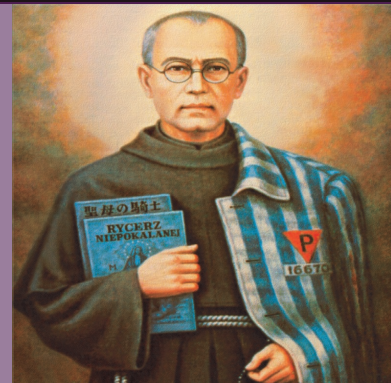


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Mass Schedule: St. Max: Weekday 9:00 a.m. - Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 9:15 & 10:30 a.m. St. Agnes: Tuesday-Thursday 6:45 a.m.,
 Friday 8:15 a.m. - Sunday 8:00 & 11:45 a.m.

Reconciliation: St. Max Saturday 3:15-3:45 p.m. or by appointment

Baptism: by appointment

Matrimony: Couples must contact Father Dan before a date can be set.

SPIRITUAL AND PASTORAL LIFE

Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Max

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesdays after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Max

Adoration: Every Friday Noon - 4:00 p.m. with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m. at St. Max

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Meets the Second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Max

Seniors Mass: Meets the First Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m. for Mass and meeting afterward in the Kolbe Room at St. Max.

Ephesians IV - Prayer & Praise - Monday, January 9th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Agnes - Everyone welcome

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline: 1-888-808-1235

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Simone Miller (St. Max)

ORGANIZATIONS

St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Max
 Paul Lockard, President

St. Maximilian Kolbe Seniors
 Colleen Zuger, President

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Mission Statement of St. Agnes: St. Agnes Parish, established in West Mifflin, PA in 1867, is a viable Catholic community that witnesses the message of Jesus through the talents of its members who are nurtured by the Holy Spirit. Our mission is to invite people to know and become one with Jesus Christ reaching out in service to all.

Mission Statement of St. Maximilian Kolbe: St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish has a proud ethnic and faith-filled history. Our goal is to live the Gospel each day, to welcome everyone, to reach out to the churched and unchurched, and to be a living presence of Christ to the community through prayer and activities. All that we do is centered around the Eucharistic table of the Lord.

Today marks the Third Sunday of Advent - We light the pink candle marking the great joy and excitement in anticipation of the coming of the Christ Child. Our time of waiting and preparation is half over. Have you done any spiritual exercises these past two weeks of Advent? If not, now is the time to act before it becomes too late.

Mass - will be celebrated at Munhall Apartments on **Wednesday, December 14th** at 10:00 a.m. and at Riverview Towers on **Monday, December 19th** at 7:00 p.m.

Guest Speakers - As we continue to journey through Advent, our guest speaker on **Wednesday, December 14th at 11:00 a.m.** will be Pastor Lance Chapman, and on **Wednesday, December 21st at 11:00 a.m.** our guest speaker will be Father Nick Mastrangelo. Lunch will follow in the parish hall.

The Light is On for You - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on **Wednesday, December 14th** at St. Max from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and at St. Agnes from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Another opportunity for Confessions will be on **December 20th** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Max and on **December 21st** at St. Agnes.

St. Max Fish Fry - Our special this week is stuffed pork chop, mashed potato, vegetable and roll for \$9. We have our usual menu items along with pizza, chicken planks, potato pancakes and more! To reach our kitchen, please call 412-462-1743. Hours are 11:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Concerts - **On Saturday, December 17th** - St. Agnes Christmas Concert at 4:00 p.m. presented by Kindergarten through third grade students. **Sunday, December 18th** - St. Agnes Christmas Concert at 7:00 p.m. presented by fourth through eighth grade students.

St. Max Festival of Carols - **Sunday, December 18th** at 4:00 p.m. Please bring a free will cash offering or gift card for food along with you. These items will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. After the concert, a spaghetti and meatball dinner will be served downstairs. The music is always so beautiful and what a better way to get into the Spirit of Christmas.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m.	St. Max
5:15 p.m.	St. Agnes
8:00 p.m.	St. Max

Free dinner to follow the 8:00 p.m. Mass at St. Max

Christmas Day

8:00 a.m.	St. Agnes
9:30 a.m.	St. Max
11:00 a.m.	St. Agnes

Cookie Orders - A reminder that all cookie orders can be picked up December 17th-18th.

Homemade Pierogies - are on sale at St. Max on Fridays at the Fish Fry. Potato and Cheese and Sauerkraut and Potato are \$8/dozen. Prune pierogies are \$9/dozen. Be sure to get yours for the holidays while supplies last.

