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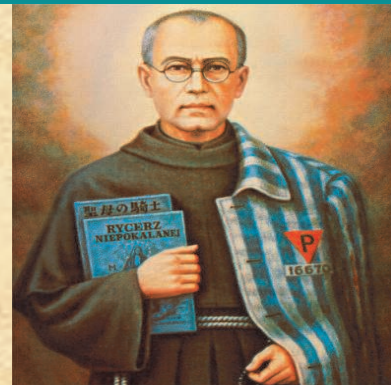
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Mass Schedule: St. Max: Weekday 9:00 a.m. - Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:15 & 10:30 a.m. St. Agnes: Tuesday-Friday 7:00 a.m.,  
Sunday 8:00 & 11:45 a.m.

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.



#### 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

St. Maximilian Kolbe Ladies Guild  
Mary Stibrik, President

St. Maximilian Kolbe Catering  
Jo Stevens

St. Maximilian Kolbe Fish Fry  
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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.

**AUGUST 13, 2017**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**



In our Gospel today, the Lord sent His disciples to row across the lake, knowing that they would meet strong winds and be in danger. He did this because He wanted to strengthen their faith and trust in Him. He intended to come to them at just the right time, working two miracles; one, walking on water, and two, calming the storm. He did this and the result was as He intended. Their faith in Him was strengthened and they declared that He was the Messiah, the chosen one of God. Peter, already seen as the leader and the most daring among the Apostles, showed himself ready to risk drowning in order to prove his trust in Jesus. While he trusted in Jesus all went well, but when his faith weakened, he would have been lost if our Lord had not reached out His hand. This was also a great learning time for Peter and the others as well.

For us, too, there is a necessary lesson in this incident, that we must continue to trust in Christ, even when God seems to have deserted us. Most of the troubles and trials of our lives are caused by the injustice and lack of clarity of other people. God foresees all these misfortunes and can prevent them, instead He lets them take their course, because they can be a means of educating us in our knowledge of life's true meaning and should draw us closer to God.

Christ foresaw the storm and the risk His Apostles would run when He sent them off across the lake. But that trial and grave danger they ran was for their own good, because they learned to realize that He was from God and they could always trust Him. Our trials are also foreseen by God and permitted by Him, even when caused by sinful people, so that they will draw us closer to Him and helps us on the road to Heaven.

This will happen if we accept them and bear with them until He comes to our aid. Our troubles in life are like the growing pains of our youth. They are necessary if we are to arrive at our full stature as children of God. They form and shape our religious character and bring us closer to God, if we allow them to do so. But for the lukewarm Christian who revels against God because of his earthly sufferings, they can do the opposite. One cannot see the purpose and value of suffering because one never seriously pondered the real meaning of this life and God's loving plan.

## *St. Agnes 150th Festival Basket Winners*

Kitchen Helpers - Qu  
 Better Bathroom - Phyllis  
 Briana's Jewel - Jean  
 Outdoor Fun - Irene Moran  
 Happy Easter - Kathy Bowen  
 Home Décor - John & Mary Holzwarth  
 Kids Basket - Eileen  
 Cuttery Basket - Trish  
 Entertain - Kathy Bowen  
 Brew Shop - K. Oeler  
 Garden Basket - Jay  
 Baking Basket - Mary Ann Mach  
 Picnic Ware - Coleen Zuger  
 Margaritas - Jay  
 Back to School - Donna D  
 Sweeper - Lorri Remai  
 Giuseppe Armani, etc. - Liz Stevenson  
 Last Minute Gift - Kim Spisak  
 Pizza Party - Father Dan  
 Crock Pot & Toaster Oven - Karen Fedor  
 Victoria Secret - Grace N  
 Harvest - Kacie Knetzer  
 Party Light - Lisa Spell  
 Game Room - Tina McCanih  
 Patriotic Basket - Charles Metz  
 Beverage Basket - Jo Stevens  
 Out and About - Erin Murray  
 Celebrate - Emilie McDonald  
 Van Dyke Photography - Bill Egan  
 Basket of Cheer - Mary Chalfant  
 Steeler Basket - Ticket removed  
 Carnival Beverage Tailgate - Eric Schuster  
 Car Care - Gerri Kallay  
 Fire Pitt - Elaine Bennett  
 TV - Linda Malloy  
 Candle Basket - Zubeck  
 Gift Certificates - Leanne  
 Hometown Sports - Fran Sweeney  
 Vera Bradley - Dolly  
 Purses - Qu  
 Jewelry - JoAnne Krevy

5 of the cards with tickets were taken by winners. Therefore, we do not have the names of those winners.

