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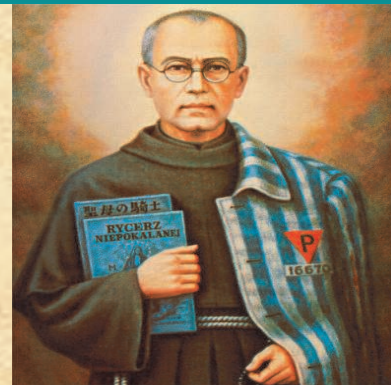
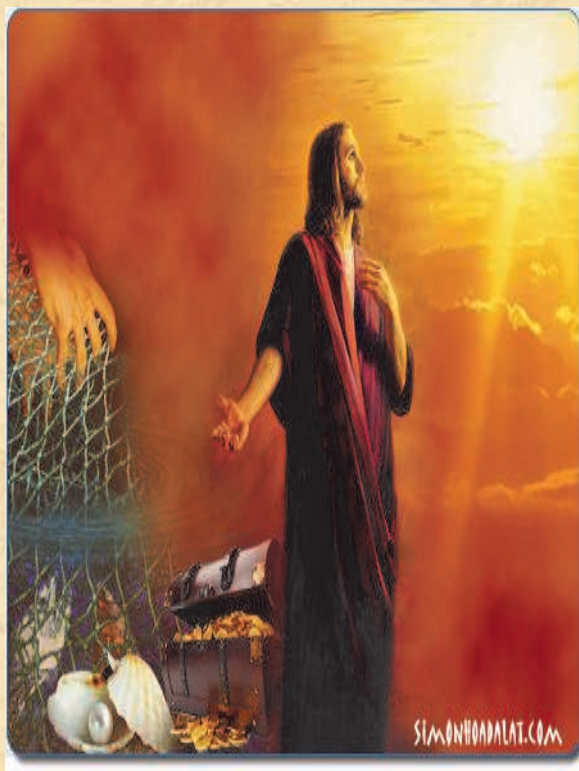
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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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.



#### 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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St. Agnes Cafeteria	412-466-5500
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Social Hall St. Max	412-462-1743
St. Agnes Convent	412-466-3554

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 30, 2017**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Today's Gospel** concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks, we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of Heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of His teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the Kingdom of Heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a buried treasure, that it is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess it. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of our search for the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus gives in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it reminds us of the parable of the sower that we heard in last week's Gospel. The Kingdom of Heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away, so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel ends with the statement about the scribe who understands the Kingdom of Heaven. Here, a metaphor is offered. This scribe is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the old and the new. The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic Law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish Law with respects to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the Kingdom of Heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition, it interprets in a different way.

**Information affecting all parishes and schools in the East region (our region).** The first step in preparing for the regionalization of East Regional Catholic Elementary School is to create an advisory board that will study the schools in the East region and develop the steps for the regionalization process. Recently, the clergy of the region elected the priest directors of the advisory board. They are: Father Robert Grecco, Sacred Heart in Shadyside; Father John Lendvai, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament and St. Joseph, Natrona Heights; Father Michael John Lynam, Word of God, Rankin/Swissvale and Madonna del Castello, Swissvale; Father Kenneth Markovits, St. Maurice, Forest Hills; Father Kevin Poeking, St. John the Baptist, Plum; Father Kris Stubna, St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland.

The next step will be for all clergy of the region to nominate five lay members of the advisory board. The lay members are to be individuals in one of the following areas: Education, Finance, Advancement or Marketing. Lay members, however, cannot be parish employees, parents of students currently in a Catholic Elementary School in the East region, or parishioners of parishes from which the priest directors were elected. Once the nominations are received, the priest directors of the advisory board will elect the lay members. Updates will continue to be provided as the regionalization process moves forward.

**ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!** **The Pearl of Great Price** – Like the pearl of great price in today's Gospel, our faith is a treasured gift. On the one hand, it has great value and meaning for us in the special moments of our journey with God – Baptism, First Communion, Marriage – as well as in the regular encounter with Jesus at Mass and in our prayer. On the other hand, as a treasured gift, faith is meant to be shared so that others can enjoy the beauty and fulfillment of living with God. *On Mission for The Church Alive!* seeks to draw us together in faith in new and exciting ways so that we can be better equipped and supported in sharing the gift of faith with others. Don't take the treasure of your faith for granted! Consider attending a daily Mass each week, reading the Bible daily or joining or forming a faith-sharing small group to foster an ever greater faith in your heart. Also, consider attending on of the August Summer Sessions to grow in faith and stay informed. Visit [onmissionchurchalive.org](http://onmissionchurchalive.org) to learn more.

