

St. Maximilian Kolbe Church
April 3, 2016
Divine Mercy Sunday



Jesus
I
trust
in
You

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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

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

VIGIL 5:30 PM
 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 7:00 PM

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 or surgery, please contact one of our parish priests. This Sacrament can also be 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. 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

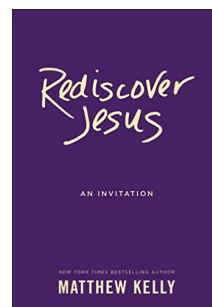


**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
 EVERY TUESDAY
 WITH THE MIRACULOUS
 MEDAL NOVENA**

Adoration beginning at 8:30 AM
 Benediction at 7:00 PM.

Alleluia! He is risen!

**“Life in the Spirit” seminar after
 benediction throughout April**



**“Only a very small number of
 prayers require God’s direct
 involvement or intervention.
 God wants to use us to
 answer prayer.”**

**—Rediscover Jesus,
 pg. 92**



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
DEVOTION AT
ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE
SUNDAY, APRIL 3
3:00 PM**

**WHAT IS THE DIVINE
MERCY DEVOTION
AND MESSAGE?**

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages, recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

Some of Jesus' words to St. Faustina:

“Let the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls, I will grant even more graces than they ask. Tell, my daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls.”

Please plan to attend this devotion which brings great graces and joy in the midst of the celebration of the Easter Season, most especially during this Jubilee Year of Mercy.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

You are invited to participate in the Life in the Spirit Seminars at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, West Chester, PA, on the Tuesdays of **April (5, 12, 19, and 26) from 7:30 – 9:30 pm**. For more information or to register contact Fran Hay at fhay99@comcast.net or Gloria Schelling at telephone # 484-883-0038.

**MONDAY NIGHT
BIBLE STUDY**

The Monday night Bible Study group will be studying a Biblical Walk through the Mass starting **April 25**. Based on the revised translation of the Mass, this five-part program takes participants on an exciting tour of the Liturgy as it explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. See, perhaps for the first time, why we say what we say and do what we do every week at Mass. The words and gestures will be seen in a new light, giving new life to the liturgical experience.

Call the rectory at 610-399-6936 or contact Lidia Manieri at lidia@mmanieri.com to register. Cost is \$20.00. Please register by April 11.



MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

The regular monthly collection of **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** for the needy of Chester



County will take place this weekend, **April 2 & 3**. Please leave your donations in the bins in the vestibule. What better way to show mercy than by helping to feed the hungry. Your generous contributions of food are greatly appreciated.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

*Congratulations to the following candidates
who received their First Communion:*

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 10:30 Mass (18 Candidates)

Teacher: Ms Erin McGlynn (St. Max Grade School)

Nicole Amicone, Samantha Curran, Anna Holmsten, Marita Irvine, Ronan Jonsson,
Daniel Keenan, Natalie Lucas, Aidan Mahon, Kara Mudrick, Hannah Nguyen,
Ian Oliver, Alexander Schmid, Andrew Souza, Ava Theiller, Reagan Walliser,
Taylor Yanocha, Isabella Sammaritano, Evan Matyok

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 12:00 Noon Mass (19 Candidates)

Teacher: Mrs. Kelly, PREP, 2C

Pierce Alderman, Timothy Batchelor, Lindsey Baughan,
Bradley Bjorksten, Robert Colodonato, Elena Dawson,
Alayna Gathercole, Alexander Kennedy, Caitlyn Paregian,
Brandon Paregian, Leah Pellegrino, Ashley Rae,
Kaitlyn Scannapieco, Abigail Snyder, Avery Stromberg,
Elisabeth Teplica, Ryan Ward, Jaxon Zwirzina, Timothy Faia

**With prayerful best wishes, we share with these children the joy of their faith journey.
We express our great thanks to all those who have made today possible, especially
their parents and teachers.**



Thank you to Girl Scout
Troop 4277 for the
beautiful breakfast bags.



ADDITIONAL EASTER
FLOWER MEMORIALS

May God bless your generosity.

