

Saint Maximilian Kolbe Church

December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent



REJOICE

in the Lord always

PHILLIPPIANS 4:4

*I shall say it again: Rejoice!
Your kindness shall be known to all.
The Lord is near.*

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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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION EVERY TUESDAY

Adoration begins
 at 8:30AM
 after Daily Mass

Benediction will be at 7:00PM,
 including the Miraculous Medal
 Novena.

Come spend some quiet time
 with Jesus.



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.

ANOIDING 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 9:00 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

Advent Penance Service



Monday, December 17 at 7:00PM
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated with prayer, music, reflection and praise for God's mercy. Several priests will be available.

ADVENT WEEK 3 REFLECTION



A common image in any Christmas scene is that of the shepherd. Many of us grew up watching *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, and we fondly recall Linus quoting the Gospel of Luke and the shepherds hearing of the birth of the Christ. Do we really ever think of shepherds other than in this setting?

Maybe, if we ever do think of shepherds, we might think their job is pretty boring. But consider how attentive shepherds need to be; always keeping watch, always ready to act at a moments notice should anything threaten their flock. Any complacency or distractions for a shepherd could result in harm coming to the sheep entrusted to them.

We can be easily distracted and 'stressed out' this time of year as Christmas approaches. We may even find ourselves filled with anxiety and worry. But this is no time for that; like the shepherds guarding their sheep this is a time to be particularly *attentive and watchful*, for the Lord is in our midst!

We call this Third Sunday of Advent 'Gaudete Sunday', a day of rejoicing, because God is with us! It is never too late to turn to God, to be freed of fear and filled with rejoicing. Let us take to heart the good news preached by John the Baptist. Let us reform our lives and our society, joyfully recognizing that the Lord is near.

- Adapted from *Living Liturgy*



DON'T COME EMPTY HANDED!

Thank you to the many parishioners of the St. Maximilian Kolbe community who faithfully bring gifts of non-food

items to be shared with our neighbors in need. Weekly donations from Mass participants can be left in the red bin marked "Families in Action" inside the front door of the church. **For the month of December, we are collecting: men's wool caps and gloves/handwarmers.**

For more information and updated opportunities to help, please visit the ***Families in Action*** page on Facebook or contact Lisa Bice at LisaBice@verizon.net

ROSARIES FOR AFRICA

The Youth Group will be collecting unused rosaries for the Rosary Project for Africa starting the weekend of December 1.

We will have a box in the church vestibule where you may contribute your unused and extra rosaries.

The Rosary Project for Africa donates rosaries for the Catholic missions in countries throughout the African continent.

Mr. Kintu, the founder of the project shared the story of a woman that had requested several thousand rosaries. Upon distributing them to the parishes the Catholics there began passing them out on the street to anyone walking by. The pastors of the parishes reported that in a short time they were inundated with requests for baptisms, instruction in the faith, and for entry into the Church from vast numbers of non-Catholics that had never previously evangelized.

Since the Rosary Project for Africa began, more than 100,000 rosaries have been distributed, and success stories like the one above continue as more Africans commit to praying the rosary. Thank you for sharing the beauty of the Rosary with Africa!

The Bible and the Virgin Mary
Tuesday Mornings
January 8, 2019
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM in the
Maximilian Room.



This Spring we will be studying **The Bible and The Virgin Mary**. "This is an awe inspiring twelve parts series in which the Mary of Doctrine and Devotion comes alive in a powerful new way." The Bible and Mary is part of St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology's Journey Through Scripture Series. Register in the Rectory Office; program cost is \$25. Deadline for registration is December 28, 2018. For more information, contact the rectory or Judy Armour at: 610-793-2596 or judyarmour23@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES
PARENTS' MEETING

The Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) will be holding a Confirmation Meeting for **parents** on

Tuesday evening, January 8, 2019.
5:00 & 6:45 pm (you need only to attend 1)
In the Multi –purpose Rm in the school

This meeting is for all **parents** of sixth grade St. Max School and PREP as well as parents of students attending other private schools who will be receiving their Confirmation at St. Max. Private school parents are also asked to call the PREP office at 610-399-9642 to add your child to the list of Confirmation candidates.



Monday Evening Bible Study:
Monday, January 7th
7:00 pm
Kolbe Room

"David the King" by Bishop Robert Barron and Word on Fire.

