Saint Maximilian Kolbe Church

March 25, 2018

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
—Mark 11:9

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Saturday – Vigil Mass – 4:00 PM
Sunday – 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon
WEEKDAYS IN THE CHAPEL
Monday through Saturday – 8:00 AM
HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
VIGIL 5:30 PM
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 8:30-9:30 AM or by appointment.

BAPTISMS – Every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 1:00 PM. Call the Rectory Office 6-8 weeks in advance for arrangements. Godparents' Letters of Eligibility are due ***one month*** before the Baptism.

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. Please call one of the priests.

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 contemplating becoming Catholic or adults who were baptized Catholic but not confirmed. Contact Fr. Windle.

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
EVERY TUESDAY

Adoration begins at 8:30AM after Daily Mass

Benediction will be at 6:30 PM, including the Miraculous Medal Novena. Stations of the Cross to immediately follow.

Self esteem is essential to discovering God's dream for our lives and essential if we are to establish enduring happiness. Service is the surest way to build a healthy sense of self.

Matthew Kelley, "Perfectly Yourself" -page 186

STATIONS OF THE CROSS LENT 2018

At 7pm each Tuesday during Lent, all parishioners are invited to participate in the Stations of the Cross. **Benediction will be held at 6:30pm.** The following groups will be leading the Stations this year:

Tuesday, March 27th
Living Stations performed by school students and the choir

*****Parish Penance Service will be on Monday, March 26th at 7:00 PM. Several priests will be available. *****

SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE EASTER EGG HUNT

Please join the Knights of Columbus for the annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, March 31st, beginning PROMPTLY at 12:00 noon, on the hillside next to St. Max rectory. This Saint Maximilian Kolbe tradition, is open to all parish children 10 years and under. There will be separate egg hunt sections for different age groups. This event will be held rain or shine.

Please join the Knights
for this fun family event!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, March 26, 2018
Parish Penance Service 7 PM
Many priests will be available

Tuesday, March 27, 2018
Eucharistic Adoration 9AM-6:30PM
Living Stations 7:00 PM
(School students and choir)

Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018
NO Morning Mass
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00PM
Night prayer shortly following
Visits to the Repository until 10:00PM

Good Friday, March 30, 2018
Morning Prayer 8:00 AM
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 PM
Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

Holy Saturday, March 31, 2018
Morning Prayer 9:00AM
NO Confessions on Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil Mass 7:00PM

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018
Masses (Church) 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM and 12 noon
Mass in the Multi Purpose Room 10:45 AM

OUR NEW CONFIRMANDI

Congratulations to our Sixth Grade Candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, March 17th at 10 AM and 1:30 PM. Bishop Edward M. Deliman administered the Rite of Confirmation to our 113 young candidates. The Confirmation Masses were concelebrated by Monsignor Carroll, Father Windle and Father Gardner, with the assistance of Deacon Hickey. Our heartfelt thanks go to Mrs. Sara Dempsey and the music ministry for the beautiful music accompanying our liturgy. We also extend our appreciation to those who helped prepare the children—their parents and our catechists and teachers: Mrs. Evangelista, Mrs. Keg, Mrs. Lintelman, Mr. Regan, Mrs. Spears, Mrs. Tyndall, aides Debbie Kelsch and Simone Keg, as well as our school principal Mrs. Malseed. Finally we would like to gratefully acknowledge all those ministers who generously served as ushers, Eucharistic ministers and altar servers. The combined effort of all allowed for two beautiful sacramental celebrations.

IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY
SPIRITUALITY UNDER THE DOME

Spirituality Under the Dome has scheduled its Twelfth Annual Spirituality Day at Immaculata University on Saturday, April 7, 2018. The keynote presenter is Brother Mickey McGrath OSFS and the talk is entitled *Saved by Beauty*, focusing on the spirituality of Dorothy Day. This event is from 9:00 AM to 12 noon. See www.immaculata.edu/spirituality for details call Sister Mary Henrich IHM for a brochure at 484-323-3434 or email at mhenrich@immaculata.edu.

KOLBE CARE MINISTRY
FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Kolbe Care Ministry

The Kolbe Care ministry offers visits and outreach to the homebound in our parish and relief visits for caregivers of parishioners. This can be a one-time visit or something more regular, a phone call or letter. If you or a family member (within the parish) need or would like a visit, or if you would like to volunteer your time and presence to others, please call Kathy Dobson at 610-357-3866.

"Let us remember that love lives through sacrifice and is nourished by giving."
-St. Maximilian Kolbe

ST. MAX PARISHIONERS ACHIEVE HONOR ROLL

Several St. Max parishioners have been named to the honor roll at local area schools.
We congratulate them all on their academic achievements.

