

# St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

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*Masses: Saturday ~ 4:00 p.m. Sunday ~ 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.*

*Saturday Confessions ~ 3:00 p.m.*

*March 26, 2017*  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*



*Our Mission Statement*

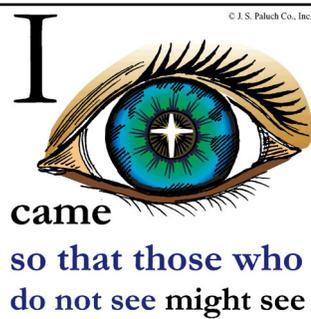
*We Worship ~ We Teach ~ We Care*

# March 26, 2017

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

The future king, David, in today's first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout

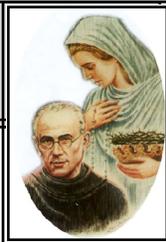


the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God's anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today's Gospel.

David's family and the blind man's community did not expect the miraculous grace of God's love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were "blinded" by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to "see" the presence of God's will for them. Both became messengers of God's will. That same Spirit of God's anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as "children of the light."

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### St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Staff



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~ Pastor

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### Stations of The Cross

*All Wednesdays in Lent*

*- after 9:15 am Mass  
and at 7 pm*



### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The church slowly developed customs of reserving some portion of the Eucharistic sacrifice for the sake of the dying. Today's custom of placing this portion in a tabernacle for prayer and adoration by the faithful cannot be traced back much beyond the year 1,000, much to almost everyone's surprise. There is simply no historical evidence of the Blessed Sacrament being present in a church for the purpose of having the faithful visit it or pray before it earlier in the church's history. People did visit, of course, but the center of their attention was the altar, symbol of Christ's sacrifice and the touchpoint between heaven and earth. Shrines and devotional altars abounded in medieval churches, but anything we might describe as a Blessed Sacrament chapel would be hard to find.

Amazingly, the Eucharist was first kept in private houses for the purpose of Holy Communion at home. As for church, the custom gradually developed of suspending a vessel shaped like a dove somewhere in the church, often over the altar. In the hovering bird, a few hosts, enough to satisfy the pastoral needs of the dying, would be secreted. The priest would lower the dove on a pulley as needed, but it wasn't a focus of devotion by visitors to the church. It was simply a way of reassuring bishops who were nervous about safeguarding the Eucharist. The dove solution caught on in England and France after Crusaders came in contact with the custom in their travels in the Orthodox East.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### LIGHT AND SHADOW

In faith there is enough light  
for those who want to believe  
and enough shadows to blind those who don't.

—Blaise Pascal

# MASSSES for the WEEK

## March 25th through April 2nd

Saturday	4:00 pm	<b>Sr. Antoinette Cabera</b> by Irene Gold
Sunday	8:00 am	<b>Kathryn Cerra</b> by Joan & Allan Hild
	10:30 am	<b>For The Parishioners</b>
Monday	9:15 am	<b>Lucille E. Tormay</b> by Bill & Missy Pappa
Tuesday	9:15 am	<b>Carmen Sloane</b> by Friends of the Family
Wednesday	9:15 am	<b>Howard Hunt</b> by Mildred Hunt
Thursday	9:15 am	<b>George Fritz</b> by Rusty Gravatt
Friday	9:15 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Saturday	4:00 pm	<b>William Schott</b> by JoAnne Maher
Sunday	8:00 am	<b>Dolores James</b> by CCD Catechists & Families
	10:30 am	<b>For The Parishioners</b>

### Saturday Confessions at 3:00 pm

All Mondays during Lent~ Confessions will also be heard from 9:45 am to 11 am

**9:15 am mass will still be celebrated when we have a funeral mass that day.**

### First Friday Adoration

will be held after the 9:15 am Communion Service each month.



Weekly Collection 03/12/17.....	\$ 4,588.
Capital Improvement.....	125.
Lenten donations.....	476.

Thank You for Your Generosity

# Readings for the Week

Saturday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41
Monday:	Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

### Fasting During Lent

The regulations on Lenten fast and abstinence are:  
~**Fasting:** On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, those who are 18 but not yet 60 are allowed only one full meal. Two smaller meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

~**Abstinence from meat:** Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

### **KIDS IN CHURCH:**

*A Sunday School teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and thy mother' she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'thou shall not kill.'*



### INCLEMENT WEATHER

**Daily Mass at 9:15 am will be celebrated regardless of school delays or closings.**

~ **Mass will not be delayed or cancelled.**

**Please use your own discretion to attend mass if road conditions are hazardous ~ please drive cautiously.**





## Parish Life

### LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS REHEARSAL & PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 26 - 1:30 pm

Sunday, April 2 - 1:30 pm

Sunday, April 9 - 3:30-6 Dress Rehearsal

6 pm Cast Pot Luck Dinner

-7:30 pm Presentation

### Adult Enrichment Series for Lent

#### *“How Catholics Read the Bible”*

Mr. James Connor will continue a morning session on Thursday: **March 30th**. The morning presentation will be videotaped and will be shown at 7 pm that evening.

### SCRIPTURE SHARING

Tuesday mornings @ 10 am in the parish hall. All are welcome to join us as we reflect on the Lenten Scripture for the upcoming weekend.

### THE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

meets downstairs in the Parish Hall on the *second Wednesday* of the month at 10 am; **our next session will be on Wednesday, April 12th**. For more info, please call Lynnette at 646-6424 (office) or at 839-9346 in the evening.