This program looks at the emergence of the King "par excellence," Jesus through the emergence of King David, the definitive king who would restore order to God's Kingdom to the Lordship of God after the fall of Adam. In "David the King," Bishop Barron helps us to understand this pivotal figure in light of Adam and Jesus, the King of Kings. This program is a 7-week program and meets on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 in the Kolbe Room in the church. The cost of the program is \$26 which covers the cost of the workbook. (The cost of the workbook is presently discounted on the internet; if we can get the workbook at a lower price when we order, we will refund the difference.) If you would like to join our class, please bring a check of \$26 to the rectory by December 22nd. If you have any questions, please call Joe Pizzino at 484- 883- 8985.



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All Giving Tree gifts have been delivered to our local charities and accepted with gracious smiles. Thank you to all for your overwhelming generosity in this beautiful season of giving. May the Christ Child bless you and your families for this kindness done in His name for families in need.



St. Max Christmas Show – All Welcome

Wed. Dec. 19, 7:00pm

St. Max School will perform its annual

Christmas Show

Wednesday, December 19 in the gym.

The show consists of an original play “The Christmas Turkey?” acted out by the 8th grade with grades 1 through 7 performing songs throughout the play. Lively music and fun costumes keep the show moving while the audience discovers what Christmas is all about. There is no charge for admission, as it is our way of inviting all to share in the joy of Christmas. This performance runs about an hour, culminating with all singing carols.

We hope to see you there.

St. Max Youth Group

Please join the St. Max Youth Group for fun, fellowship, and faith! All meetings are on Sunday evenings from 6:30—8:00 p.m. in the Rectory basement (Maximilian Room). All students in grades 8-10 are welcome and wanted!

12/16—Family Christmas party, caroling, and an introduction to Catholic Alpha for teens.

Questions? Contact Lisa at llister@listerarch.com

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2018

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, December 17 at 7:00PM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated with prayer, music, reflection and praise for God’s mercy.

Several priests will be available.

Saturday Confessions

December 22 at 8:30 a.m.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Christmas Eve Monday, December 24

4:00PM, 6:00PM and 8:00PM in the **Church**

4:00PM and 5:30PM in the **Gym**

Christmas Day Tuesday, December 25

8:00AM, 10:00AM and 12 Noon

Confessions

Saturday, December 29th **8:30 AM**

**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God**

New Year’s Eve, Monday, Dec 31st

Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Mass 9:00 & 10:30 AM

***A holy day of obligation
this year***

THE KOLBE CLUB presents:

THE PHILLY POPS

"POPS ROCKS: THE 80'S"

Performing at Verizon Hall, Kimmel Center for Performing Arts

Stuart Chafetz, Conductor, featuring Nicole Parker & Aaron Finley, Vocalists

When Stuart Chafetz conducted his "Riffer Madness" last season, the standing ovation audience wanted much more of the huge, new rock 'n' roll band that he had just created with The Philly POPS. He's back with his cover of the '80s — the decade that saw an explosion of new music and the advent of MTV. Featuring music by Michael Jackson, George Michael, Huey Lewis & The News, Blondie, and Cyndi Lauper the set list includes Cher's "If I Could Turn Back Time" and this program does just that. "Wake Me Up Before You Go", a spectacular King of POP medley, "Call Me", and "True Colors" are sure to leave us all "Addicted to Love!" Singer, TV star, and comedian Nicole Parker of Wicked joins Broadway's Aaron Finley as featured vocalists



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019

Daytrip Itinerary:

- 11:00am** Depart St. Maximillian Kolbe Church via deluxe Motorcoach
- 12:00pm** Enjoy a delicious plated **Lunch** this afternoon at **Popi's Italian Ristorante**
- 2:30pm** Arrive at the **Kimmel Center**. Take your **Center Orchestra Seat**
- 3:00pm** Show begins . . . Enjoy!
- 5:30pm** Depart Kimmel Center
- 6:30pm** (Approx.) Return home



\$174.00 per person

Price is Based on a Minimum of 30 Passengers by **Cut-off date, Jan. 2, 2019**

For Information, contact Denise Pizzino 610-331-9896 deepizzino@icloud.com or
howjak@verizon.net Home: 610-459-5511

Payment is due by January 2, 2019.

Earlier reservations are appreciated to confirm seats and payment with Kimmel Center.

Contact us for reservations after this date on a space-available basis.

