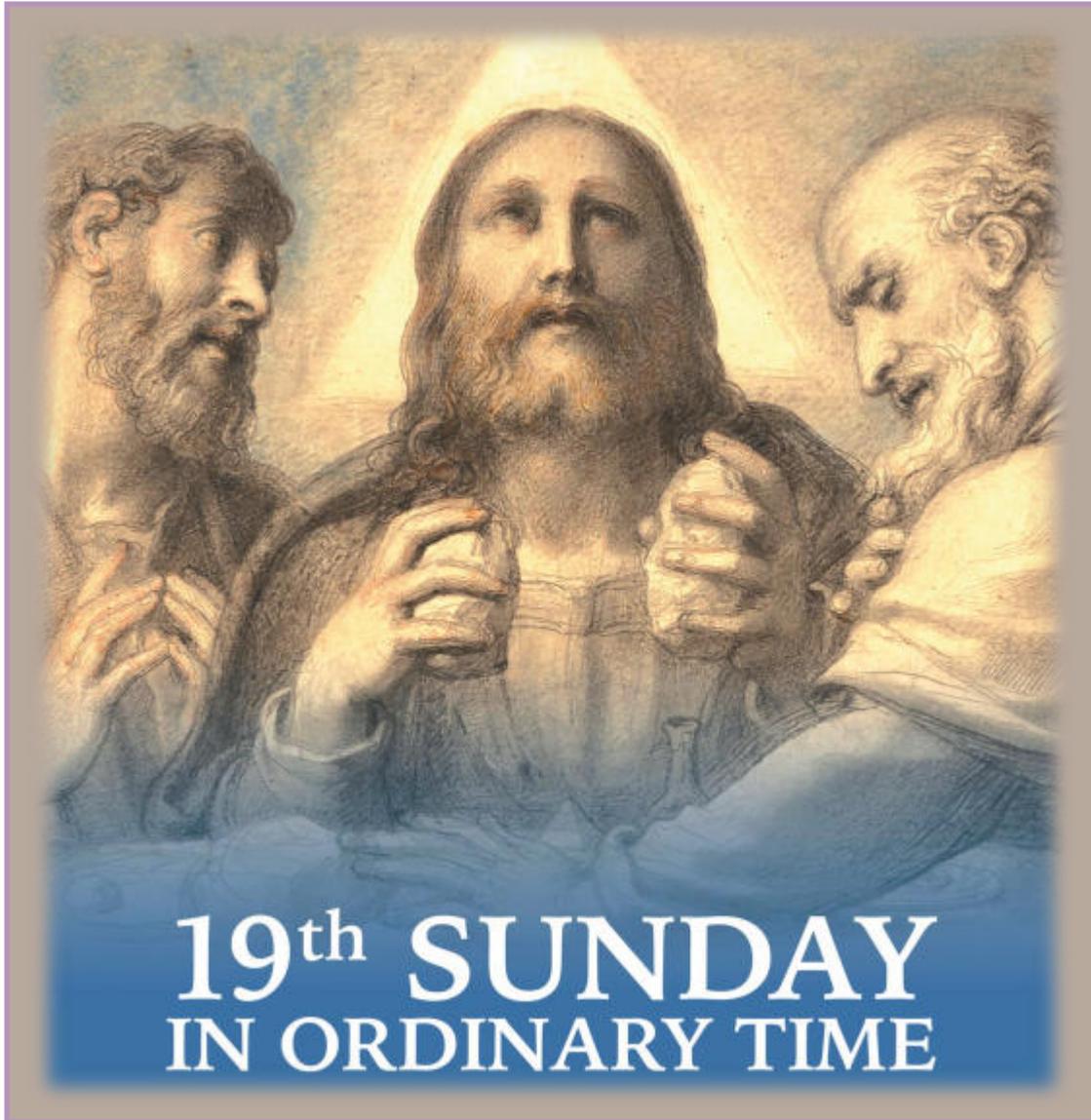


# St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

## Aug 8, 2021



### MISSION STATEMENT

We Worship ~ We Teach ~ We Care

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Mass Schedule:  
Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

**August 8, 2021**  
**19th Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time—Year B**



*“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.”*

~Jn 6:48-50

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God’s story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God’s love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God’s primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have? ©LPI

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## Mass Intentions

Saturday: **Patricia M. Binns**  
by Parents, Bill and Eileen

Sunday 8:30: **Robin Stubanis**  
by Mike and Terry Logan

10:30 **For The Parishioners**

**1 pm Polish Mass: Wladyslaw Chorzepa**  
by The Polish Community

Monday: **Eugene Gartner & Daughter Denise**  
by Joan Gartner

Tuesday: **Peggy Bostwick**  
by Aline Lynch

Wednesday: **Ann Boyer**  
by Dave and Betty Jenkins

Thursday: **William Schott**  
by June Schott

Saturday: **For The Parishioners**

Sunday 8:30: **Christine Muldowney**  
by John Kadany

10:30: **Betty Lou Torpey**  
by Rita, Joe and Family

***Note: Confessions are held  
on Saturdays in the church from  
4 to 4:45 pm.  
Other times by appointment only.***

### Readings for the Week

Saturday: Dn 6:4-13; Mk 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

### Please note:

**Our Summer Schedule for Saturday Mass  
at 5 pm continues throughout the summer  
until September 12th,  
when mass will return to 4 pm.  
Sunday Masses: 8:30 and 10:30 am  
Daily Mass: 9:15 am, Mon-Thurs. (no mass Fri)**



