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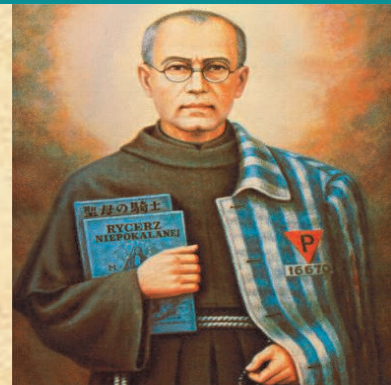
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Sunday 9:15 & 10:30 a.m. St. Agnes: Tuesday-Friday 7:00 a.m.,
Sunday 8:00 & 11:45 a.m.

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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Simone Miller (St. Max)

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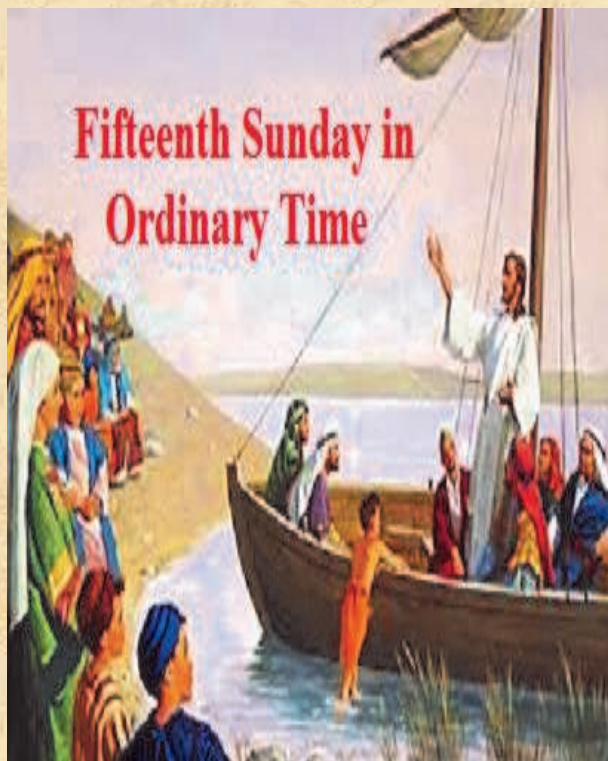
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Mission Statement of St. Agnes: St. Agnes Parish, established in West Mifflin, PA in 1867, is a viable Catholic community that witnesses the message of Jesus through the talents of its members who are nurtured by the Holy Spirit. Our mission is to 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.

JULY 16, 2017

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

In today's Gospel, people were fascinated with the beauty of Jesus' words and came to Him in great numbers. He had to use a boat as his pulpit. Then, as now, He planted the good seed in human hearts, granting us knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The seed is truth, and the truth sets us free.

The planting of a seed in the New Testament is associated with resurrection and life. Every time we plant a seed in the ground and see it grow and produce fruit, we witness another miracle of nature. As we travel through endless fields of corn on a farm, we marvel at the never ending goodness of God. He gives us not only the rich soil and rain and the rays of sun, but He also gives us the seeds. Everything that we have is a gift from God. We see an even greater miracle in the Spirit, when a person receives the Word of God and makes a commitment to Him. God plants the free gift of faith in our hearts. He nourishes it with the living word, with His grace, and through all the loving people who help to bring us growth and teach us to love.

Jesus tells us, as He told his disciples, "I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, the kind of fruit that endures." Just think of the people that you know, and yes, maybe even yourself, how you bear fruit for God's word.

Today, we thank God for the seed of faith growing within us, for having freed us from slavery to sin and death, but instead to be called children of God, for so indeed we are.

And so, go forth each day of life, and every opportunity you have, allow your seed to grow to give honor and glory to God's holy name.

Please light a Vigil Candle for _____
At _____ Church
Beginning on _____
Requested by _____

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION, THANK YOU!

Vigil candle **requests and the \$5 donation must be received no later than the Sunday before the date requested.** Requests cannot be taken by phone.

A Note of Thanks to my classmate and very dear friend, Father David Drisch, who filled in for me this weekend. Dave and I went to college together and have known each other since 1972. Dave once was a priest for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, but five years ago, he left the diocese to join the Norbertine Fathers in Philly. He presently does retreats, helps out in parishes in Philly, and when he's not doing church work, he loves to cruise and go on vacation.

Appalachia - As you are reading this note we will be returning from the hills of Appalachia, Kentucky. Please pray for our safe return home. Thank you for all of your support this past year. Great things happened and we will be glad to share them with you in the very near future. We will take the month of August off and then begin planning all over again for next year.