Villa Maria Academy High School

Distinguished Honors

Maura Levine

First Honors

Caroline Antell, Alexa Turco, Nicole Czyzewski, Gillian Perrotta, Julia Fratamico, Megan Gibbons, Faith Iacone, Samantha Spaziani, Isabella O'Rourke, Anna Levine, Mary Kate Miller

Second Honors

Ryan O'Rourke, Alexandra Lewis, Abigail Irvine, Kaitlyn Scaggs, Alexandra Lewis, Haley Croft

Malvern Preparatory School

Distinguished Honors

Peter Kern, Benjamin Mankowski, Max McCool. Steven O'Meara, Luke DiGiacobbe, Jake Hornibrook, Stephen Fratamico, Keith Carra, J. Andrew Monteith, Rayce McCool, Victor Bucci, Joseph Bucci

First Honors

Brendan Devine, Daniel Garrity, Michael Hennigan, Connor Reagan, Cristian Galilea, Jonathan Mankowski, John Dewey, Aidan Gallagher, Joseph Lister, Dylan Regan

Archbishop Carroll High School

Gracie E.Magrone-Stahly, ***Second Honors***

Archmere Academy

Summa Cum Laude

Joseph DiGregorio, Anna Martino, Matthew DiGregorio, Babriella Gildea

Magna Cum Laude

James Pinto, Zoe Menezes

Academy of Notre Dame de Namur

Distinguished Honors

Emily Marie Kinka, Madeline Frances O'Meara, Meghan Frances O'Meara, Samantha Elizabeth Smoot

Honors

Anna Katherine Dewey, Rylee Eve Kinka, Grace Reber

Padua Academy

Kristen Geary, High Honors
Grace Casey, Honors

St. Joseph's Preparatory School

Brett T. McHugh, Second Honors

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
DEVOTION AT
ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE
SUNDAY, APRIL 8
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.

DON'T COME EMPTY HANDED

This month Families in Action will be collecting diapers for the Healthy Babies Program at the St Agnes Day Room. Unopened packages of diapers in any size can be left in the RED Families in Action bin located inside the door of the church when you come to mass. For more information, please contact Lisa Bice at LisaBice@verizon.net

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Local school-aged children are in need of beds. Do you have any new or gently used twin mattresses, with or without box springs, toddler beds, twin beds or bunk beds to share? Transportation can be provided. For more information, please contact Lisa Bice at 610-659-0825.

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We are hoping to once more collect 100 hams, to be distributed through the St Agnes Day Room. These will help provide an Easter dinner to families facing health, economic or other hardships.

Hams can be purchased at the Shop Rite on West Chester Pike February 26-March 26. Shop Rite has generously offered to store them until distribution day. Please notify your cashier upon check-out that the hams are a donation, and they will marked with an identifying sticker. Shop Rite Gift Cards, or donations towards the purchase of a ham, can be mailed to: Lisa Bice 132 Leadline Lane, West Chester, PA 19382 or can be accepted through this website. Thank you for your generosity in participating in this multi-parish act of love and service.

IHM MATH CONTEST FINALISTS

Congratulations to Raphael Coronel, Michael Geary, Justin Yanocha (7th grade finalists) and Joseph Fielding (8th grade finalist), who were named finalists in the IHM Math Contest. The competition is considered to be one of the most rigorous and prestigious math exams in the country. It evaluates students' understanding of complex mathematics concepts. It is sponsored by the Sister, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, a religious community serving primarily in education ministry. Testing took place in Mrs. Sabatino's Honors Math classes in February, with the final testing to be in April. There were 775 participants in the 7th grade and 996 in the 8th grade. Only 38 schools in the country have student finalists in both grades and St. Max is one of those schools.

Come pray as a volunteer for the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at the

VIGIL for LIFE

Saturday, April 7, 2018
8:00 a.m. Mass

Saint Agnes Church
231 West Gay Street,
West Chester
followed by
Rosary Pilgrimage to
Planned Parenthood
8 South Wayne Street
West Chester

Baptisms

We welcome the newest members of St. Maximilian Kolbe who were recently baptized. May God bless them and their families.

William Joseph McColgan
Fay Luise Murphy
Jackson Mattahew Phillips
Hope Alice Riccio

A trip to Nashville in April
and
A Cruise on the Queen Mary ll in September

For detailed information contact Jack Howley at howjak@verizon.net or call 610-459-4511

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YOUNG ADULTS
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

As we journey through Holy Week, please come and experience the beautiful Stations of the Cross trails at the Malvern Retreat House as we hold a candlelit procession to prayerfully reflection on the Passion of our Lord. We'll be meeting this Wednesday , March 28, in the Memorial Hall Dining Room at the Retreat House beginning at 7:15 PM and will begin our procession shortly after 7:30pm. Remember to dress accordingly as we will be outside. We look forward to seeing you. For more info, check us out on Facebook or at www.cyacc.org.