Stacey Carter
Aid for Friends

Mozzani and Popolillo Families
Elizabeth and Maria

Sunday, April 17

8:15 am – 1:30 pm

St. Maximilian Kolbe School

**Student
Art Show**

**Scholastic
Book Fair**



Experience a fun morning enjoying student art in the MPR. Every St Max School K – 8 student will have their creations on display to share with our parish. This year we will have art in the hall and the MPR, along with sculpture. All art was created in our school art classes. You will be amazed at the talented young artists.



Books make great gifts for the special child in your life. Our Book Fair begins Sunday in the school library and continues during the week, Monday through Friday during school hours. All purchases help add books to our school library. Cash, personal checks and credit cards accepted.

**Refreshments
All Are Welcome**



The Moms Club is starting up again! The club is a get together of moms in the parish and their children ages 5 and under. Come have some fun gym time in the St. Max Gym on **Tuesday, April 12th 11:00 - 12:00**. More information to follow. If you have any questions, please contact Margie Saunders at msaunders07@verizon.net or (610) 399-8949.



SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL GOLF OUTING

The National Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel is hosting its 3rd annual golf outing on Saturday, May 7th, beginning at 8:00 AM. This fun event featuring 18 holes will be held at the Bensalem Country Club and includes prizes and a luncheon. Ticket cost is \$100 per player, with all proceeds benefitting the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament.

For additional details or to purchase tickets for yourself or a group, contact Dave Greer at 215.962.1704 or visit the website www.katharinedrexel.org/news-events/

Businesses interested in becoming a 'hole' donor, a primary event sponsor or anyone interested in making a prize donation may also contact Dave. Mark your calendars for a day of fun and fundraising!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE



St. Maximilian Kolbe will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit The Society of St. Vincent de Paul on **Tuesday, April 19th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be using the service of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the church parking lot where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs and videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted. For a full list of acceptable items visit www.gogreendrop.com.



YOUNG ADULTS

Join Us for
Praise & Worship Adoration

Are you a Catholic adult in your 20s and 30s? Join CYACC this **Wednesday**

April 6, 2016 for our monthly Praise & Worship Adoration. Holy Hour begins at **7:30 PM** in the lower chapel of St. Agnes in West Chester. Confession will be available.

Then, join us for our spring dance, "CYACC Goes to Prom", **Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 8 PM** in the Meehan Center at Ss Simon and Jude in West Chester. For more info, check us out on Facebook or email us at cyacc1@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES!

This summer... June 27th - July 1st

*Take a journey back to ancient Egypt
and find out what happened to Joseph
as he went from Pharaoh's prison to the palace!*

*Registration coming out in April. Contact PREP office to volunteer .
(stmaxreligioused@comcast.net)*

Spend a while on the Nile!



BASICS OF THE FAITH

Join us for our next session on **Sunday, April 3, 2016, from 8:45 to 10:15 am** in the Maximilian Room (Rectory side entrance). Our topic will be ***God Calls Us To Pray.***

What is prayer? How and when should we pray? Come join the discussion. The session will include a PowerPoint presentation and time for questions. Coffee, tea, and cake will be provided. To be added to our mailing list for information on upcoming sessions, contact Anne Chavez at basicsofthefaith@gmail.com. Outlines and narrated PowerPoints of previous sessions are available at www.basicsofthefaith.org by clicking ***Basics of the Faith.*** This is an ongoing monthly series; you're welcome to attend any individual session. No prior knowledge or preparation is needed.

alleluia

THE LORD IS RISEN. INDEED!

WWW.STMAX.ORG

Make sure you visit our website regularly . On it you will find a wealth of information about parish life—from registering/ membership, news on parish events and happenings, a digital copy of the bulletin as well as interesting informative videos by noted Catholic speakers, such as Bishop Robert Barron. Stay in touch with your St. Max family!