**Sanctuary Light  
In Memory of Peggy Bostwick**

**Bread and Wine  
For Victims of Abortion**



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Mary DeWaters ~ Elaine Madere  
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Charles Brunner ~ Lillian Bellis  
Mirostawa Trochimowicz ~ John Scomillio

If you know someone in need of prayers  
and would like to have them added to this list,  
please call the Parish Office.



***A Warm Thank You to those who continue offertory  
support to our parish during these difficult times.***

***Donations for July 12th were \$4,262.  
Diocese Collection for Peter's Pence \$303.***

# FAITH formation



## Living to the Max Youth Group Meets bi-weekly

Download the “Remind” app and search “Youth Group” so you can get updates about the group, meeting dates, etc.

### Schedule:

- August 11th—TBD— “We Teach” Lecture
- August 18th-7-8pm “We Care” Valor service project
- August 25th—Meeting 7-8:45pm
- August 28th-TBD—Youth Group Outing



## St Max looks forward to restarting

### Little Rock Scripture Group in September.

Back in March of 2020, before the pandemic hit the Poconos, the Little Rock Scripture Group started studying “Life Eternal”. We would like to know who would be interested in attending in September, starting with “Life Eternal”. A study set can be ordered for you if you do not have one and wish to sign up. Please contact Judy in the Parish Office if you have any questions.



## Faith Formation September 2021-Registration

Summer is almost half over and school is right around the corner. **Faith Formation Classes begin on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.**

***Those classes preparing for Sacraments, 1st & 2nd for Reconciliation and First Communion, and 7th & 8th for Confirmation, will meet here at St. Max.*** Class times are Sundays at 9:00 A.M. until 10:15 A.M.

The cost of these classes is \$20.00 per child to cover expenses.

***Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have virtual classes.*** There is no cost to parents for these classes. However, family involvement is encouraged. Each lesson is only about 40 minutes. If you have any problems understanding how to proceed with virtual classes, please let me know. The teachers and I will be more than happy to help any way we can.

Registration forms are available in the office during office hours – Monday- Thursday, 10 am to 1 pm.

## ONLINE SCRIPTURE STUDY



The St. Maximilian Kolbe Scripture Seekers discussion group meets live on Zoom every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. New members are always welcome. For more information on how to join, contact Judy in the parish office. We would love to “see” you.

**Serve**  
...serve one another humbly in love.  
GALATIANS 5:13

*If you are interested in being a Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Commentator, Altar Server or Usher, please call the Parish Office. Training for these positions will be scheduled in August and September.*

## Mission Statement Reflection:

**“We Worship. We Teach. We Care”**

~For one week, starting Wednesday, August 11

**We Teach at 7 p.m. in the church.**

**Msgr. Grimalia will be here to speak.**

~Saturday, August 14, mass at 9:15 am —

**We Worship – We Celebrate  
the Feast Day of St. Max.**

~**We Care Donations**, both monetary and goods for **Valor House** will be accepted through Aug 17.

These will be packaged by the **Living to the Max Youth Group** on August 18th and sent to **Valor House**. **Items needed are:** Jeans (new), T-shirts, Underwear, and Travel sizes of Soaps, Shampoo and Deodorant. **No additional items being accepted at this time.** ~Thank You

**ST, MAXIMILIAN KOLBE**

**PLAYERS ARE FILLED TO CAPACITY**

**SPONSORS STILL BEING ACCEPTED**

## **ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 10TH  
POCONO FARM  
COUNTRY CLUB**



**CONTEST - GAMES - AWARDS - PRIZES  
TEE OFF AT 12:30 PM**

Dinner will be held at Lake Naomi Clubhouse  
(subject to Covid restrictions)

Cash bar—6 pm      Dinner Buffet—7 pm  
Dinner only \$50.

Forms for sponsors will be in the narthex and office.

For more info contact Mike 570-646-6007 or  
Kathy 201-925-7718

## **ST MAX PARISH PICNIC**

**SUN. AUG. 15TH, 12:30 pm**

This is our chance for fellowship which we have surely missed. A pre-wrapped lunch and games for everyone to enjoy, following the 10:30 am mass.

**PARISH  
PICNIC**

Call the Parish Office to sign up.