**Football Mania** - Tickets will be sold after the Masses at St. Agnes on August 20th and August 27th.

**Interested in the Catholic Faith?** Know of someone who may be interested? If you have never been baptized or were baptized in another religion other than Catholic, or were baptized Catholic and never received any other sacraments, then this is the right place for you! Please call the rectory at 412-461-1054 and leave your name and phone number. The days we will meet will be determined by what works the best for you.

**ON MISSION FOR THE LORD IS WITH US** – The winds were blowing, the waves were crashing, the boat was being tossed about and the disciples were afraid. In today’s Gospel Jesus comes to the aid of his followers and tells them not to be afraid. Even more, he reminds them that if they trust in him they cannot fail. Are you nervous or afraid about the big changes that will soon take place in the Diocese of Pittsburgh? **Join Bishop David Zubik** in prayer and worship at one of the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* Summer Sessions and continue to prepare your heart and grow in trust that God is with us and will not let us fail. The changes may challenge us, but we trust in the work of the Holy Spirit to provide the gifts and resources for the Church to grow and thrive. The Summer Sessions will be held from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on the following days: Thursday, August 24 at Saint Mary of the Assumption, Glenshaw; Monday, August 28 at Saint Thomas More, Bethel Park; Tuesday, August 29 at Saint Margaret Mary, Moon Township; Wednesday, August 30 at Saint Kilian, Adams/Cranberry Townships. Visit **onmissionchurchalive.org** to learn more it and to stay informed.



**Upcoming Meetings**

St. Agnes Finance Council - **Monday, August 21st** at 7:00 p.m. in St. Agnes Parish Hall. At this time we will review the parish audit report.

St. Max Fish Fry Workers - **Tuesday, August 22nd** at 7:00 p.m. in St. Max Hall. New volunteers are always welcome and needed.

Finance & Pastoral Councils and On Mission Team - **Wednesday, August 23rd** at 7:00 p.m. in St. Max Hall.

St. Agnes Festival Wrap Up Meeting - **Thursday, August 24th** at 7:00 p.m. in St. Agnes Parish Hall.

**Office Closed**

The Parish Office will be closed August 14th through 20th. Father Dan will be picking up the messages during the week.

**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.

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

**St. Max Church Trips**

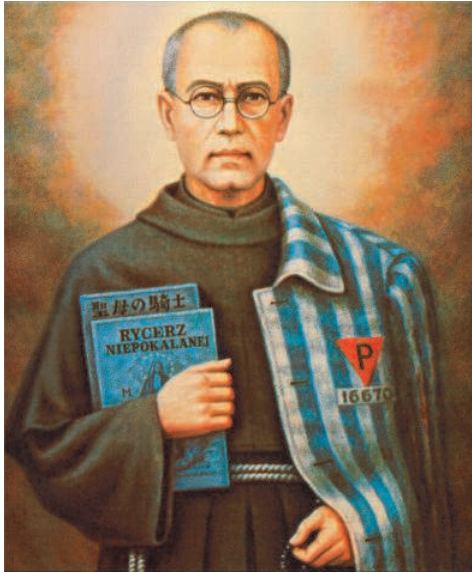
**Wednesday, September 20th**, we will depart St. Max at 7:00 a.m. aboard motorcoach for central Ohio. Our first stop will be the Basilica of St. John the Baptist. The brown bag tour begins in Dalton, Ohio. Receive a small gift at each of our scheduled stops. The P. Graham Dunn Gallery will be our first 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**

**August 6, 2017**

Offertory	\$3,432.00
Parish Share	\$1,229.00
Candles	\$ 309.00
Priest Residency	\$ 220.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,190.00</b>



August 14th is the Feast Day of St. Maximilian Kolbe. He was born Raymond Kolbe on January 8, 1894 in Zdunska-wola, Poland. He developed a strong religious yearning from an early life. He recounts an early childhood vision of the Virgin Mary. This vision was important because he chose both the path of sanctity and also to follow the path of a martyr. “That night I asked the Mother of God what was to become of me, a child of faith. Then she came to me holding two crowns, one white and the other red. She asked me if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I should persevere in purity, and the red that I should become a martyr. I said I would accept them both.”

At age 13, he and his brother crossed the border illegally and entered the seminary. In 1910 he was given the religious name Maximilian. After his studies, he was ordained a priest and took his final vows in 1914. He suffered from tuberculosis and became quite ill often, but he never complained. He saw his illness as an opportunity to suffer for Mary.

From 1930 to 1936 he spent time as a missionary in Japan. He founded a missionary and a monastery that would later survive the atomic blast.