**Please remember to pray for those in need of hope and healing.
Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for them.**

Laura Arena, James Burke, Sr., Joan Carbo, Maryann Corrigan, Louis DiGregorio, Terry Donahue, Frank Donato, David Doty, Charles Doyle, Denise Doyle, Hayden Elliot, Angelina Fiorito, Patricia Foster, Isabel Francolini, Mary Garofalo, Patricia Greist, Ron Hauser, Edmund Hayes, Marie Herrschaft, Laurie Hissey, Ray Holback, Gary Hunter, Agnes Iacona, Judy Ikena, Sondra Kelly-Richmond, Martha Kerr, F. Edmund Lynch, Jack McAdams, Felice McElwaine, John McGowan, Kathleen McGrory, Jeff Melasecca, Amy Miller, Pat Mitchell, Kayleigh Moran, Alexandra Morin, Ethan Mullin, Paul Nappi, Marie O'Connor, Barbara Ostapowicz, James Palo, Joe Peta, Chan Prathanaluangxay, Craig Riddell, Edward Robbins, Joseph Robbins, Marlene Roberts, Drew Robertson, Mary Rossi, Geraldine Rotteveel, John Slanga, Anne Marie Swans, Meghan Tenaglio, Karen Tipka, Bill Verona, Dana Vink, Eveline Walker.

**SAVE THE DATE
ST. MAX BASKETBALL CAMP 2016**

Skills and Drills Basketball Camp for Boys
A Parish Fundraiser

Volunteer Director: Mike Kempski

Location: St. Maximilian Kolbe Gymnasium

Dates June 20th-24th

Morning Session for 2nd through 4th graders
(based upon current grade)

8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Afternoon Session for 5th through 8th graders
(based upon current grade)

1:30 PM- 4:30 PM

Cost: \$75

Emphasis will be on developing the fundamental skills of basketball including shooting, dribbling, rebounding, passing, defense as well as sportsmanship and being a good teammate.

Any questions? Please contact
Mike Kempski at 610-848-7310
or via email

at michaeljkempski@yahoo.com

For additional information and registration form, please go to the parish website at
www.stmax.org

**MANNA CANNED FOOD COLLECTION
WEEKEND OF MAY 7TH AND 8TH**

Every month, generous parishioners at St. Max sponsor a food drive for local charities, helping to stock the emergency food cupboards in our area. May's drive will be in conjunction with the yearly Manna Canned Food Collection of the Archdiocese. Food will still go to our local charity at the St. Agnes Day Room.

Many struggling families and individuals turn to the emergency food cupboards for support during times of crisis. Their lives are blessed by the generosity of the faithful of our parish. Items in greatest need are beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and baked beans.

Manna bags will be available after all Masses the weekend of April 16/17, 23/24 and April 30/May 1 and returned the weekend of May 7/8. They will then be taken to the St. Agnes Day Room. We thank you for your generosity!





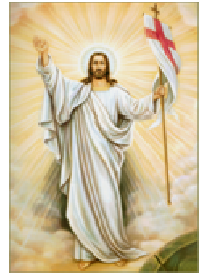
CHURCH COLLECTION

MARCH 27
\$11,132.50
EASTER COLLECTION
\$45,647.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

“Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.”—Mother Teresa

MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 3



MONDAY 8:00 AM	Matthew Andraos
TUESDAY— 8:00 AM	Joseph Regan
WEDNESDAY—8:00 AM	Charles Antell
THURSDAY 8:00 AM	Francis R. Perri
FRIDAY 8:00 AM	Furman Nagle
SATURDAY—9:00 AM	Filomena Mozzani

April 3, 2016
Second Sunday
of Easter
Divine Mercy
Sunday



Sunday

Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19;
 Jn 20:19-31

Monday

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

**CATHOLIC
GIFTS & MORE**



ST. MAX RELIGIOUS GOOD STORE

Confirmation and First Holy Communion gifts and cards are now available. Stop in and browse our selection!



BLOOD DRIVE RESCHEDULED

The Knights of Columbus Blood Drive has been rescheduled, having been canceled previously because of inclement weather. Please save the new date of **May 11**. Sign up and registration information to follow. Save a life, give blood.