SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 17, 2019 | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS TIMES

Daily Mass in Chapel Mon-Sat:8:00a

Sat:4:00p Vigil Sun:7:30a | 9:00a | 10:30a

CONFESSIONS

Sat:8:30a-9:30a or by appointment

ADORATION

Tues: 8:30a-7:00p Followed by Benediction

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HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION-MASS TIMES

VIGIL: 5:30 PM 9:00 AM, 7:00 PM

BAPTISMS – Every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11:30 AM. 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 11:30AM. 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.

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 the rectory .

NEW PARISHIONERS – Register at the Rectory at your earliest convenience or go to <u>www.stmax.org</u>. Please notify the Rectory of any change of address as soon as possible.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 8:30AM-5:00PM Friday 8:30AM-4:00PM Sunday 9:00AM -11:00AM



Michael and Victoria Raith

THE GOSPEL Luke 21:5-19 + It will lead to your giving testimony.

Lord, in fall the maple trees give witness to you, and geese fly a perfect V.

And how do we ourselves testify?

At the end of the day let the work of our hands speak always of you.

Whether we work, eat, play, talk or take time with one another,
let these whisper of life's fullness and of your goodness.

When we love one another, let the world know
you are here in our midst loving us first.

When our days are done, let our
whole life, all that has been,

be witness to your

name.

Anne Osdieck

Have you considered making Your IRA Required Minimum Distribution to St. Maximilian Kolbe Church?

If you are over the age of 70½ and have a traditional IRA and / or a Roth IRA, your required minimum distribution can be directed to St. Maximilian Kolbe Church as a "qualifying charitable distribution". The requirements include the following:

- · The charitable distribution must be from a traditional IRA or a Roth IRA;
- · The charitable distribution must be direct from the IRA trustee to St. Maximilian Kolbe Church; and
- The charitable distribution must be on or after you have reached the age of 70½. The maximum annual exclusion for qualified charitable distributions is \$100,000.

For those of you who are eligible to make a charitable qualifying distribution, please consider making a portion or all of your required minimum distribution to St. Maximilian Kolbe Church.

To all of our parishioners thank you for your support and generosity to the Church!



LADIES SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

You are invited to meet with a friendly group of women for lively discussion of spiritual books. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 21, at 10:00 AM, in the Kolbe Room, in the Church bldg.

We will discuss *Everyday Epiphanies* - *Rediscovering the Sacred in Everything* by Melannie Svoboda, SND.

For more information contact Sue Mauriello at 610-296-8062.

ANNUAL CENSUS STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN BLOCK COLLECTION



Thank you to all who have contributed to our annual block collection.

To date we have received \$72,330 for the block collection from 313 contributors.

If you have not sent in your Stewardship Collection contribution, we most sincerely ask you to please consider doing so. This collection has a significant impact on the parish's annual operational budget.

Again, thank you!

White Elephant Drop Off



Saturday & Sunday November 23rd and 24th **ONLY** After All Masses

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We accept new or gently used items. Please
no furniture ,bikes or large items.
Questions of acceptable items contact
Susan Krause
smk1041@comcast.net

Email: <u>akcstmax@gmail.com</u> for additional information

AKC Manpower 2019 AKC Snowflake Cafe 2019 Upscale Bake Sale 2019



St. Max Parish is once again sponsoring The Giving Tree project. The tree of gift request tags will be in the church narthex the weekends of November 23-24, November 30, December 1 and December 7-8.

We are supporting the following charities:

Aid for Friends
Birthright of West Chester
Chester County Parole Services**
Safe Harbor
St. Agnes Day Room
St. Max Tuition Assistance Program

**Please note that gifts for the Chester County Parole services are to be gift wrapped. Be sure to attach the gift tag when returning gifts.

Any questions about gift tags can be directed to Margaret Ann Kowalski at 610-455-3921.

MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

The regular monthly collection of <u>NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS</u> for the needy of Chester County will take place the weekend the first weekend of each month. Please leave your donations in the bins in the vestibule. Your generous contributions of food are greatly appreciated.

DON'T COME EMPTY-HANDED

We are so very grateful to the parishioners of St. Maximilian Kolbe who faithfully bring donations. Donations can continue to be left in the red bin marked "Families in Action" inside the front door of the church. School and PREP students can continue to bring donations to the "Kids in Action" bin in the Copy Room at the school.

For the month of November we are collecting:



Adult and Baby Lotion



A Kolbe Christmas 2019 Wreath & Poinsettia Sale

16" Mixed Green Wreath: \$15/each or \$25/2 Pre-order price only!

Until Friday, November 30th

Red Poinsettia: \$12/each or \$20/2 Pre-order price only!

(4-5 blooms/plant) until Friday, November 30th

Bows for your wreath: \$3/each or \$5/2

Please print, complete and return the pre-order form with payment (checks payable to St. Max

HSA) to the school office by Friday, November 30th.

A Kolbe Christmas: Wreath & Poinsettia Sale PRE-ORDER FORM

Name	Telephone number	E-Mail	
# Of Poinsettias	@12/each x \$12= OR	sets of 2/\$20 X \$20=	
# Of Wreaths	@15/each x \$15= OR	sets of 2/\$25x \$25=	
# Of Bows	@\$3/each x \$3 = OR	sets of 2/\$5 x \$5=	
Total Enclosed			

Pick up is Saturday, December 7th, between 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM unless prior arrangements have been made.