Christmas in July Bingo - Save the date! The bingo will be held at St. Max on **Sunday, July 23rd**. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and early birds will begin at 12:30 p.m. It is an all paper bingo. Admission is \$10 for nine cards, 20 regular games, paying \$30 a game. There are five specials extra that pay \$100 to \$200, and a must go jackpot of \$500. There will be special door prizes given away as well. Our kitchen special will be meatloaf, mashed potato and vegetable for \$6. We will also have many other food items. Tickets are available at the door.

On Mission: Fertile Soil – In today's Gospel – the parable of the sower – Jesus teaches us that while the Word of God is preached throughout the world, it is most effective when it takes root in hearts that are fertile and ready to bear good fruit. If the goal of *On Mission for The Church Alive!* is to more effectively preach the Gospel and grow the Church, then we must work now to prepare our hearts and help prepare the hearts of others to allow God's Word to touch our hearts in new ways and spread the seeds of faith in our families, in our parishes and in our communities. Consider joining or starting a bible study or faith-sharing small group or attend a faith formation session at a nearby parish and nourish the faith in your life. Visit **onmissionchurchalive.org** to learn more it and to stay informed.

St. Agnes News

Thank you for your support at our Annual Flea Market - We thank everyone we helped to discard of their unwanted items for our Flea Market (White Elephant Sale). Those items gave us a profit of \$4,554.50. This includes the sale, the food and the bake sale. Father Tom Lewandowski picked up some of the household items that were left and took them to Appalachia. Everything else that was left was discarded, and that wasn't very much.

St. Agnes Festival

Help is needed! We need help on **Thursday, July 20th** to help make stuffed cabbage and hot sausage. Then, on **Tuesday, July 25th** we need help to make stuffed pork chops. We will begin on both days at 9:30 a.m. All hands are welcome! If you have a small peering knife, please bring it for stuffed cabbage day.

Festival Needs - Dolls, cars, trucks (items for the dolls and wheels booth), we will need close to 400 items for this year's festival.

Calling All Bakers! Please bring your goodies on Friday, Saturday or Sunday morning. Even though it is hot, offer it up for a good cause.

Chinese Auction Items - Please drop them off at the convent anytime now, but before **Tuesday, July 25th**. Bev Stavor is already busy putting baskets together.

Raffle Tickets - All raffle tickets should be turned in as soon as possible. Please return any unsold tickets, so that we can sell them at the Festival.

WORKERS - Have you felt your guardian angel tapping you on the shoulder? Maybe you wondered what that feeling was? Hmm - we still need help in several areas - check out the charts on the table in the social hall - there is something that everyone can do! If everyone pitches in, then a few won't be overworked, and besides, you will have fun! There is already and has been a lot of work being done behind the scenes by a few parishioners, so now it's your turn to join in and help make our 150th Festival a huge success!

St. Max Ladies Guild News

Wheeling Trip - The bus will leave the St. Max Church Parking Lot at 10:00 a.m. on **Saturday, July 22nd**, and return approximately at 7:30 p.m. Please be here no later than 9:45 a.m.

Save the Date!! The Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday, August 20th**. More information to follow!

Craft & Vendor Show - will be held on **Saturday, September 16th**. Information on renting a table is available in the parish office.

St. Max Church Trip

Wednesday, September 20th, we will depart St. Max at 7:00 a.m. aboard motorcoach for central Ohio. Our first stop will be the Basilica of St. John the Baptist. The brown bag tour begins in Dalton, Ohio. Receive a small gift at each of our scheduled stops. The P. Graham Dunn Gallery will be our first stop. Continue on to the J.M. Smucker Company. Continue on to Wooster and visit Everything Rubbermaid. Later in the afternoon, we will stop at Lehman's Hardware. The day concludes with a delightful Amish-style dinner at a local restaurant in Holmes County. Following dinner, we will begin our journey home and arrive at approximately 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$99/person. Make check payable to St. Maximilian Kolbe by August 15th. Don't get left behind! Call now to reserve your seat. Only 45 seats are available.

St. Max Collection Report

Offertory	\$3,221.00
Parish Share	\$ 576.00
Candles	\$ 210.00
Priest Residency	\$ 160.00
Election Rental	\$ 50.00
Total	\$4,217.00

St. Agnes Festival

622 St. Agnes Lane, West Mifflin



Friday, July 28th

5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 29th

5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 30th

5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Entertainment: Friday - Dallas Marks begins at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday - Mansfield 5 begins at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday - DJ and Fireworks

Dinner Specials: Friday - Fish Fry (begins at 3:00 p.m.)
Saturday - Roast Beef Dinner (begins at 3:00 p.m.)
Sunday - Stuffed Pork Chop (begins at 1:00 p.m.)