EDGE®
Catholic Middle School Ministry

All students in grades 7-9 are welcome & wanted at our Edge Youth group! Bring a friend for fun, faith & fellowship. Meetings are Sunday evenings, 6:30 -8:00 PM in the Rectory Maximilian Room. If you would like to learn more, please contact Lisa Lister at Llister@listerarch.com, or Katie Sullivan at rkjaa@verizon.net for further information.

March 25th
April 8th and 22nd
May 6th and 20th

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9:30am Depart St. Maximillian Kolbe Church **11:15am** Arrive at Caesars Casino. **Trip Package Includes: Lunch Buffet, $25 Slot Play and Show** **3:30pm** Show Begins @Circus Maximus **5:15pm** Depart Atlantic City **7:00pm (approx.)** Return to St. Max

$121.00/PP Based on Minimum of 25 Participants or Trip may be cancelled.
Cut-off Date 5/1/2018

For Information, contact Jack Howley email: howjak@verizon.net **Home:** 610-459-5511

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MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK OF
MARCH 25, 2018

MONDAY 8:00 AM Dcn. Lawrence Brandon

TUESDAY 8:00 AM Joseph & Elizabeth Stepsus

WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM Catherine Bannan

THURSDAY NO MORNING MASS;
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:00 PM

FRIDAY NO MASS; MORNING PRAYER 8:00 AM
LITURGY OF THE WORD/VENERATION OF THE CROSS/HOLY COMMUNION 3:00 PM

SATURDAY No Mass; Morning Prayer 9AM
Easter Vigil Mass 7:00 PM

CHURCH COLLECTION

MARCH 18
$22,381.50

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Jesus knew the price of sins was death. He knew the source of sins was you, and since He couldn't bear to spend eternity without you, He chose the nails.

Prayer—Fasting—Almsgiving

Consider Altar Flowers as a way to remember your dearly departed. Please place a donation of $40, the date, the name of your loved one, your name and phone number in an envelope in the collection basket or drop by the rectory. The names will be published in the parish bulletin. Any questions please call the rectory at 610-399-6936.

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

Kevin Ansley, Laura Arena, Marsha Ashton, William Beachy, Ashlyn Brown, James Burke, Sr., Maryann Corrigan, Nicky DeAngelo, James Dudrick, Carmella DiGregorio, Louis DiGregorio, Frank Donato, David Doty, Denise Doyle, Hayden Elliot, Bobby Favocci, Angelina Fiorito, Patricia Foster, Isabel Francolini, Ed Gleason, Paula Gowan, Patricia Greist, Ron Hauser, Edmund Hayes, Marie Herrschaft, Laurie Hissey, Ray Holback, Baby Aubrey Horn, Gary Hunter, Lewis Ianni, Judy Ikena, Sondra Kelly-Richmond, Martha Kerr, Lynn Lanciano, F. Edmund Lynch, Jack McAdams, Alexi McAlonan, Eleanor McGowan, John McGowan, Kathleen McGrory, Bobbi McLaughlin, Jeff Melasecca, Gene Melcher, Amy Miller, Christiane Miller, Kayleigh Moran, Alexandra Morin, Ethan Mullin, Paul Nappi, Marie O'Connor, James Palo, Chan Prathanaluangxay, Phyllis Rieger, Craig Riddell, Edward Robbins, Joseph Robbins, Marlene Roberts, Drew Robertson, Helen Rochford, Mary Rossi, Wendy Schmidt, Joseph Schneberger, Anne Marie Swans, Janice Thompson, Karen Tipka, Bill Verona, Marian Vickers, Dana Vink, James Wilson.

St Max Haiti Mission Update

March 2018

The St. Max Church Haiti Mission supports Notre Dame Parish High School (NDHS), located in the town of Layaye, population 1,000, in the central highlands of Haiti. NDHS was forced to close grades 10, 11 and 12 three years ago due to a lack of funding. Thanks to your generous support, St. Max has donated over $39,000 since May of 2016 that allowed for the reopening of 10th and 11th grades.

To open 12th grade, NDHS will require the most basic of community heath improvements. Open defecation is the norm in Haiti, and it perpetuates a vicious cycle of disease and poverty. As such, we can easily understand that the school needs sanitary improvements to provide a heathy learning environment. Those most basic needs are:

TOILETS – NDHS has one toilet but no running water. To use the toilet, the students must go outside to hand pump a bucket of water from a contaminated well, carry it inside and dump it into the toilet after use.

SEPTIC FIELD – The flush then travels through a single pipe out to the surface of the field below. A septic field is needed to safely dispose of the human waste underground.

