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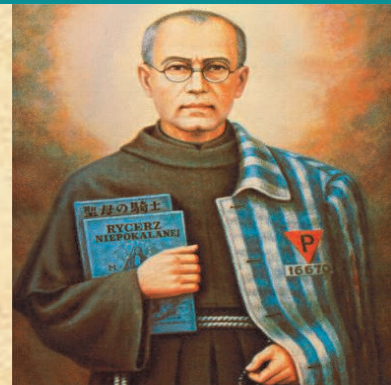
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Mass Schedule: St. Max: Weekday 9:00 a.m. - Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:15 & 10:30 a.m. St. Agnes: Tuesday-Friday 7:00 a.m.,
Sunday 8:00 & 11:45 a.m.

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.



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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 23, 2017

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Today's parable is Christ's answer to the question,

“Why does God permit evil to triumph so often in the world, why are wicked people allowed to prosper?” The triumph of the wicked is short lived; the reward of the Christian who suffers from evil is everlasting. The very wickedness and injustices of evil doers are one of the ways that God uses to perfect His elect. It is only on a battlefield that a true soldier can be proved.

In the parable, the weed does not destroy the wheat, it only makes it more difficult for the wheat to grow to maturity. So it is with the Christian. No one can take his faith from him, but living up to it is made more difficult by the evil influences and bad example of sinners, if some give up the practice of their faith, the fault is theirs. God forces no one to serve Him.

The patience of the farmer in letting the weeds grow until harvest time shows the infinite mercy of God toward sinners. The weed could not change its nature, but the sinner can change his ways. God gives him every chance and every help to do this, up to the last moment of life. No sinner will be excluded from Heaven because of the sins he committed, but because he did not repent of these sins while he had the chance.

We must learn a double lesson of patience from this parable. First, to be patient with those who make our spiritual journey difficult for us. Second, we must try to imitate the patience God shows in dealing with sinners. While we must not approve of their evil deeds, we must still look on them as our brothers and sisters and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to heaven. We can do this by good example, pray for them and for their conversion. This is not easy for us, but we can be certain that God will give us the necessary grace and strength to carry out this task. By acting in this manner, we will not only be helping those who strayed to get back on the right road to heaven, we will also be making doubly sure of our own arrival there, for God will never be outdone in generosity.

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.

Christmas in July Bingo - 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.

What a great year in Appalachia! God was with us on our travels to and from the hills of Appalachia. We for the most part were very safe. We only had three hospital runs - two tick bites, one heat exhaustion and one nose bleed. The weather was dry. The only day that we had heavy rain was on Thursday, the day we arrived. The other ten days were dry. The temperature ranged from 90-105 degrees each day. This year we built two homes, added on four additions to trailers, had one septic system installed, dug three water lines, painted the exterior of two homes, replaced two front doors, built three handicap ramps and built 11 porches.

This work was all made possible by your generous donations. Thank you so much. Without your support, we could have never accomplished our tasks at hand.

In September we will be showing a DVD on experiences from July 6-16, 2017. Also in September, there will be a sign up for 2018. Our dates for next years trip have been set for July 5-15, 2018. Think about joining us. Come see the DVD of what we do.

Building the Kingdom of God – In today’s Gospel Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a number of different things: a man who sowed good seed, a mustard seed, and yeast. Similarly, there is no one way to build up the kingdom of God in the Church. As the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* initiative progresses, our parishes will be restructured to better serve the needs of our communities, but the results will not be cookie-cutter. In fact, each grouping of parishes will be asked to discover the best ways to build up the kingdom of God in light of the unique situations of their families and neighborhoods. In the end, it is hoped that the Church, the Body of Christ, will grow and flourish as we focus on how God is life is alive in us. What gifts has God planted in your heart that can allow his love and goodness to be shared with others? Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

St. Agnes Festival

Help is needed!

Monday, July 24th at 6:00 p.m. help is needed at St. Agnes to put up booths and tents.

Tuesday, July 25th we need help to make stuffed pork chops. We will begin at 9:30 a.m. at St. Max Hall. All hands are welcome!

Wednesday, July 26th at 10:00 a.m. for prep, cooking, chopping onions, filling ups, and a great number of other little tasks that need to be done. This will take place at St. Agnes Hall.

Workers are Needed - We still need about eight more workers for the bingo, kids corner and bingo.

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.