Lottery Tickets - \$10 tickets good for the month of January 2017 are available. \$100 to \$500 paid out every day. Tickets are available from Appalachia goers or at the rectory. Benefits Appalachia Work Camp.

Office Closed - Please note the Parish Office will be closed December 26th through January 1st.

Solemnity of Mary is a Holy Day. Our Mass schedule will be as follows: **December 31st** - St. Max at 4:00 p.m. **January 1st** - 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at St. Agnes and 9:30 a.m. at St. Max.

Adult Catechesis Classes - will be held on Sunday evenings at the Saint Agnes School building from 6:30 to 8pm beginning **January 8, 2017** and ending February 12, 2017. The class covers many topics and is design according to the needs and interests of the attendees. An evening retreat is included on February 12th. No cost. To register please call Peg Smith — 412-469-3452

New Years Eve Dance - at St. Max to benefit the Appalachia Work Camp. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Dinner served at 8:00 p.m. Salad, pulled pork, kielbasa and sauerkraut, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable, New Year's pretzel for each table, champagne toast at midnight, noise makers, hats, coffee, soda, full bar. Music by DJ Tommy Danylo. Tickets are \$30 per person and available at the parish office. Call the office at 412-461-1054 to reserve tables of 8 or more.

New York Trip - May 19-21, 2017 - Take a bite of the Big Apple. New York City has an endless variety of fine cuisine, shops and architecture. Visit this dynamic international city known for great theatre, historic landmarks and world-class museums. Enjoy all of the sights and sounds New York City has to offer on this springtime vacation. Price: \$599/person double occ., \$499/person triple occ., \$449/person quad occ and \$899/single occ. Price includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, two nights at Hotel Edison located in the heart of Times Square, baggage handling and hotel taxes. A deposit of \$100/person is due by **January 10th**. Optional insurance is available for \$34 per person for double, triple and quad, or \$52 for single, due with deposit.

Mass Requests - Mass requests for 2017 are now being accepted. Requests should be submitted in writing and sent with payment to the parish office. The sanctuary candle at St. Max is also available. The price is \$25 for a two week time slot. To check availability, please contact the parish office. Requests cannot be taken over the phone.

Altar Candles at St. Max

Gladys Borsch req. by Steve and Stephanie
Mamie Murphy req. by Robin and Jack Linsenbigler
Bob Rochford req. by Wife, Cathy Rochford

Please Pray for Our Beloved in the Military

—Timothy A. Oeler, AMN USAF - Grandson of Tom & Marguerite Oeler and Nephew of Tom and Peg Smith

Collection Report
St. Maximilian Kolbe
December 4, 2016

Offertory	\$3,428
Parish Share	\$1,247
Gift/St. Max Seniors	\$2,000
Candles	\$ 226
Total	\$6,901

St. Agnes
December 4, 2016

Offertory	\$3,430
Parish Share	\$ 967
Angel Fund	\$ 240
Candles	\$ 12
Total	\$4,649

Serving Our Parishes Next Week

December 17th (St. Max)

4:00 p.m.	Lector	Sister Virginia
	Ministers	Kathy Schmidt Dave Soltez Jo Stevens

December 18th (St. Max)

9:15 a.m.	Lector	Max O'Malley
	Ministers	Mary Ann Frena Donna Getsy DeAnna Moore
10:30 a.m.	Lector	Sylvia Vehec
	Ministers	Kathy Lockard Paul Lockard Fran Votedian

December 18th (St. Agnes)

8:00 a.m.	Lector	George Krevy
	Ministers	Sam Smith Peg Smith Tom Smith
11:45 a.m.	Lector	John Tichon
	Ministers	Deb Cochrane Joan Naccarato Marcy Earl

Mass Intentions

St. Agnes

Sun., Dec. 11 8:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Third Sunday of Advent Rose Montalbano - Rose Anne Needham Soul of Emil Tomac - Katie Leckenby
Mon., Dec. 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe - NO MASS
Tues., Dec. 13 6:45 a.m.	St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr Erma Jean Zapf - Carol and Bob Kostelnik
Wed., Dec. 14 6:45 a.m.	St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor Helen Urban - Daughter
Thurs., Dec. 15 6:45 a.m.	Advent Weekday John Kudla - Sister Jannelle
Fri., Dec. 16 8:15 a.m.	Advent Weekday Marguerite Beech - Theresa Grzyb-Kisha
Sat., Dec. 17	Late Advent Weekday - NO MASS
Sun., Dec. 18 8:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent Deceased Members of Zlokas and Leckenby Families - Katie Leckenby Joseph Stavor - Jim, Bev Stavor and Family