A Kolbe Christmas Saturday, December 7, 2019 Multipurpose Room Live Entertainment

New This Year "Travel to Bethlehem" Live Nativity Noon – 2:00 PM



Wreath and Poinsettia Pre-sale Ends November 28th

Pictures with Santa

Santa will be on hand for pictures from

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

"Not Available in Stores"

Silent Auction

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Face Painting

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Games in the Gym

9:00 - 2:00

Favorites Back This Year

Crafts for kids, Upscale Bake Sale, Book Baskets, White Elephant, Vendors Kolbe Cafe

Volunteer Opportunities available

AKC Manpower 2019 AKC Snowflake Cafe 2019 Upscale Bake Sale 2019

Come and join the St. Max Community in this family event

Email <u>akcstmax@gmail.com</u> for additional information



Accepting Applications for 2020

St. Max School is now accepting applications for the 2020 - 2021 school year. Tours are currently underway, (with students already registered). We advise that you plan ahead as our PreK and Kindergarten fill up quickly. St. Max School is a caring community with a welcoming, active parent Home and School Association.

St. Max School is a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. We were recently recognized by the Archdiocese as a School of Distinguished Instruction for exceeding academic potential in every grade and every category in the Terra Nova Test. Last year's graduating class was awarded over \$300,000. in high school scholarships. St. Max school is grounded in Faith, with challenging academics infused with STEAM curriculum, and an award winning Fine Arts department.

Our PreK and Kindergarten offer full and half day options. Before and after school CARES is available daily. Our PreK 3 students must be 3 by September 1 and potty trained. For more information and to schedule a tour, call our office at:

610-399-8400

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"Mommy and Me"

Mark your calendars.
The St. Max "Mommy and Me" group will meet
Dec. 13
(invited to the PreK and K Christmas Show)

The meetings start at 9:30 in the multipurpose room, with an activity, story and snack followed by playtime in the gym until 11:00.

RSVPs are helpful but not required.

Ages birth to 5 are welcome with a parent or caregiver.

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For more information contact Denise Pizzino 610-331-9896 or deepizzino@icloud.com



MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17, 2019

MONDAY: Weekday

8:00 AM: Dec'd members of the Burgess & Donohue

Families

TUESDAY: Weekday

8:00 AM: Robert & Patricia Young

WEDNESDAY: Weekday 8:00 AM: Helen Hoyt

THURSDAY: THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY 8:00AM: Amelia "Dolly" Pizzi

FRIDAY: St. Cecilia 8:00 Bob Schweizer

SATURDAY: Weekday 8:00 AM: Conner Whalen

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

Marsha Ashton, William Beachy, Ashlyn Brown, James Burke, Sr., Christine Cavaliere, Maryann Corrigan, Susan Kelly Daudert, Nicky DeAngelo, James Dudrick, Louis DiGregorio, Frank Donato, David Doty, Denise Doyle, Matthew Dwyer, Hayden Elliot, Mike Famigletti Angelina Fiorito, Patricia Foster, Isabel Francolini, Paula Gowan, Patricia Greist, Ron Hauser, Edmund Hayes, Marie Herrschaft, Laurie Hissey, Ray Holback, Gary Hunter, Judy Ikena, Sondra Kelly-Richmond, Martha Kerr, Lynn Lanciano, Ronan Lee, F. Edmund Lynch, Alexi McAlonan. Eleanor McGowan. John McGowan. Amy Kathleen McGrory, Gene Melcher, Christiane Miller, Kayleigh Moran, Alexandra Morin, Ethan Mullin, Marie O'Connor, James Palo, Ed Polgar, Chan Prathanaluangxay, Craig Riddell, Edward Robbins, Joseph Robbins, Marlene Roberts, Drew Robertson, Mary Rossi, William Saccomandi Wendy Schmidt, Joseph Schneberger, Anne Marie Swans, Janice Thompson, Karen Tipka, Bill Verona, Dana Vink, James Wilson.



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of all our faithful departed parishioners and friends.

CHURCH COLLECTION

Sunday Collection November 10, 2019 \$ 19,537.50

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.



MASS CARDS

Mass cards are available for living and deceased loved ones in the rectory during office hours.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary this weekend are in memory of



Dr. James B. Bell 10th Anniversary

ALTAR FLOWERS

Consider Altar Flowers as a way to remember your loved ones. 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.





Gospel Today

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 21:5-19

Jesus says we must persevere - to persist despite obstacles. It is not always easy to follow God's will, but the rewards are wonderful - everlasting happiness in Heaven!

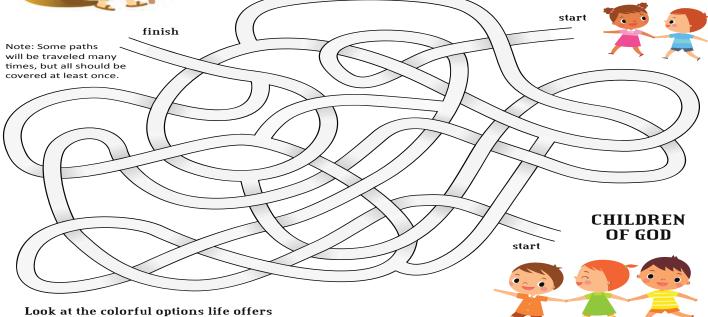


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The image below is like the road of life - different paths crossing over and under (our obstacles) and open intersections offering us new directions. With crayon or marker, choose a direction and follow to the finish. Follow over and under the crossovers, but only change direction at the open intersections.

> Repeat with new colors, as many times as you can find new ways to reach the finish... Heaven.



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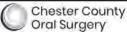
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