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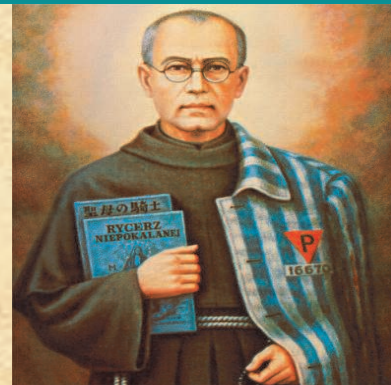
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Mass Schedule: St. Max: Weekday 9:00 a.m. - Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:15 & 10:30 a.m. St. Agnes: Tuesday-Friday 7:00 a.m.,
Sunday 8:00 & 11:45 a.m.

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
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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 27, 2017

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass Time Changes - Please note that **beginning August 29th**, Mass will once again be celebrated at 6:45 a.m. at St. Agnes and at 8:15 a.m. on Fridays for school liturgies. Mass on Fridays at St. Max will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m.

On Mission Update - After sharing this information with the Pastoral and Finance and Church Alive Committees at St. Max, I would like to share this information with you as well. On August 14th I, along with seven other priests, had the opportunity to sit down with Bishop Zubik. He, of course, was concerned about our thoughts, anxieties and fears along with our hopes and expectations. Beginning in mid-September through the end of October, each priest will have a one-on-one meeting with the priest personnel board. This is a very serious discussion and will determine what recommendations will be made to the Bishop.

Some time in April 2018, the Bishop is going to make three announcements that will effect every parish in the diocese. He will name 49 new administrators along with the other priests and deacons to form a new team. Second, he will announce what category each parish grouping will be; either A, B or C. Third, he will announce how many Masses will be said in each grouping.

Once this announcement is made in April, the priest team will have the opportunity to visit each of the Churches in the grouping and begin to work with the existing pastors and parish staff. This will give the new team a chance to see how things operate. Please note that not all priests are going to move. The Bishop wants what is best for the parish groupings as he sees fit.

In September 2018, the new administrators will take over their parish groups. The administrator will be given a blueprint to follow; either Category A, B or C. Each of the parishes will remain open until the new pastoral/finance councils and staff can assess what the parish needs to be vibrant and best serve the needs of the people in the surrounding areas. A rule of thumb has been set that Category A may need 18 to 24 months to make decisions. Category B may need two to three years to make decisions. Category C may need up to five years to come together. Remember, some existing parishes will be going from eight down to three, and this is going to take time.

Once a parish comes to an agreement, each administrator will petition the Bishop to close unneeded parishes. A new parish will be created and a new name will be given to the parish. If there is more than one Church left open, the name of that Church will remain as the Mission of St. Whatever Parish. Buildings that remain open will no longer be campuses but missions. Once the consolidation is complete, the new administrator will then be appointed pastor if he so chooses and the Bishop agrees.

What can you do that this time? Pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work in the Bishop as he faces the challenges ahead over the next six months.

This is where the process is at as of August 2017. As you can see, it has changed greatly over time. This process is exactly what it is, a process. There will most likely still be other changes that take place. I will keep you posted as more information comes forth.

Remember, the groups are as follows: St. Max, St. Therese, St. Rita, Resurrection. In a separate grouping are St. Agnes, Christ the Light of the World, St. Joseph, St. Hedwig and Holy Trinity.

Many people are anxious about the announcements and implementation of *On Mission*. While there is much that is unknown, we rely on the hope that comes from Christ that the Holy Spirit is and will be at work in our midst.

Gathering in prayer and fellowship is a great way to overcome our worry and grow as a community of believers. The Bishop encourages the members of the parishes to attend one of the *On Mission* summer sessions with the Bishop. These gatherings are not going to be lots of talking. There will be prayer, music and reflection by the bishops all for the purpose of uniting us as brothers and sisters for the glory of God. All the sessions begin at 7:00 p.m. They will be held on **Monday, August 28th** at St. Thomas More in Bethel Park; **Tuesday, August 29th** at St. Margaret Mary, Moon Township; **Wednesday, August 30th** at St. Kilian in Cranberry Township.

A Note of Thanks to all who came to the Parish Picnic at St. Max last Sunday. Thank you to the Ladies Guild who hosted the event. A special note of thanks to all who donated items for the Chinese Auction.