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Sat., Dec. 10 4:00 p.m.	Advent Weekday Helen Deak - Sue Ann Seich
VA - Aspinwall	For the Intention of the Giver
Sun., Dec. 11 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Third Sunday of Advent John Pavlik - Elizabeth Shelley Children's Mass
VA State Home	For the Intention of the Giver
Mon., Dec. 12 9:00 a.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe Virginia Deffenbaugh - Colleen Zuger
Tue., Dec. 13 9:00 a.m.	St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Deceased Members of the Lazur Family
Wed., Dec. 14 9:00 a.m.	St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor Paul Francis Radisausky (1A) - Family
Thurs., Dec. 15 9:00 a.m.	Advent Weekday Flo Chiodo
Fri., Dec. 16 9:00 a.m.	Advent Weekday Virginia R. Zambrano - Myra McGoldrick
VA - Aspinwall	James P. Pigott and Virginia Pigott - Daughter, Joy Kushner
Sat., Dec. 17 4:00 p.m.	Late Advent Weekday Anna Kuchar - Theresa Gamret and Family
VA - Aspinwall	For the Intention of the Giver
Sun., Dec. 18 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent Eleanor and William Langan - Marie Langan Mary Margaret (Kasko) Ferchak - Family
VA State Home	Flo Chiodo

Announcing the establishment of the
**CATHOLIC PARISH
CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION
OF THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH**

Burying the dead, one of the corporal works of mercy, shows our respect for the deceased as they await the resurrection of the body and our care for families during their time of loss. Cemeteries serve as the final resting places for those who have died and as places of memorial and prayer for their families. They are sacred places where the dead wait to be reunited with the Lord on the last day. The establishment of the Catholic Parish Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh seeks to relieve parishes from the challenges parish cemeteries present while maintaining the high quality of care for the deceased and their families.

CURRENT STATISTICS REGARDING PARISH CEMETERIES:

- ◆ 78 parishes operate 116 cemeteries
- ◆ Some cemeteries perform interments a few times a week, while others a few times a year
- ◆ Some of the models for parishes proposed as part of the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* planning process could result in one parish maintaining six or more cemeteries

ESSENTIALS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC PARISH CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION (CPCA):

- ◆ A 501(c)3 non-profit corporation that will operate and maintain parish cemeteries
- ◆ Parishes will maintain ownership of cemeteries, which will be licensed to CPCA
- ◆ Parish cemetery perpetual care funds will be enhanced and operating procedures standardized
- ◆ Three regional administrative centers will house all records and oversee cemetery activity:
 - the Cecil Township center will serve Greene and Washington counties
 - the New Castle center will serve Beaver, Butler and Lawrence counties
 - the West End center at the former Guardian Angels Parish will serve Allegheny County
 - Contact information for these centers will be shared once locations are finalized
- ◆ Transition of records and operations will take place gradually during 2017
 - Cemeteries in Greene and Washington counties will be the first to join the CPCA
 - All personnel involved in the on-site care and maintenance of the parish cemeteries and all third party contractor agreements will be retained.

While the Jubilee Year of Mercy has recently ended, the works of mercy never cease to be an essential part of the Christian life. The CPCA is yet another way these good works can be lived in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Pope Francis continues to encourage us in this endeavor:

The Holy Year, a time rich in mercy, must continue to be celebrated and lived out in our communities. Mercy cannot become a mere parenthesis in the life of the Church; it constitutes her very existence, through which the profound truths of the Gospel are made manifest and tangible.

- Apostolic Letter *Misericordia et misera* at the Close of the Jubilee Year of Mercy

to feed the hungry **to welcome the stranger**
to clothe the naked **to visit the imprisoned**
to visit the sick **to give drink to the thirsty**
to bury the dead *the corporal
works of mercy*

Thank you!

Over the last **eight weeks** more than

27,000 people

attended **329 parish consultation sessions.**

Your **initial feedback** will help to guide our work as the **On Mission for The Church Alive!** initiative goes forward.

what's next?

1. **Parish-based** opportunities for **continued prayer.**
2. **Parish-based** opportunities for **small group discussion.**
3. **Regular information** updates on the **On Mission website.**

Stay involved and sign up for e-mail updates at onmissionchurcalive.org