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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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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.

JANUARY 21, 2018

**THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Feast of St. Agnes - Today, January 21st, we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Agnes. She dates back to the year 304. Agnes is numbered among the most famous martyrs of Rome. When the Diocletian persecution was at its height and when priests as well as laymen were apostatizing from the faith, Agnes, a girl of twelve, freely chose to die for Christ. When she was commanded to offer incense to false gods, she raised her hand to Christ and made the Sign of the Cross. When the heathens threatened to tie her hand and foot, she herself hastened to the place of torture as a bride to her wedding feast. Pain had no terror for her, although the fetters slipped from her small hands while even the pagan bystanders were moved to tears. When the son of the Roman prefect offered to marry her, she replied, "The one to whom I am betrothed is Christ when the angels serve." When the executioner, who was behind her, hesitated, she encouraged him with words, "Strike, without fear, for the bride does herself an injury if she makes Him wait." The name of Agnes means, "Lamb life" and therefore the lamb is the symbol of the modesty and innocence of the virgin-martyr.

To the people of St. Agnes, may you follow the example of your church patron and defend your love for our Lord Jesus Christ, no matter what the price is, we must pray. Happy Feast Day!

March for Life - This week many will travel to Washington, DC to support the Rite to Life. Even though many of us will not be traveling to protest, let us lift our voices in prayer for human life. We will gather at St. Max on **Monday, January 22nd** at 7:00 p.m. for an hour of prayer. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the Rosary prayed. The March to Washington has taken place since 1974. The first march was founded by Nellie Gray. Every year since then, despite the weather, even as much as 24 inches of snow falling, there have been thousands of people in attendance.

Please join with me on **Monday, January 22nd** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Max to pray for the respect of all life.

St. Max Fish Fry - will be open on **Friday, January 26th** from 11:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Our special will be country fried steak, mashed potato, vegetable and roll for \$7.00. We are now serving soup, plus our fish, pizza, chicken and usual menu. You can eat in or take out. To reach our kitchen, please call 412-462-1743.

Blessed Sacrament - The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on **Friday, January 26th** from noon until 4:00 p.m. Be sure to stop in to make a visit in our day chapel.

"Souper Bowl" Sale - The St. Max Ladies Guild will hold their annual "Souper Bowl" sale on **Saturday, January 27th**. If anyone would like make soup, please fill out the Soup Form (in the back of the church) and return it in by Sunday, January 21. Soup jars are available downstairs. Thank you.

Catholic Schools Week - will begin **January 28th and runs through February 3rd**. Many of us no longer have children in school. Many of us sitting in these pews were educated by the Catholic Schools system. Back in the day, many of us went for \$100 or less a year to school. I am grateful for the education that I received in my days at St. Ambrose. In fact, it was there that the seed of my vocation was planted and even began to sprout in its early stages. Our parish school at St. Agnes has been in existence for 150 years now. As times get tough and tuition continues to increase, we are beginning a campaign during Catholic Schools Week that will run until February 15th to raise much needed funds to help the school. This is not an impossible task. With your help, we can and must reach our goal. There are a few ways you can help. One is by going online January 30th and put in a code that will be in next week's bulletin and making your donation to St. Agnes School electronically. Also in the bulletin next weekend you will find an envelope that you can drop in the mail or return next weekend. We will have children stationed at the doors to receive your donation.

Please do not take this request lightly. What you are doing is insuring Catholic education for the future.

St. Max Seniors - The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 1st** beginning with Mass at 11:00 a.m. in the hall followed by a luncheon and meeting. New members are always welcome!

Feast of St. Blaise - The Feast of St. Blaise is **February 3rd**. Please note that throats will be blessed on Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass and on Sunday after each of the Masses.

Hoagie Sale - Hoagies will be sold on **February 3-4** after all Masses at St. Agnes and St. Max. We have Italian and Turkey for \$7 and Roast Beef for \$8. They are great to cut up for you and your guests if you are having a Superbowl Party. Proceeds benefit St. Agnes School.

Parish Breakfast - St. Max will be serving breakfast on **Sunday, February 4th** from 8:30 a.m. until noon. We feature eggs, omelets, home fries, sausage, bacon, french toast, pancakes, fresh fruit, cereal, a variety of juices, danish, breads and coffee. The price is \$9 per person or \$5 for children ages 3-10.

St. Max Superbowl Party - will be held on **Sunday, February 4th, time to be determined**, in St. Max Hall. Come watch the game with us! Admission will be \$15 for adults and \$7 for kids 6-18. We will be serving hot sausage sandwiches, meatball sandwiches, potato salad, wings, desserts, snacks plus beverages of your choosing. Tickets available at the rectory. Those who bought \$100 superbowl blocks will come for free.

St. Agnes Nite at the Races will be held on **February 9th**. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the first race goes off at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 admission and includes a buffet that will be served after the fourth race and your beer and pop. You may bring your own snacks and extra beverages of your choice. Tickets are available at the door as well as at the school. So, gather a table of friends and come for the night out.