St. Max Fish Fry - Our fish fry will begin on **Friday, September 1st** at 11:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Our first special will be fried chicken, potato, vegetable for \$7. We also have potato pancakes, mac and cheese, haluski, baked and fried fish, jumbo and popcorn shrimp and more. You can eat in or take out. To reach our kitchen, please call 412-462-1743. We serve until 6:30 p.m.

St. Max Parish Breakfast - We will once again be serving buffet breakfast beginning **Sunday, September 3rd** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. We have eggs, sausage, pancakes, french toast, fresh fruit and variety of juices and danish, hash browns, bread, coffee and tea. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children ages 3-10. The food is great and the service is friendly, plus no tip and no tax. And, you can help the Church in the process.

St. Max Seniors - Our next meeting will take place on **Thursday, September 7th** beginning with Mass at 11:00 a.m. downstairs in the hall. That way, you don't have to make your way up and down the steps to get to the meeting. New members are always welcome!

Blessed Sacrament - will be exposed at St. Max beginning **Friday, September 8th** from noon until 4:00 p.m. in our day chapel. Please stop by and make a visit when you are visiting the fish fry.

Youth Group Meeting - We are planning a year of activities for those who are in 9th through 12th grade. Our meeting will take place in St. Max Cafeteria on **Sunday, September 10th** at 7:00 p.m. Bring your friends and bring your ideas. Don't be left out! All teens are welcome!

Prayer Shawl Meeting - The St. Max Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Thursday, September 14th** at 2:00 p.m. in St. Max Hall. All are welcome!

CCD - Classes will begin on **Sunday, September 24th** at 9:30 a.m. Please call the rectory to register your child for the classes. Our class meets twice a month on Sunday from 9:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. with the opportunity to attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass. This schedule works out for busy families. All children from Kindergarten to 7th grade are welcome. Eighth grade is the Confirmation year, so please call St. Therese to register. All children grades Kindergarten through 7th grade should call St. Max to register.

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.

Golden Wedding Celebration - Once again, the Diocese is planning its Golden Wedding Celebration for couples who have been married for 50 years. This year's celebration will take place on **Sunday, October 22nd** with Bishop Zubik, who will celebrate Mass at 2:30 p.m. at St. Paul Cathedral. A light reception will immediately follow in the Cathedral hall on the lower level. Any couple who is celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary any time this year is asked to submit their names, address and telephone number to their parish by **Monday, August 28th**.

Attention, Nashville Goers - All are reminded that payment in full is due by **September 5th**. Please make checks payable to St. Maximilian Kolbe.

You Are the Christ - Are you prepared, like Saint Peter, to profess with your lips that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God? How about to profess it with your life, by the quality of your words and deeds? Are you willing to place your trust in Jesus in the midst of trials, or is it only for when things are going well? We are all called to set our lives firmly on the foundation of Jesus so to stand firm and share his life with others no matter the circumstances of our lives. **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 to share the life and love of God with others even as we await the big changes that are about to take place in your parish and throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The uncertainty 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: 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.

St. Agnes School News

School will begin for students on Monday, August 28th with a full day. PreSchool will begin on Tuesday, September 5th.

Sister Cynthia is looking for a group of Alumni to help plan activities for our 150th anniversary. The first meeting would be scheduled in September. Give Sister a call if you are interested in helping.

St. Agnes Ephesians IV

The Ephesians IV prayer meeting will be held on **Monday, September 11th** at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome!

St. Max Ladies Guild News

The Ladies Guild would like to thank everyone who attended the picnic last Sunday. Thanks also to everyone who brought all those delicious treats, donated a basket or made a monetary donation, and volunteered their time and talents. We appreciate your support. A good time was had by all. Thank you again!

Craft & Vendor Show - will be held on **Saturday, September 16th**. The show will take place from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Homemade donuts will be sold as well as stuffed cabbage dinners. Our kitchen will be open serving your favorites. Various crafters and vendors from Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Avon, Scentsy, Lula Roe and much more will be here for the event. Hope to see you there!