American Booth - Burgers, Hot Dogs, Nachos, Fries, Chicken Planks, Popcorn, Snowcones, Cotton Candy, Ice Cream

German Booth - Pulled Pork Sandwich, Bratwurst, German Mashed Potato, Potato Pancakes, German Potato Salad, Schnitzel

Slovak Booth - Haluski, Pierogies, Kielbasa and Kraut, Stuffed Cabbage

Italian Booth - Stuffed Shells, Hot Sausage, Meatball Subs, Salads, Pizza

**Bake Shop - Funnel Cakes - Chinese Auction
Over/Under Poker - 50/50 - Instant Bingo - Big 6 Wheel**

Bingo!

Friday 6:00 p.m. til 9:00 p.m. - Saturday 6:00 p.m. til 9:00 p.m. - Sunday 6:00 p.m. til 9:00 p.m.
Receive a ticket for each game you play and be entered into our Grand Prize Drawing of \$100 on Sunday (winner need not be present)

Inflatables!

Moon Bounce **Obstacle Course** **Slide**
\$2 per ticket One day Band \$10 (purchase by July 16th and save \$2)
Three Day Band \$20 (purchase by July 16th and save \$5)

New!!! **High Striker** **Fast Pitch** **Pump It Up**

For more information, please call 412-461-1054

St. Agnes

Mass Intentions

Sun., July 16 **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. Jack Youso - Gustashaw Family
11:45 a.m. Roberta Bevan - Husband, Thomas E. Bevan

Mon., July 17 **Weekday**
NO MASS

Tues., July 18 **Weekday**
7:00 a.m. George Checque - Family

Wed., July 19 **Weekday**
7:00 a.m. Mary Alice Stanicar - Husband, Vince

Thurs., July 20 **Weekday**
7:00 a.m. Helen Thomas and Hayley Cade - Family

Fri., July 21 **Weekday**
7:00 a.m. Julia, Patricia and Andrew Supira - Family

Sat., July 22 **St. Mary Magdalene**
NO MASS

Sun., July 23 **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. Leona Dobas - Arlene Saulsbury
11:45 a.m. Mary Alice Stanicar - Husband, Vince

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

Serving St. Agnes Next Week

July 23rd

8:00 a.m.	Lector	Brian Berry
	Ministers	Marcy Earl Chris Weir Sister Cynthia
11:45 a.m.	Lector	George Krevy
	Ministers	Bill Wess Deb Cochrane Bill Wess

St. Agnes Collection Report

July 9th

Offertory	\$2,479
Parish Share	\$ 475
Angel Fund	\$ 103
Candles	\$ 41
Total	\$3,098

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

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Mass Intentions

Sun., July 16 **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:15 a.m. Robert B. Graham - Sister, Cindy Graham
10:30 a.m. Margaret Tuzak - Diana & Dave Soltez
VA State Home John Brekosky - Monica Tomko

Mon., July 17 **Weekday**
9:00 a.m. Tyrone Reid - Tony Gaglierd

Tue., July 18 **Weekday**
9:00 a.m. Margaret Selis - Gerry Kallay

Wed., July 19 **Weekday**
9:00 a.m. Valerie Karen Wirginis Balavage - Daughter,
Sharon Elizabeth Balavage Plisic

Thurs., July 20 **Weekday**
9:00 a.m. Bernadette Butler - Maggie and Tom Hacke

Fri., July 21 **Weekday**
9:00 a.m. Mary Sinchak - Teresa Sinchak
VA - Aspinwall Special Intention - Cookie Miller

Sat., July 22 **St. Mary Magdalene**
4:00 p.m. Francis Dalesandro - Roz Shimko
VA - Aspinwall Special Intention - Cookie Miller

Sun., July 23 **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:15 a.m. Patricia Kascak - Ray and Louise McKinney
10:30 a.m. Lynne Jeffery - Paul and Kathy Lockard
VA State Home Special Intention

Serving St. Maximilian Kolbe Next Week

July 22nd

4:00 p.m.	Lector	Cindy Graham
	Ministers	Denise Ondick Dave Soltez Jo Stevens

July 23rd

9:15 a.m.	Lector	Sister Virginia
	Ministers	Chuck Komorosky Nathan McCullough Mary Stibrik
10:30 a.m.	Lector	Fran Votedian
	Ministers	Mary Brekosky Kathy Lockard Paul Lockard

Candles on the Altar at St. Max

Gladys Borsch requested by Steve and Stephanie
Eugene Grzyb requested by Wife, Irene & Family
Bob Rochford requested by Wife, Cathy
Donna Mae Mims requested by Sandy Kalla

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week for Michael and David Mrazik requested by Family.



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