Mardi Gras/Presidents Day Bingo - will take place at St. Max on **Sunday, February 11th**. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Early birds begin at 12:30 p.m. It is an all paper bingo. Admission is \$10 for 9 cards, 20 regular games. Specials are extra and pay \$100 except for round robin that pays \$200. A \$500 jackpot is given away. There will be an intermission at which time we will serve King Cake for Mardi Gras and an extra prize will be given to the winners. There will be extra Presidents given out as door prizes as well. Our kitchen will have its usual menu and our special will be roasted turkey, potato, vegetable and roll for \$7. You can eat in or pack it up to go. So, spread the word and spend the afternoon with us.

Alaska Trip - Many have been inquiring about the Alaska trip. I haven't forgotten about it. Within the next two weeks more information will be available. I can tell you now that the trip will take place in August of 2018.

St. Agnes Breakfast - To kick off Catholic Schools Week, St. Agnes will be serving breakfast on **January 28th**. Following the Masses we will have a breakfast of French toast sticks, scrambled eggs, sausage, danish, juices and coffee, tea and milk. The price is \$8 adults and \$5 for kids 9 and under. It is so nice to see the St. Agnes folks support the St. Max fundraisers. The St. Max folks should support St. Agnes as well.

St. Max Lenten Fish Fry

St. Max Lenten Fish Fry - If you were unable to show up for the St. Max Fish Fry meeting, please call Father Dan at 412-461-1054 to let him know when you can help. During Lent, we are usually very busy and need a great deal of help, even if you can't work all day. Come in the evening to help clean, because by then everyone is tired. You may be able to come on Wednesday or Thursday during the day to help prep. It takes a great deal of people to be able to pull off such an undertaking. The more hands we have, the easier it is for others who try to do so many different jobs. Please consider lending a helping hand.

Chinese Auction Items - With Lent just around the corner, we are once again collecting items for our Chinese Auction that runs from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday. If you wish to donate a basket for the Chinese Auction, please drop it off at the rectory no later than **February 9th**. We have two groupings, high end valued at over \$100 and low end. Be sure to mark your donation as well.

Appalachia Work Camp News

Pot of Gold tickets are on sale at the rectory. The date is **Saturday, March 3, 2018**. Tickets are \$100 for two people. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. H'orderves will be served. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. You also receive a number from 000-180. Pick your lucky number now! The first number called wins \$100, then every tenth number wins \$100 until the 90th number (wins \$200), then every 5th number receives \$100 until we get down to the last five numbers and they receive \$1,000. There is also Chinese Auction, 50/50, paint sticks, horse races, gift card raffle and cash raffle. Proceeds benefit Appalachia Work Camp.

Lancaster County, PA
Presented by St. Maximilian Kolbe Church
June 20-21, 2018

Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre's show
"JESUS"

Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Depart by motor coach for Lancaster. Rest and meal stops will be made periodically. By lunch time we arrive in Lancaster County, heart of the Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Enjoy a stop at Kitchen Kettle Village. This quaint complex features 32 country shops filled with local crafts, fine furniture making, leather tooling, folk carvings, sand foundried pewter, exquisite quilting and plenty of good foods. Later today we arrive to the Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre for the show, "Jesus." Sight & Sound Theatres invites you to experience the greatest rescue story of all time! Jesus is the action-packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey alongside the most famous person to ever walk the earth, and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever. Following the show transfer to a local restaurant for a delicious Pennsylvania Dutch smorgasbord. After dinner transfer to our nearby hotel for the night. The next morning following breakfast we depart Lancaster County and travel to Irish-town for a stop at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Built in 1787, the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the oldest Catholic Church building in the United States built of stone, and the first parish church in America dedicated to the loving heart of our divine savior. Referred to in colonial times as the Conewago Chapel, this beautiful church became the headquarters of the Jesuit missionaries of the St. Francis Regis mission circuit. Prince Gallitzin spent his first years in the priesthood here and St. John Neumann visited Conewago on five occasions. Later this afternoon we begin our journey home.

Trip Includes: Motorcoach transportation, one night lodging, one breakfast, one dinner, show ticket, admissions and is fully escorted.

Trip Cost: \$299.00 per person double, \$295.00 per person triple, \$379.00 per person single

Payment Policy: A \$50.00 per person deposit is due to reserve your seat with the balance due by April 27, 2018. Make checks payable to St. Maximilian Kolbe Church and send to 363 West 11th Avenue Extension, Homestead, PA, 15120 – Phone 412-461-1054.

Refund Policy: Full refund on cancellations made by April 27, 2018. An optional trip Cancellation insurance is available for \$25.00 per person and is due with trip deposit.

Arrangements by Wendt Touring, Inc.

St. Agnes School News

Superbowl Match Sweepstakes - We have Superbowl Match Sweepstakes tickets available through the school office and after Masses at St. Agnes on January 14th, 21st and 28th. They are \$5 and chances of winning are 1 in 14. Numbers on your card match 1 you win \$10, 2 quarters match \$50, 3 quarters match \$500 and all 4 quarters match \$5000.

Catholic Schools Week - Celebrating Catholic Education Sunday, January 28, the students will take an active part in the Sunday liturgies. There will be a breakfast of scrambled eggs, French toast, sausage, fresh fruit, Danish served from 9:00 to 1:00. Price is \$8.00 and \$5 for children 7 and under.