Be a Town Crier! We are counting on you to get the word out about the festival. People love to spread gossip and news. Well, spread the festival news around! Share it on facebook. Take the information from the flyer about the dinners, the entertainment and the games and post it. Share it with your family, friends and neighbors. We are counting on you to do a good job.

St. Max People!!! I want to encourage you to come support the festival. Have dinner and spend some time there. And, if you want to volunteer, see Father Dan. There are still plenty of jobs to do. We are working together, as will happen in 2018 with the *On Mission* project taking place.

St. Max Ladies Guild News

Save the Date!! The Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday, August 20th**. An exciting day of food and fun is planned. Something for everyone. Thank about donating a basket or making your favorite dessert. 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. Maximilian Kolbe Seniors News

Our next meeting will take place on **August 3rd** beginning with Mass at 11:00 a.m. A luncheon will follow along with meeting and bingo. New folks are always welcome to come and join us.

St. Max Church Trips

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.

Attention, Nashville Goers - All are reminded that payment in full is due by **September 5th**. Please make checks payable to St. Maximilian Kolbe. If there are any late-comers, we still have four seats available. Call the parish office to sign up.

St. Max Collection Report

July 16th

Offertory	\$2,604.00
Parish Share	\$1,175.00
Candles	\$ 200.00
Total	\$3,979.00

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

Mon., July 24 **Weekday**
NO MASS

Tues., July 25 **St. James, Apostle**
7:00 a.m. Mary Elizabeth Hudick - Fedor Family

Wed., July 26 **Saints Joachim and Anne**
7:00 a.m. Gutilla, Supira and Ribarchak Families

Thurs., July 27 **Weekday**
7:00 a.m. Julianne and David Collins - Family

Fri., July 28 **Weekday**
7:00 a.m. Cook, Loran and Dragosh Families

Sat., July 29 **St. Martha**
NO MASS

Sun., July 30 **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. Sue Barnes - Kevin and Sherry Kovalsky
11:45 a.m. Leona Dobos - Mike and Pat Bornak

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 30th

8:00 a.m.	Lector	Audrey Lesutis
	Ministers	Chris Weir Jim Bevan Natalie Schwoeble
11:45 a.m.	Lector	Cindy Silvio
	Ministers	Marcy Earl Deb Cochrane Bill Wess

St. Agnes Collection Report

July 16th

Offertory	\$2,605
Parish Share	\$ 235
Angel Fund	\$ 100
Candles	\$ 56
Total	\$2,996

Candles on the Altar at St. Agnes

Mary Elizabeth Hudick requested by The Fedor Family

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

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Mass Intentions

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

Mon., July 24 **Weekday**
9:00 a.m. Penny Grooms - Dennis and Mary Moyle

Tue., July 25 **St. James, Apostle**
9:00 a.m. Frank and Helen Eged - Judy and Jerry Rihn

Wed., July 26 **Saints Joachim and Anne**
9:00 a.m. Eugene Grzyb - Judy Watts

Thurs., July 27 **Weekday**
9:00 a.m. Norberta Jakielo - Mary Ann Mitrick

Fri., July 28 **Weekday**
9:00 a.m. Walt Maksymowicz - Judy Watts
VA - Aspinwall Special Intention - Cookie Miller

Sat., July 29 **St. Martha**
4:00 p.m. James Tuzak - Diana and David Soltez
VA - Aspinwall Special Intention - Cookie Miller

Sun., July 30 **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:15 a.m. John Kudrik - The Kudrik Family
10:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Black/Mayor Families
VA State Home Joseph Karpeniak - Wife, Loretta

Serving St. Maximilian Kolbe Next Week

July 29th

4:00 p.m.	Lector	Alex Kocinski
	Ministers	Mary Ann Frena Kathy Schmidt Jo Stevens

July 30th

9:15 a.m.	Lector	Louise Pokrifka
	Ministers	Bob Dietzen Kathy Dietzen Lynetta Moore
10:30 a.m.	Lector	Patty Vella
	Ministers	Carol Nadzam Cindy Stark-Luvara Sylvia Vehec

Candles on the Altar at St. Max

Gladys Borsch requested by Steve and Stephanie
Eugene Grzyb requested by Wife, Irene & Family
Tami Claire requested by Mom
William Kalla requested by Sandy Kalla
David Mrazik requested by Carol Mrazik

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



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