When Poland was overrun by the Nazi forces in 1939, he was arrested under general suspicion but was released after three months. After his release, he hid many refugees, over 2,000 Jews, in the monastery. In February 1941 he was arrested by the Gestapo for hiding Jewish people. He was sent to Auschwitz concentration camp and branded prisoner 16670.

In July 1941 three prisoners escaped from the camp. As a result, ten men were chosen to be starved to death in an underground bunker. When one of the selected men, Franciszek Gajowniczek, heard he was selected, he cried out, “my wife, my children.” At this point, Kolbe volunteered to take his place. The commander accepted Kolbe in the place of Gajowniczek. He survived the camp and was present in Rome at the beatification of Maximilian Kolbe in 1971.

After two weeks, nearly all the prisoners except Kolbe died due to starvation. Because the guards wanted the cell emptied, the remaining prisoners and Kolbe were executed with a lethal injection.

He was canonized as a martyr by Pope John Paul II in 1982.

We are preparing to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish on November 19, 2017 with a special Mass at 10:30 a.m. So, save the date. More information will follow shortly.

*St. Agnes*

Mass Intentions

**Sun., Aug. 13** **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Leona Dobos - Dorothy Savolskis  
 11:45 a.m. Jack Youso - Gustashaw Family

**Mon., Aug. 14** **St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr**  
 NO MASS

**Tues., Aug. 15** **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 7:00 a.m. Julia, Patricia & Andrew Supira - Family  
 7:00 p.m. Margaret, David & George Ribarchak - Family

**Wed., Aug. 16** **Weekday**  
 7:00 a.m. Carl, Julia & Frances Gutilla - Family

**Thurs., Aug. 17** **Weekday**  
 7:00 a.m. Hayley, Cade & Helen Thomas - Family

**Fri., Aug. 18** **Weekday**  
 7:00 a.m. Thelma McWilliams - Ackerman Family

**Sat., Aug. 19** **Weekday**  
 NO MASS

**Sun., Aug. 20** **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Roberta Bevan - Jim and Suzann Bevan  
 11:45 a.m. Audrey Jean Lawnicak - Tom & Marguerite Oeler

*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 20th

8:00 a.m. Lector Brian Berry  
Ministers

11:45 a.m. Lector Wayne Petrak  
Ministers

*St. Agnes Collection Report*

August 6, 2017

Offertory	\$2,841.00
Parish Share	\$ 1,411.00
Angel Fund	\$ 306.00
Candles	\$ 33.00
Total	<b>\$4,591.00</b>

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

*St. Maximilian Kolbe*

Mass Intentions

**Sun., Aug. 13** **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:15 a.m. Michael Vehec - Mark Vehec Family  
 10:30 a.m. John and Jean Mitrick - Mary Ann Mitrick  
**VA State Home** John Brekosky - Mark Miklusko

**Mon., Aug. 14** **St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr**  
 9:00 a.m. Stanley and Josephine Kennedy - Nephew, Bob  
 4:00 p.m. Gladys Borsch - Steve and Stephanie

**Tue., Aug. 15** **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 9:00 a.m. Mary Jakubcak - Daughters, Stephanie & Theresa  
 6:00 p.m. Penny Grooms - Friends and Family

**Wed., Aug. 16** **Weekday**  
 9:00 a.m. Patricia Kascak - Bob & Rosemary Tucker

**Thurs., Aug. 17** **Weekday**  
 9:00 a.m. Bob Rochford - Cathy Rochford

**Fri., Aug. 18** **Weekday**  
 9:00 a.m. Adam and Anna Moskal - Son, Bob  
**VA - Aspinwall** James and Eileen Gillespie - Eileen Bell

**Sat., Aug. 19** **Weekday**  
 4:00 p.m. Kathy Gaglierd - Tony Gaglierd  
**VA - Aspinwall** Georgean Lucas - Karen & Earl Bennett

**Sun., Aug. 20** **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:15 a.m. William Beasock - Wife, Son & Daughter  
 10:30 a.m. Don Lockard - Paul and Kathy Lockard  
**VA State Home** Festus and Virginia Cloonan - Ed Cloonan

*Serving St. Maximilian Kolbe Next Week*

August 19th

4:00 p.m. Lector Sister Virginia  
Ministers Mary Ann Frena  
Fran Kearns  
Dave Soltez

August 20th

9:15 a.m. Lector Donna Grzyb  
Ministers Nathan McCullough  
DeAnna Moore  
Mary Stibrik

10:30 a.m. Lector Sylvia Vehec  
Ministers Mary Brekosky  
Chuck Komorosky  
Fran Votedian

*Candles on the Altar at St. Max*

Gladys Borsch requested by Steve and Stephanie  
Bob Rochford requested by Wife, Cathy  
Eugene Grzyb requested by Wife, Irene and Family

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



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