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Entrée Choices: (please select your entree)

- ☐ **Chicken Parmigiana** (breaded chicken cutlet topped with mozzarella cheese + Marinara Sauce)
- ☐ **Eggplant Rollantine** (vegetarian entrée)
- ☐ **Grilled Salmon** (Atlantic Salmon served with a lemon caper sauce)

Entrees served with: Spring Greens Salad, Penne Marinara, rolls + butter, chef's choice of vegetables, Soft Drinks, Coffee, Tea and
Dessert - **Cash Bar Available**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

This year for the Called by Name program, parishes across the Archdiocese nominated men to consider the priesthood. We invite you to bring friends and family and join us for a Holy Hour for Vocations to be held at **7:00PM on Friday, January 4, 2019**. The Holy Hour will be at **SS. Peter & Paul, 1325 Boot Rd., West Chester, PA 19380**. For more information, visit heedthecall.org/holyhour.

Let us unite before the Blessed Sacrament and pray for fortitude, discernment, and attention to God's call for those men in seminary and those discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

"The love of God and neighbor, the greatest commandment, is expressed in, and the fruit of, Eucharistic worship." – Pope St. John Paul II

CARDINAL FOLEY LECTURE

Speaker: Kim Daniels

January 28, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Kim Daniels, associate director of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life, will be speaking at **St. Charles Borromeo Seminary at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 28, 2019**.

She has been a lead advisor to the US Bishops and Catholic organizations on issues where **Church teachings** intersect with public life, including **immigration, human life and dignity, religious liberty, and care for creation**. She will be speaking on the topic **"From Anger to Renewal: Communications and the Crisis in the Church."**

All are welcome to the event, though an RSVP is requested.

Attention: Bulletin items for both December 23 & 30 need to be received in the rectory before Monday, December 17, 2018

No Greater Gift. No Greater Love. *An Advent Event with* *Father James Blount*

Tuesday, December 18
St. Patrick Church | Malvern
Beginning with Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Hope. Healing. Peace.

Jesus, our newborn King, is the most perfect gift our loving Father could give to His beloved children. This Advent, we anticipate the gifts of hope, healing, and peace that can only come from Jesus.

Father James Blount, SOLT, will help us explore how we can experience these gifts in our times and realize the promise of joy that awaits us in the gift of our Savior's birth.

The Mass will be followed by a presentation from Fr. Blount, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and a Healing Service.



CYACC - Cookie Party

Join CYACC -
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Adults
on Wednesday, December
19, at 7:30pm at St.
Agnes for a Cookie Party!



Feel free to make, bake or buy your own cookies for all to share. Join us for some Christmas themed games and socializing. This will be our last event of 2018, You won't want to miss it!

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information check www.cyacc.org or find us
in Facebook / email us at cyacc1@gmail.com



The Jesse Tree dates back to the middle ages where an Advent “tree” was decorated with various symbols (ornaments) to remind people of the history of God’s promises and actions of fulfillment from Creation to the Birth of Jesus Christ. Throughout the course of the season it teaches us the stories of God’s people and the words of His prophets to celebrate God’s faithfulness across 4,000 years that gave everyone living in the 2,000 years afterward the gifts of salvation, eternal life, the church and the Sacraments.

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-6

The RED ROSE symbolizes the PROPHETS. The prophets had great love and respect for God and were God’s messengers to the Israelite people. God used their words to share the promise of a coming Savior and encourage the people to be faithful during the long, long wait for Jesus to arrive! God promises to never leave us alone without His encouragement and guidance and has given us spiritual leaders and the Holy Spirit to encourage and guide us.

Scripture: 1 Kings 18:17-24, 36-39

ELIJAH’s STONE ALTAR WITH FIRE. The people of Israel began to worship a false god named Baal. Elijah challenged the Baal priests to prove who had more power: God or Baal. Both prepared sacrifices, but only God answered prayer and sent fire to burn up the sacrifice. Elijah reminded God’s people through mighty miracles like this one that God is the one true God, He hears their prayers and will keep His promises.

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-9

The WOLF AND LAMB symbolizes PEACE. Isaiah gives us a promise from God that there will come a day when the world will change and violence will be no more. He wrote “the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb” meaning that all creation will live together in peace (people and animals alike).