CLEAN DRINKING WATER – All water for drinking is boiled or bottled. We hope to assist in drilling a deeper well or purifying the hand pump well water to be clean enough for safe drinking.

INTERIOR WALLS – Above is a picture of a classroom inside of NDHS. The blue curtains that separate the classrooms along with the concrete floors, ceilings and walls, make for poor acoustics. Walls are needed to improve the learning environment.

ST. MAX TO HAITI CONNECTIONS

Notre Dame Parish Pastor, Fr. Camy, receives a Vestment from St. Max Parishioner in Honor and Remembrance of Deacon Larry Brandon

ST. MAX TO HAITI CONNECTIONS (cont.)

Notre Dame High School Graduate, Elisson Adrien, who has visited St. Max on several occasions and helped in the St. Max Good Friday Cleanup last year, has graduated from Elon University and is now in medical school in Port Au Prince. Elisson plans to practice medicine back in his home town of Layaye, their first resident physician!

St. Max Parishioner, John McGreevy, who introduced Elisson to St Max and Elon, is now in Haiti studying the country's vulnerability to natural disasters as part of his PhD research for the University of Georgia. John and Elisson were able to meet in February and plan to visit Layaye together soon. You can follow John's yearlong research at www.mcgreevyhaiti.com.

St. Max Parishioner, Andrew Pinto, won the grand prize in a competition at Archmere Academy and gave his winnings to the St. Max Haiti fund. Thanks, Andrew!

HOW TO HELP OUR ST. MAX HAITI MISSION

DONATE – A donation box for your contributions stands in the narthex of our church.

SPONSOR A NDHS STUDENT - It costs just $35 per month to sponsor a student at NDHS. This pays for their teachers' salaries and their school supplies. This is a great opportunity to make an impact, on their family and yours. Simply set up a recurring payment with your bank to St. Max Church, 15 E. Pleasant Grove Road, West Chester, PA 19382 with "Haiti Mission" in the check memo.

SPONSOR A NDHS PROJECT – A significant opportunity exists to manage the fundraising for any of the health improvement projects above.

HOST A HAITI NIGHT AT YOUR HOME – Host a gathering of family, friends and neighbors. If you wish, your St. Max Haiti Mission Committee will have a spokesman who has been to Layaye, Haiti to share experiences, needs and methods.

MANAGE A CLOTHING AND SHOE DRIVE – For anything to get to NDHS from St. Max, it either needs to be personally carried by someone from here to there or be sent by a shipping container. There is an opportunity to organize and manage a clothes/shoe/boot/eyewear drive and get it to the shipping container.

TRAVEL TO HAITI – In May, several members of our committee are traveling to Haiti to better assess the means, methods and funds needed to complete the planned projects. In addition, we plan to meet with the Director of Education for Diocese of Hinche to clarify expectations and coordinate efforts. To improve and sustain our groups efforts, we need travelers. We promise it will be a rewarding, humbling and unforgettable experience. You will return home awestruck!

If you are interested in helping St Max Haiti Mission in any way, please call the Rectory or Bob McGreevy 610-202-7587.

KID'S KORNER

Cycle B

Gospel Today

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | Mark 14:1—15:47

In Jesus' last days, He was scented with perfume, blessed the bread of the First Eucharist, was arrested and denied, suffered and died.

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- INGREDIENTS -

EASTER BREAD (6 single servings)

- 1 cup milk *(scalded)*, 1/3 cup butter *(melted in milk)* — small bowl
- 1/4 cup warm water, 1 package yeast, 1 tsp. sugar — small bowl
- 2 eggs beaten, 1/2 cup sugar, pinch salt — small bowl
- Let all ingredients sit about 15 minutes, add to flour - mix well; 3 3/4 cups flour — large bowl

- DIRECTIONS -

Knead on floured surface, 10 minutes *(add more flour if needed)*. Rub dough ball with vegetable oil & place in oiled bowl. Cover and put in warm place to rise, 1 hour or double in size. Punch dough and cut into 6 equal parts (do not flour surface). Roll each piece into a strip about 15-18" long, place raw, colored egg* in center, bring ends together and twist. Place on flat baking tray. Brush with egg white and dust with colored sprinkles or sugar. Cover and let rise, bake at 350° 20-25 minutes until golden brown.

**Colored eggs - use food coloring dye to color 6 raw in-the-shell eggs. 1 cup warm water, 1 tbsp. white vinegar, 5-6 drops food color. Egg will cook while bread bakes.*

GETTING READY FOR EASTER...

It is a tradition to wear something **NEW** next week for Easter. New shoelaces, hairclips, socks, tie, a new "Easter bonnet" or new clothes reminds us of our new lives in Christ, through the resurrection.

The egg in our Easter bread is also a symbol of our new life!

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