### **FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

Monday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,  
Virgin and Martyr

Tuesday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Wednesday: St. Clare, Virgin

Thursday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Friday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus,  
Priest, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

### **TOMEK SUMMER PICNIC**

**Top of the Mountain Ecumenical Council  
Friday, August 13th at 5 pm.**

**at Pocono Lake Wesleyan Church Pavilion.**

**Each family should bring a dish to share.**

**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Drinks  
will be provided.**



### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

#### **What's Your Hearth Cake?**

“Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.” I’ve been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

I don’t know what it is exactly. Maybe it’s just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it’s about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we’re all just nicer people when we’re fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God, when you haven’t fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that’s your hearth cake. That’s your jug of water. Don’t neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: “Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.” ©LPi

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*St. Max's Social Concerns Committee thanks all those who donated to their recent "Essentials" Collection for Family Promise of Monroe County. Your gifts will be used by those families with children who are served by Family Promise. Whether homeless, at risk of being homeless, or having recently secured housing, items for daily living are still necessary. Your generosity is truly appreciated! We humbly thank you.*

**St Maximilian Kolbe Parish**  
**Social Concerns Schedule of Activities**

**Collection for Women's Resources of**  
**Monroe County – August 28 & 29 -**

***This is a corrected date.***

*Bins will be placed by the church exits for your donated items, which will be used at their local shelter. Women's Resources' mission is, "To end domestic and sexual violence for all women, children and men in our community."*

**They have supplied this Shelter Wish List:** Gift Cards (Walmart, Weis, Shop-Rite, Giant), Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Hair Brushes, Deodorant, Journals, Cleaning Supplies (any kind), Mops, Brooms, Disposable Gloves, Lysol Disinfectant Spray & Cleaners, Paper Products (bath tissue, paper towels, tissues), Trash Bags, Tin Foil, Can Openers, Twin Blankets & Comforters, Twin Quilted Mattress Covers, Towels, Coffee, Sugar, Condiments (ketchup, mayo, spices, seasonings). *The women, children and men served by Women's Resources thank you!*

**September 12<sup>th</sup> & October 24<sup>th</sup> –**

***FREE Community Dinners – Dates are tentative. Guidelines from the CDC, the Diocese of Scranton and Father Sean will determine if dinners can be held.***

**October 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> –**

**"Essentials" Collection for Family Promise of**  
**Monroe County**

Please check future bulletins and posted flyers for more information. The Committee sincerely appreciates the continued support of Father Sean, the parish staff and our parish family!



**It's easy to join our parish !**

**Go to: [stmaxkolepoconos.org](http://stmaxkolepoconos.org)**

**and click Join.**

Fill in your basic information & a member of our parish staff will contact you. Or, call the parish office 570-646-6424 for a registration form.

**DO YOU NEED A HELPING HAND?**

**Can you give a helping hand?**

The Helping Hands of St. Max is willing to provide rides to the doctor's office and/or pickup medicines for parishioners, as needed. Anyone who is in need of such help, please contact Jean Sockol at 727-542-2280 for more information. There is also a need for parish members willing to drive and/or run errands for fellow parishioners. If you are available to help, please contact Jean.

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## Saturday is the Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr



St. Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish priest during the height of World War II. He spoke out against the Nazi regime, and his faithfulness to Christ in the midst of persecution landed him in Auschwitz. Yet, he never wavered in his **love for others and desire for unity.**

Pope Benedict XVI reflected on his life during a general Audience in 2008, stressing this theme.

*It is precisely in his martyrdom that the brightness of Love which dispels the gloom of selfishness and hatred shines forth. The following words are attributed to St Maximilian Kolbe, who is said to have spoken them when the Nazi persecution was raging: "Hatred is not a creative force: only love is creative". And heroic proof of his love was the generous offering he made of himself in exchange for a fellow prisoner, an offer that culminated in his death in the starvation bunker on 14 August 1941.*

**Kolbe continues to show to us today the power of self-sacrificing love, a love that is more concerned about others and their well-being.**

## **LIVE THE LITURGY** *INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK*

Are we willing to be taught by God? If we are, then we will begin to see things and make judgments using a Divine lens. Often, we perceive things with purely human eyes and reference points. When we do this, reality can lose its Divine spark and we miss what God is trying to say. When using human eyes exclusively, Jesus is at best perceived simply as a prophet who has some wise things to say.

The human element has a difficult time seeing Jesus' divinity and recognizing him as the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven. We can easily get stuck on Jesus' human associations and overlook the marvelous wonders God wants us to see. If we really allow ourselves to be taught by God, we will then come to see the truth about Jesus and the abundant everlasting life God offers. Jesus becomes the key that unlocks all of our relationships: with God, others, ourselves, and creation. He, as the true and lasting bread from heaven, shows us the gifts of faith, hope, and love that God bestows on us. Through this divine lens we see that all life sparkles and glows with God's love.

### Prayer to

### ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

### "Love Alone Creates"

St. Maximilian, amidst the hate and lonely misery of Auschwitz, you brought love into the lives of fellow captives, and sowed the seeds of hope amidst despair. You bore witness to the world, by word and deed, that only *"Love alone creates."*

Help me to become more like yourself. With you and Mary and the Church, may I proclaim that only *"Love alone creates."* To the hungry and oppressed, the naked and homeless, the scorned and hated, the lonely and despairing, may I proclaim the power of Christ's love, which endures forever and ever. Amen.

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