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

Thank you to all who came and supported our Christmas in July Bingo at St. Max last week. After expenses, our profit was \$2,067.

Change in Mass Schedule

Please note a change in the Mass Schedule August 7th through August 11th. There will be Communion Services in place of Mass on the following days: **St. Max** - Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 9:00 a.m. There will be Mass at 9:00 a.m. at St. Max on Wednesday and Thursday. **St. Agnes** - August 8th through 11th there will be a Communion Service at 7:00 a.m.



Holy Day Mass Schedule

**August 14th** - 4:00 p.m. at St. Max  
**August 15th** - 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at St. Agnes - 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at St. Max

Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed August 14th through August 20th. We will re-open on Monday, August 21st at 9:00 a.m.



Candles on the Altar at St. Max

Gladys Borsch requested by Steve and Stephanie  
Happy Dan Hartnett requested by Sandy Kalla  
David Mrazik requested by Carol Mrazik  
Theresa Gamret requested by Friends  
Eugene Grzyb requested by Wife, Irene & Family  
Ed Polak requested by Zuger Family  
Deceased Members of the Pulkownik, Patrick and Bumbas Families requested by Joanne Patrick

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week for Richard Kudrik requested by the Kudrik Family.

St. Max Collection Report

July 23rd

Offertory	\$2,456.00
Parish Share	\$ 66.00
Candles	\$ 204.00
Priest Residency	\$ 400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,128.00</b>

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. Think about donating a basket or making your favorite dessert or a salad or volunteering for an hour or two. There are forms in the back of the Church, please take one and fill it out. 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. This will be our picnic lunch. The meeting and bingo will follow. New folks are always welcome to come and join us.

St. Max Church Trips



**Central Ohio - 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. 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)

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*St. Agnes*

Mass Intentions

**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

**Mon., July 31**      **St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**  
NO MASS

**Tues., Aug. 1**      **St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor**  
7:00 a.m.      George, Mary & Stanley Checque - Family

**Wed., Aug. 2**      **Weekday**  
7:00 a.m.      James and Eleanor McAuliffe - Family

**Thurs., Aug. 3**      **Weekday**  
7:00 a.m.      Janice Alexander Abraham - Family

**Fri., Aug. 4**      **St. John Vianney, Priest**  
7:00 a.m.      Shantos and Bolic Families - Family

**Sat., Aug. 5**      **Weekday**  
NO MASS

**Sun., Aug. 6**      **The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
8:00 a.m.      Marge, Stanley and Chester Liszka -  
Sister, Mabel Cain  
11:45 a.m.      Martin P. Coyne, Father and  
James J. Coyne, Godfather - Tom Coyne

*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*

August 6th

8:00 a.m.      Lector              George Krevy  
Ministers

11:45 a.m.      Lector              Megan Donahoe  
Ministers

*St. Agnes Collection Report*

July 23rd

Offertory	\$2,902.00
Parish Share	\$ 257.00
Angel Fund	\$ 560.00
Candles	\$ 54.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,773.00</b>

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

*St. Maximilian Kolbe*

Mass Intentions

**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

**Mon., July 31**      **St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**  
9:00 a.m.      Eleanor Miller - Ray and Louise McKinney

**Tue., Aug. 1**      **St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor**  
9:00 a.m.      Jean Kindlin - Lee Ann Hetrick

**Wed., Aug. 2**      **Weekday**  
9:00 a.m.      Elizabeth Perun (27A) - Nephew, Bob

**Thurs., Aug. 3**      **Weekday**  
9:00 a.m.      Antoinette Meister - Family  
11:00 a.m.      Walter Maksymowicz - Cecelia Wyzykowski

**Fri., Aug. 4**      **St. John Vianney, Priest**  
9:00 a.m.      Anna Chavis - Family  
**VA - Aspinwall**      Michael Mrazik - Family

**Sat., Aug. 5**      **Weekday**  
4:00 p.m.      Rose Rizzo and Michael Rizzo - Jo Stevens  
**VA - Aspinwall**      Special Intention - Cookie Miller

**Sun., Aug. 6**      **The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
9:15 a.m.      Joseph A. Chuba - Alma Chuba  
10:30 a.m.      Helen Kallay - Family  
**VA State Home**      Special Intention - Cookie Miller

*Serving St. Maximilian Kolbe Next Week*

August 5th

4:00 p.m.      Lector              Marie Langan  
Ministers              Cindy Graham  
Denise Ondick  
Dave Soltez

August 6th

9:15 a.m.      Lector              Max O'Malley  
Ministers              Mary Brekosky  
Nathan McCullough  
Connie Phillip

10:30 a.m.      Lector              Lisa Guckes  
Ministers              Mary Ann Frena  
Kathy Lockard  
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