Scripture: Jonah 1:11-15; 2:1; 3:1-3

The WHALE is for JONAH. God asked Jonah to give the people in Nineveh a message; but Jonah didn’t obey, instead he tried to run away from God by taking a boat to another city. When a great storm started and the boat was going to sink, Jonah knew God was showing his anger and he asked the sailors to throw him off the ship so they would be saved. God also saved Jonah by sending a huge fish to take him to Nineveh. On the way God reminded Jonah to always follow God. Jonah realized he couldn’t hide from God, and obediently shared God’s message with the people in Nineveh, leading them to faith in God. God promises to love the WHOLE world and uses those who know him already to share the great gospel of salvation.

Scripture: Esther 4 8:3-8

The SCEPTER is for ESTHER. Esther was a wife of the Persian king. He did not know that she was a Jew when He announced that all Jews would be killed. Esther knew anyone going to the king without being called could be put to death, unless the king extends his golden scepter to permit them to speak. She also knew God is powerful and answers prayer, so she asked all the Israelites to pray with her for courage. After praying, Esther bravely went to the king, and when he stretched forth the golden scepter to Esther she knew her prayers were answered and by her request the Jews were saved.

Scripture: Daniel 6

The LION is for DANIEL. The Assyrian king made a law that said people had to bow and worship only the king. Daniel knew that he would only worship the one true God and continued to pray every day. When he was caught praying to God and not the king, Daniel was sent to the lion’s den to be eaten. The next morning he was still alive – God saved him! King Darius realized that Daniel’s God was real and powerful and changed the law so all people could worship the one true God.

Scripture: Habakkuk

The WATCHTOWER signifies HABAKKUK. The prophet, Habakkuk, complains to God saying, ‘I cry for help but you do not listen!’ (Habakkuk 1:2). He vows to stand guard at the watchtower until God answers. God does answer by sending a vision and asking Habakkuk to write it down so everyone could remember it. God spoke of the promised King, soon to come, who would be the Savior of the world. Sometimes God’s answer is to be patient and wait for God’s right time to keep His promises.



**MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK OF
DECEMBER 16, 2018**

<u>MONDAY</u> 8:00 AM	Ken Gincley Jr.
<u>TUESDAY</u> 8:00 AM	Walter Klecko
<u>WEDNESDAY</u> 8:00 AM	Eleanor DeMarco
<u>THURSDAY</u> 8:00 AM	Gwen C. DiNicola
<u>FRIDAY</u> 8:00 AM	James O'Neil Sr.
<u>SATURDAY</u> 8:00 AM	Carol McCabe



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December 9, 2018

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*Giving is more than a responsibility. It
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William Arthur Ward



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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, Marsha Ashton, William Beachy, Ashlyn Brown, James Burke, Sr., Christine Cavaliere, Maryann Corrigan, Nicky DeAngelo, James Dudrick, Louis DiGregorio, Frank Donato, David Doty, Denise Doyle, Matthew Dwyer, Hayden Elliot, Angelina Fiorito, Patricia Foster, Isabel Francolini, Ed Gleason, Paula Gowan, Patricia Greist, Ron Hauser, Edmund Hayes, Marie Herrschaft, Laurie Hissey, Ray Holback, Gary Hunter, Judy Ikena, Martha Kerr, Lynn Lanciano, F. Edmund Lynch, Alexi McAlonan, Eleanor McGowan, John McGowan, Kathleen McGrory, Bobbi McLaughlin, Jeff Melasecca, Gene Melcher, Amy Miller, Christiane Miller, Kayleigh Moran, Alexandra Morin, Ethan Mullin, Marie O'Connor, James Palo, Chan Prathanaluangxay, 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, Dana Vink, James Wilson.

< KID'S KORNER >

Gospel Today

Third Sunday of Advent | Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist was a powerful teacher, and led many to be baptized. When questioned if he were The Messiah, he answered, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of His sandals. He will baptize you with The Holy Spirit and Fire." *Luke 3:16*

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WEEK 3, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Mother lights the first & second purple and the rose/pink candle.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

— GAUDETE SUNDAY —



--- COLOR & CUT ON DOTTED LINES ---

COLOR PINK

FOLD

COLOR GREEN

CUT BASE

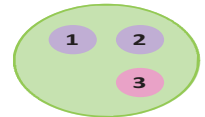
ROLL & OVERLAP
EDGES & GLUE OR
TAPE TOGETHER

OVERLAP WITH
OPPOSITE SIDE



This is what the
finished candle
should look like

WEEK 3 Cut, color and fold our third advent candle - tape or glue this pink candle to the 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that was used for the first two candles. Place as shown on the diagram at right.



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