Various activities are scheduled throughout the week.

Day of Giving – there will be a Day of Giving on January 30, 2018 9:00 a.m. – January 31, 2018 9:00 am. See the flier on the back of the Catholic Schools Week attachment. A link to the St. Agnes School URL giving page and directions for giving will be published next week. It will also be on St. Agnes School website (school.stagneswm.com) and facebook page. This is all made possible through NCEA and FACTS Management.

St. Agnes Chinese Auction for the Fish Fry - please bring your donated items to the Holy Trinity Social Hall or St. Agnes Social Hall no later than February 10th. All donations are greatly appreciated.

St. Agnes Collection Report

January 14, 2018

Offertory	\$2,527
Parish Share	\$ 385
Angel Fund	\$ 82
Candles	\$ 76
Total	\$3,070

St. Maximilian Kolbe Collection Report

January 14, 2018

Offertory	\$2,557
Parish Share	\$ 397
Candles	\$ 109
Total	\$3,063

Tax Statements - If you would like a statement of your contributions for 2017 sent to you, please call the parish office.

St. Agnes

Mass Intentions

Sun., Jan. 21 **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes Parish
11:45 a.m. Ashley and Abigail Nicholas - Family

Mon., Jan. 22 **Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children**
8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tues., Jan. 23 **Weekday**
6:45 a.m. Supira and Ribarchak Families - Family

Wed., Jan. 24 **St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor**
6:45 a.m. Dragosh and Leozio Families - Family

Thurs., Jan. 25 **The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**
6:45 a.m. Helen Cade and Hayley Thomas - Family

Fri., Jan. 26 **St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops**
8:15 a.m. Janice Abraham Alexander - Family

Sat., Jan. 27 **Weekday**
NO MASS

Sun., Jan. 28 **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. Tom and Peg Smith - 45th Wedding Anniversary
Tom and Marguerite Oeler - 67th Wedding Anniversary - Tom & Peg Smith
11:45 a.m. Ashley and Abigail Nicholas - 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
- **Kevin Funa**, USAF - Grandson of Jack and Nancy Funa

Serving St. Agnes Next Week

January 28th

8:00 a.m. Lector School Children
11:45 a.m. Lector School Children

Candles on the Altar at St. Max

Gladys Borsch req. by Steve and Stephanie
Winnie Rodosky req. by Family
Lenore Miller req. by Sandy Kalla
Claire Kallay req. by Sandy Kalla
Martin Clancy req. by Mary Kennedy
Eugene Grzyb req. by Wife, Irene and Family
Andrew A. Milchalk, Jr. req. by Mom & Dad
Andrew A. Milchalk, Jr. req. by Angela & Michael
Andrew A. Milchalk, Jr. req. by Baba
Andrew A. Milchalk, Jr. req. by Aunt DeAnna & Family
Andrew A. Milchalk, Jr. req. by Aunt Danelle & Family
Andrew A. Milchalk, Jr. req. by Aunt Denise & Family

The Sanctuary Candle is lit for Joseph Komorosky requested by Louise and Charles.

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Mass Intentions

Sun., Jan. 21 **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:15 a.m. Michael Beddard - Family
10:30 a.m. Eugene Grzyb - Bill and Diane Harvey
VA State Home Adam Gress - Family

Mon., Jan. 22 **Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children**
9:00 a.m. Martin Clancy - Mary Kennedy

Tue., Jan. 23 **Weekday**
9:00 a.m. Lenore Miller - Daughter, Renee Duffy

Wed., Jan. 24 **St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor**
9:00 a.m. Lawrence and Margaret Cybator - Jackie Bour

Thurs., Jan. 25 **The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**
9:00 a.m. Winnie Rodosky - Family

Fri., Jan. 26 **St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops**
9:30 a.m. Michael Sinchak - Sister, Teresa
VA - Aspinwall For the Intention of the Giver

Sat., Jan. 27 **Weekday**
4:00 p.m. Leona Dobos - Sally Milko
VA - Aspinwall Zita Wojtkiewicz - Puskaric Family

Sun., Jan. 28 **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:15 a.m. Adam Gress - DiGiannurio Family
10:30 a.m. Kathy Schmidt - Cousin, Colleen
VA State Home For the Intention of the Giver

Serving St. Maximilian Kolbe Next Week

January 27th

4:00 p.m. Lector Cindy Graham
Ministers Fran Kearns
 Kathy Losos
 Dave Soltez

January 28th

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

10:30 a.m. Lector Donna Kiefer
Ministers Chuck Komorosky
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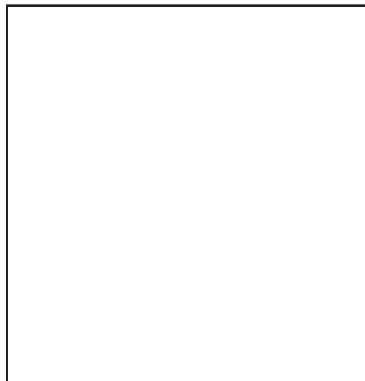
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