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Christmas Day / The Holy Family

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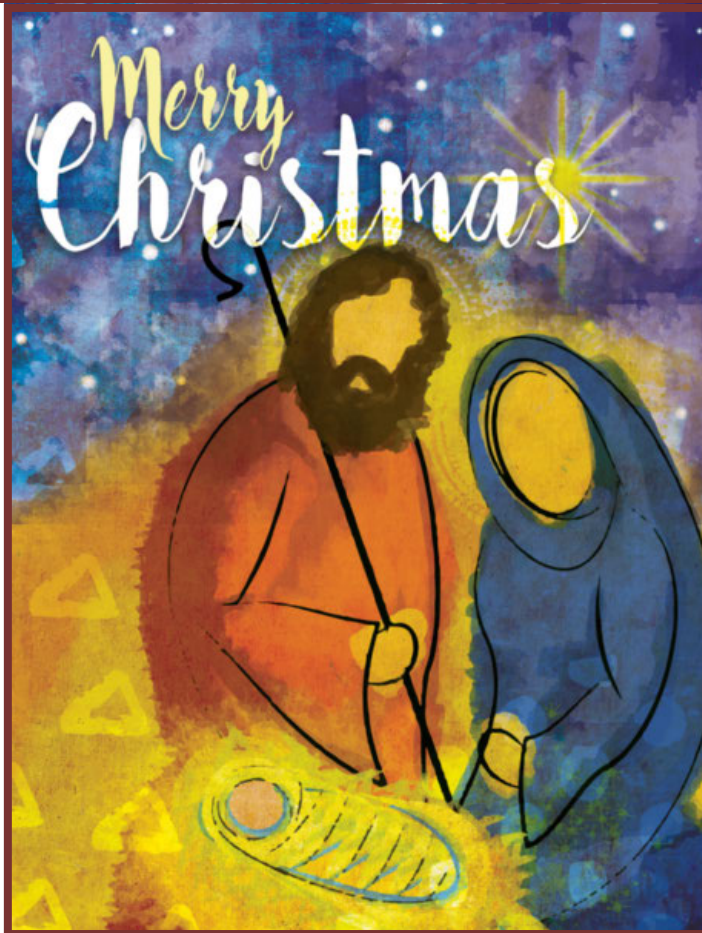
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Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturdays 7:00 p.m.
Sundays 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Tuesdays 5:00 p.m.
Sundays 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 6:15—6:45 p.m.

Parish Office Hours

Wednesday 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. and 3:30—5:30 p.m.
Thursday 3:30—5:30 p.m.

Father's Corner:

Dear Loving Parishioners, Love and Peace of Christ!

I would like to take a moment to wish you a very Merry Christmas!

In the midst of all our current challenges and concerns, the love of God the Father is made manifest to us in the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus. With the angels in Bethlehem, our faith moves us to sing: "Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!" We recognize that true peace on earth flows from our recognition and praise of God in our lives.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isa. 9:1). In the darkness of the Covid-19 pandemic which engulfs us, Christ is our light. It's time for us to pause and see this Light and feel its warmth. As we celebrate Christmas Masses as one God's family, may the light of Christ illumine your ways and fill your homes.

I am so grateful to each and every one of you for how you have served so sacrificially this past year.

I assure you of my special prayers during Christmas Masses and May Christ abide in your hearts always. *May all darkness in your lives be removed by the light of Christ. May your hearts be filled with the Joy of Christ's birth and may you be missionaries of that joy.*

May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace.

May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you now and forever.



Merry Christmas!

Father Peter



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The beautiful Advent and Christmas flowers that adorn our church this season are funded by donations in memory of:

Julian Wierzba

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**Father Dan Farley, Frank Radaszewski
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by Steven & Sharon Kaminski

**Evelyn & Ambrose Pionkowski
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by Karen Turner

Larry Zalewski
by Becky Kalata

New Parishioners

We welcome you to our parish family. If you wish to join our parish, you may register by calling the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 6:15—6:45 p.m.

Marriage Arrangements

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Baptism

Please call the parish office prior to the birth of your child.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call the parish office at 715-824-3380.

Mass Intentions

Please submit Mass Intentions to the parish office.

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, January 1—7:00 p.m.

Reader: Mary
Usher Captain: Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers: Brooke & Mike W

Sunday, January 2—8:30 a.m.

Reader: Max, Scott, or Pat
Usher Captain: Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers: Jo Ann & Volunteer

Sunday, January 2—10:30 a.m.

Reader: Bob
Usher Captain: Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy

This Week's Birthdays

Cody Noth 12/27	Jason Hutkowski 12/30
Gene Peterson 12/27	Steve Helbach 12/31
Carol Rudiger 12/27	Chris Patrykus 12/31
Sophia Ligman 12/28	Cecilia Radaszewski 12/31
Joshua Beder 12/29	Duane Clark 1/1
Margaret Guth 12/29	Sara Rzepka 1/2
Ryan Johnson 12/29	
James Schiek 12/29	



Our CCD Program Needs YOU!

