailto:LisaBice@verizon.net).



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

1/4 World Meeting of Families  
and Minute to Win It  
6:30-8:00 PM in the Maximilian Room

### **MENS BIBLE STUDY**



### **CALLING ALL MEN!**

You are invited to join with other men in the parish to learn about the Bible. There will be plenty of lively discussion on how Scripture applies to our lives today. All are welcome whether you are well-versed on the Bible or if you have never opened the Bible. They meet on Saturday mornings from 7:45 to 9:00, in the Kolbe Room, in the Church. We are beginning a new series on Exodus, starting on **Saturday, January 10**. Please contact Deacon Al Mauriello for further information. 610-296-8062 or 484-459-4265



**SAVE THE DATE!!**

## **COACH BINGO**

Ladies, join us for an evening of Bingo, featuring Coach handbag prizes. The event will be held on Friday, February 20th, in the Multi-Purpose Room. Doors open at 6:00 PM and games will begin at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$35 and include 12 games (4 cards per game), light hors d'oeuvres, soda, coffee and dessert. (BYOB—those attending must be aged 21 years or older.)

Proceeds will be used to support the St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish and School. Tickets are available in the school office (610-399-8400) or by sending payment along with your name, number of tickets needed, email address and phone number to

**St. Maximilian Kolbe School  
c/o Bingo  
300 Daly Drive  
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**Please remember to pray for those in need of hope and healing.  
Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for them.**

Laura Arena, Fred Berger, Evelyn Burgess, James Burke, Sr. , Donna Burke, Robert Capizzi, Agnes Grady Chesko, Maryann Corrigan, Maria Costello, Glen Dekutoski, Louis DiGregorio, Frank Donato, David Doty, Denise Doyle, James Dudrick, Hayden Elliot, Angelina Fiorito, Mary Garofalo, John Gaydos, Patricia Greist, Garry Hallman, Ron Hauser, Edmund Hayes, Ray Holback, Gary Hunter, Agnes Iacona, Judy Ikena, Sondra Kelly-Richmond, Martha Kerr, Kae Martin, Felice McElwaine, John McGowan, Kathleen McGrory, JoEllen McLaughlin, Jeff Melasecca, Sue Mele, Tess Merlini, Dan Moore, Paul Morelewicz, Alexandra Morin, Ethan Mullin, Paul Nappi, Marie O'Connor, Barbara Ostapowicz, Joe Peta, Chan Prathanaluangxay, Joseph Regan, Craig Riddell, Edward Robbins, Joseph Robbins, Mary Rossi, Anne Marie Swans, Meghan Tenaglio, Karen Tipka, Bill Verona, Dana Vink, and Chase Zelinger

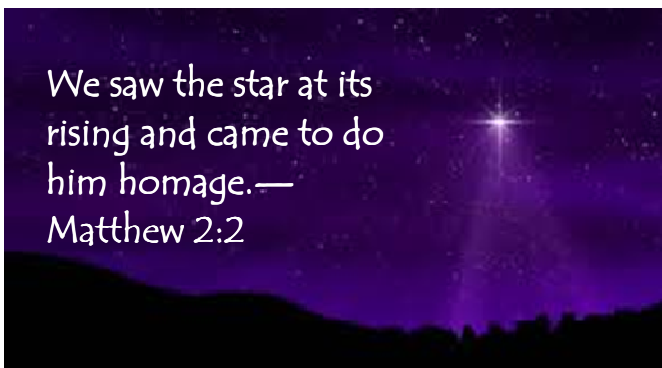


**SAVE THE DATE—  
FEBRUARY 16, 2015  
ANNUAL PARISH  
BLOOD DRIVE**

The Red Cross will be here on **February 16, 2015 from 2:30-7:30 PM** in the Multi-Purpose Room. There will be sign-up sheets so you can reserve your time. Give the gift of love—and life!

**HONOR ROLL**

Cardinal O'Hara High School announced that St. Max parishioner Nina Ji, Class of 2017, achieved first honors for the First Quarter Report. Congratulations Nina on your academic success.



**MASS INTENTIONS  
WEEK OF JANUARY 4**

<b>MONDAY 8:00 AM</b>	<b>James Kilcur</b>
<b>TUESDAY— 8:00 AM</b>	<b>Agnes Farley</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY—8:00 AM</b>	<b>Barbara A. Smith</b>
<b>THURSDAY—</b>	<b>Michael Lakis</b>
<b>FRIDAY—8:00 AM</b>	<b>Joseph J. Stepsus</b>
<b>SATURDAY—9:00 AM</b>	<b>Charles Bradley</b>

**FIRST CORINTHIANS  
BIBLE STUDY**



The Monday Night Bible Study group will be studying First Corinthians starting on January 19, 2015. Come join your fellow parishioners as we study the letters that St. Paul wrote to the early Christians in Corinth. We will be meeting in the Kolbe Room (in the church) Monday nights starting January 19 at 7PM. Please register by January 5 by contacting the rectory or calling Lidia Manieri 610-399-9488. Registration is \$24.95.





### ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Mollie Regan  
 O'Neill and Masters Families  
 M/M Bill McGee  
 Robino & Devlin Families  
 Klecko & Allan Families  
 Zambito & Nappi Families  
 Spangler & Polinsky Families  
 M/M Walter Musselman  
 Leonard F. Ostanek  
 Lenore Czyzewski  
 Nancey & George Kilkenny  
 John & Katherine Stanziola  
 David Fry, Jr.  
 Thomas & Patricia Smith  
 Patrick & Delia Burns  
 Joe & Nell Perri  
 The Falchek & Kelsch Families  
 Carmela & Pasquale Pacitti  
 The Filorimo Family



### Daily Mass Readings Week of January 4

#### Sunday

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

#### Monday

1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

#### Tuesday

1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

#### Wednesday

1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

#### Thursday

1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

#### Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

#### Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30



## ACTS

*The Spread of the Kingdom*

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will continue with Part II of **Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom**, beginning on January 6, 2015 from **9:00 AM to 10:30 AM**. *(Please note time change.)*

The Acts of the Apostles provides us more than a history of the First Christians - it is the story about the Early Church with the Holy Spirit as the protagonist. Christ did not leave His Apostles alone - He sent the Holy Spirit to guide, instruct and equip them. Enrich and deepen your faith as you learn how the Apostles continued Christ's mission on earth through the Power of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome to join us. For more information contact Judy Armour at 610-793-2596.

### ST. MAX RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE



We would like to thank you for your patronage during the Advent - Christmas season. The shop will close December 28th and will reopen mid-January for your spring needs.

Special requests for Confirmation and First Holy Communion must be made in the shop by the end of January. One order will go in at that time for all items requested. Since we need adequate turn-around time for orders and delivery, we cannot accept orders after January. We hope to see you soon.

Shop Hours - 2015

9:45 am to 12 noon

Before and after Masses