St. Agnes Faculty

Principal: Sister Cynthia Wessel, SHS
PreSchool: Miss Theresa Wagner
Kindergarten: Ms. Polly Swank
1st Grade: Ms. Melissa Benovitch
2nd Grade: Mrs. Linda Reed
3rd Grade: Mrs. Anita Niecowski
4th Grade: Mrs. Julie Rocco
5th Grade: Mrs. Cheryl Nichols
6th Grade: Mrs. Emily Cubbison
7th Grade: Mrs. Lori Guthrie
8th Grade: Sister Janelle Banko, SHS
Secretaries: Mrs. Carolyn Roper
and Mrs. Patricia Jakub
Remedial Reading and Math Teacher:
Mrs. Lisa Mehalic
School Counselor: Emily Byron
Speech Pathologist: Jacqueline Pagnanelli

St. Max Collection Reports

August 13, 2017

Offertory	\$3,211.00
Parish Share	\$ 350.00
Candles	\$ 181.00
Total	\$3,742.00

August 15, 2017

Holy Day	\$ 848.00
Parish Share	\$ 127.00
Total	\$ 975.00

August 20, 2017

Offertory	\$1,884.00
Parish Share	\$ 813.00
Candles	\$ 191.00
Total	\$2,888.00

St. Agnes

Mass Intentions

Sun., Aug. 27 **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:00 a.m. Victor Merritt - Ann and Family
 11:45 a.m. Joseph Stavor - Bill and Joe Oeler

Mon., Aug. 28 **St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor**
 NO MASS

Tues., Aug. 29 **The Passion of St. John the Baptist**
 6:45 a.m. Jennifer, Helen and Thomas Checque - Family

Wed., Aug. 30 **Weekday**
 6:45 a.m. Carl, Julia and Frances Gutilla - Family

Thurs., Aug. 31 **Weekday**
 6:45 a.m. John, Susan and Mary Dragosh - Family

Fri., Sept. 1 **Weekday**
 8:15 a.m. William R. Cain - Wife, Mabel

Sat., Sept. 2 **Weekday**
 NO MASS

Sun., Sept. 3 **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:00 a.m. Michael Horgos - Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Pollock
 11:45 a.m. Marilyn and Glenn Shenafelt - Ackerman Family

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

September 3rd

8:00 a.m.	Lector	George Krevy
11:45 a.m.	Lector	Nancy Lapinski

St. Agnes Collection Reports

August 13, 2017

Offertory	\$2,784.00
Parish Share	\$ 255.00
Angel Fund	\$ 180.00
Hall Rental	\$ 150.00
Candles	\$ 42.00
Total	\$3,411.00

August 20, 2017

Offertory	\$2,065.00
Holy Day	\$ 697.00
Parish Share	\$ 115.00
Angel Fund	\$ 115.00
Candles	\$ 60.00
Total	\$3,052.00

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

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Mass Intentions

Sun., Aug. 27 **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9:15 a.m. Jess Komorosky - Louise and Charles
 10:30 a.m. Agnes Frederick - Niece, Barb
VA State Home Special Intention - Cookie Miller

Mon., Aug. 28 **St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor**
 9:00 a.m. Mary Agnes Aleksa - Steve and Stephanie Borsch

Tue., Aug. 29 **The Passion of St. John the Baptist**
 9:00 a.m. John Brekosky - Catholic War Veterans

Wed., Aug. 30 **Weekday**
 9:00 a.m. Maksymowicz Family - Helen and Walt

Thurs., Aug. 31 **Weekday**
 9:00 a.m. Bob Lesko - Marita Jandt

Fri., Sept. 1 **Weekday**
 9:00 a.m. Robert Lesko - Kevin and Diane Butler
VA - Aspinwall Mary Edwards Miller - The Rodgers Family

Sat., Sept. 2 **Weekday**
 4:00 p.m. Joseph Jenco, Sr. - Patricia Kascak
VA - Aspinwall Living and Deceased Family - Eileen Bell

Sun., Sept. 3 **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9:15 a.m. John Brekosky - Rosemarie Zedo
 10:30 a.m. John Dindak, Sr. Birthday - Lisa & Glenn Guckes
VA State Home Georgean Lucas - Karen and Earl Bennett

Serving St. Maximilian Kolbe Next Week

September 2nd

4:00 p.m.	Lector	Marie Langan
	Ministers	Fran Kearns
		Chuck Komorosky
		Dave Soltez

September 3rd

9:15 a.m.	Lector	Sister Virginia
	Ministers	Mary Brekosky
		DeAnna Moore
		Louise Pokrifka
10:30 a.m.	Lector	Fred Vella
	Ministers	Donna Getsy
		Carol Nadzam
		Sylvia Vehec

Candles on the Altar at St. Max

Gladys Borsch requested by Steve and Stephanie
 Tami Claire requested by Mom, Cathy Rochford
 Eugene Grzyb requested by Wife, Irene and Family
 40th Wedding Anniversary of Robin and Jack Linsenbigler
 Philomena Noll requested by Marlene Walter
 Robert Frena requested by Mary Ann Frena

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week for Mason Pokrifka requested by Grammy.



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