Do you like working with children? The CCD program is looking for occasional help to teach a class if a regular teacher is absent. Lesson plans are already set up. If you are interested or have questions, please email Sharon Christensen at sharon.jc@live.com. Thank you.

St. Martin's Cemetery News

Lot holders and family members of those buried in St. Martin's Cemetery can read the annual report / newsletter on the church website. Thank you!

This Week's Wedding Anniversaries



Gene & Caroline Peterson 12/27
Steven & Judy Turzinski 12/28
Matthew & Vadra Selenske 12/29

PCCW News

Thanks to all who contributed goodies or gave goodwill offerings during last weekend's Christmas Cookie Walk. Over \$530 was collected, which will be contributed to the social hall building fund by the PCCW. Special thanks to Mary Warzynski for her event leadership, and to helpers Greg Decker and Audrey Bembenek.



SOUP TO GO FUNDRAISER

On January 15 & 16 after each of the weekend Masses you can pick up your soup to go. YOU WILL NEED TO PRE-ORDER by January 12 so we can plan appropriately.

A sign up sheet is available in the gathering space or you can place your order by phone or text to Mary 715-340-7217 or Chris at 715-340-7810. We will offer Chicken Noodle, Chicken Dumpling or Beef Vegetable Barley soup. The cost is \$8 per quart and can be paid for at the time of pick up. We could use a few helpers to sign up to help up on Friday evening and Saturday morning to help make the soup. It takes just a few hours and is so much fun. All proceeds will be applied to our fundraiser for the new religious education classrooms and social hall.

St. Max Social Hall Prayer

*Thank you, good Lord, for blessing
our St. Max family over the years.*

We are truly blessed!

*Throughout the entire social hall process
you have been there for us and have
guided us. Through your mercy,
please continue to guide us
and take our project over the finish line.
St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us! Amen.*

The 2021-2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) is underway.



Our goal is set at \$30,880.00. You can give online at <https://diolc.org/donate-online/>, by returning the pledge form you received in the mail, using one on the table in the gathering space, or via the collection box (please identify it as for the annual appeal). Please contact the office at 715-824-3380 with questions.

Thank you to those that have already donated!

We have reached approximately 30% of our goal.

Your DAA funds are not and will not be used for any fees, compensations, or settlements associated with any legal or abuse cases.

SCRIP VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Scrip program is in need of a volunteer who attends the 8:30 am Sunday Mass. It would entail a brief training, and 10-15 minutes of your time after Mass each week.

A backup person is also needed for when the regular volunteer cannot be there. For more info, please contact Terri Hoerter at 715-340-9816.

Thank you letter from First Choice Pregnancy Center for baby cradle gifts

Dear St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish,

Your generosity and heart for the mission that God has set before us, for the sanctity of life, is appreciated. We are so blessed to have you all backing us and appreciate your prayers, financial support, and support in baby items. It truly warms our hearts to know that in these uncertain times there are people like all of you helping us through.

God bless you,

Jen Joling, First Choice Pregnancy Center

Weekly Schedule and Mass Intention Offerings

Saturday, December 25

The Nativity of our Lord

12:00 a.m. MIDNIGHT MASS: + Frank Ebersdorfer
by Jack & Jo Ann Doyle

9:00 a.m. CHRISTMAS DAY MASS: For all the
Souls at St. Martin's Cemetery
by St. Martin's Cemetery Association

7:00 p.m. FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY MASS:
+ John Kalata
by Jack & Lori Zalewski

Sunday, December 26 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:30 a.m. MASS: For the People of St. Max's

10:30 a.m. MASS: + Denise Fisher
by Kathy Somers

6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, December 27 St. John, Apostle & No Mass Evangelist

Tuesday, December 28 The Holy Innocents

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. MASS: + Louie Baumgartner

Wednesday, December 29 St. Thomas Beckett

8:00 a.m. MASS: + Raymond Kluck
by Terry Higgins

6:00 p.m. NO Religious Education
—New Year's break

Thursday, December 30

8:00 a.m. MASS: + Mike Kuplic
by John & Mary Shea

Friday, December 31 St. Sylvester I

7:00 p.m. MOTHER OF GOD VIGIL MASS:
Birthday Blessings for Cecilia Radaszewski
by Stephanie & William Wallace

Saturday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:30 a.m. FEAST OF MOTHER OF GOD MASS:
+ Donald & Dorothy Peskie
by Deb & Jim Toya & family

10:30 A.M. FEAST OF MOTHER OF GOD MASS:
+ Nila Peskie
by Bob & Helen Helbach

6:15—6:45 p.m. Confession

7:00 p.m. FEAST OF EPHIPANY VIGIL MASS:
+ John Kalata, by Friends & family

Sunday, January 2 The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 a.m. MASS: For the People of St. Max's

10:30 a.m. MASS: + Bill & Nedra Christensen
by the Christensen family

6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

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