**REMAINING LENTEN BUFFET:** Mark your calendars: **Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**. In the event of bad weather, our only snow date will be Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$10 for those 13 years & older, \$9/ Seniors (65+), \$5/ children 5-12, & kids under 5 are free. We will serve fish, a variety of pasta, including whole wheat & gluten free, a variety of sauces, stuffed shells, mac & cheese, daily specials, soup, and salad bar & dessert table. If you would like to help by donating items for the meals or by volunteering your time to set up, serve, and/or clean up, sign-up sheets are posted by the exits of the church and in the office area.

### **Employment Opportunities at St. Max**

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish is seeking to fill the positions that will be open after the July 1<sup>st</sup> retirement of Lynnette Smith. These positions require both confidentiality and discretion. Applicants must also possess a demonstrated knowledge of and commitment to the Catholic Church's teachings, mission, vision and values. At the discretion of the pastor, both positions may be filled by one person, or the roles of Pastoral Associate and Coordinator of Religious Education will be filled by two individuals. Listed below are the general descriptions of each position; more details are available for those interested in applying for one or both areas of ministry.

Interested candidates for either one or both positions are encouraged to send a letter of interest, a complete resume with references by March 31<sup>st</sup> to:

Rev. Sean G. Carpenter

P.O. Box O, Pocono Pines, PA 18350

#### **Pastoral Associate**

**General Description:** The Pastoral Associate is a minister who is responsible for the daily care of the faithful. He or she shares in the responsibility of the needs assessment, decision-making, planning, and implementation of a variety of parish ministries and operations. The Pastoral Associate is more of a generalist than a specialist. In collaboration with the pastor and other staff members and volunteers, the pastoral associate integrates a variety of ministries within the overall parish mission.

#### **Coordinator of Religious Education**

**General Description:** The Coordinator of Religious Education is a parish minister who has acquired specialized training in religious education, theology, and ministry. He/she provides leadership in the design and implementation of programs for adults, youth, and children, which nurtures their religious education and lifelong faith formation. This member of the parish staff is responsible for directing all parish religious education activities including assessment of needs, planning, execution, staffing, and evaluation of programs. In collaboration with the pastor and other staff members, he or she integrates religious education and ongoing faith formation with the overall parish

## Parish Life

### The Light Is On For You



Our parish, and all the parishes in the Diocese of Scranton, will be open on the Mondays of Lent for individual confessions. *In addition to 3 pm Saturday confession time, confessions will also be held at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish after Monday morning 9:15 Mass, from 9:45-11 am during Lent, or at any time by appointment.* Other area parishes will host confessions from 5:30 pm to 7 pm on those Mondays.

### *Living Stations of the Cross ~ A Prayerful Presentation on Palm Sunday April 9th @ 7:30 pm*

#### RCIA: WHAT ARE THE SCRUTINIES?

The Scrutinies are “rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen, all that is upright, strong, and good.” We celebrate the Rite of Scrutiny on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent. We pray for our catechumen, Tracy Stodnick’s continuing spiritual growth as she prepares to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. As the catechumens prepare to have their all sins forgiven in the Sacrament of Baptism, so those of us already baptized reflect on our lives, as we seek to have our sins forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### Week of March 26th



Sanctuary Light  
In Memory of Ed & Helen Nidweski  
by Ed & Roseann Nidweski



Bread and Wine  
For The Unborn  
Altar Flowers  
No Flowers during Lent



## Parish Life

### This Week at St. Max

Mon. Mar 27th - Confessions 9:45 to 11 am  
- Men’s Cornerstone - 7 pm  
Tue. Mar 28th - Women’s Cornerstone - 6:30 pm  
Wed. Mar 29th - Stations - 9:45 am & 7 pm  
Thurs. Mar 30th - “How Catholic Read The Bible”  
Presentation @ 10 am & video @ 7 pm  
Fri. Mar. 31st - Lenten Buffet 4:30 pm to 7 pm  
Sat. April 1st - First Communion Retreat 9 to Noon

#### OUR PARISH PRAYER GARDEN



With your support, we have continued to expand and maintain a quiet space on the rectory grounds where all are welcome to spend time in prayer. In the garden is a statue of the Blessed Mother, Stations of the Cross, and several prayer plaques. There are benches along the way, and engraved pavers have been placed to remember deceased loved

ones or to commemorate special occasions, such as a birth, First Communion, Confirmation, graduation, anniversary, etc.

With spring approaching, it will soon be possible to add new pavers. A 4 x 8 inch paver (3 lines of 17 letters and spaces) is \$60; two can be purchased for \$100. A 8 x 8 inch paver (with 6 lines of 17 letters and spaces) can be purchased for \$150. Order forms are available in the parish office during office hours. For more information, call Mike Kummer 570-646-3432 or email: [plt389@hotmail.com](mailto:plt389@hotmail.com).

**Weis & Mr. Z’s -Register Receipts**  
*Please* continue to save your receipts for us. The more receipts you save and turn in to us, the more \$\$\$ we earn for our parish.

## Parish Life



Meetings are the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month @ 7 pm in the parish hall.

~ <http://knights13752.webs.com/>

~Facebook at KnightsofColumbus Pocono Pines

### Immaculata Prayer Meeting

**Saturday's @ 2 pm**

**Prayer - Song - Praise**

Meetings end prior to the 4 pm Saturday Mass. If you would like to know more call Diane 570-646-4707, or Peggy @ 570-646-1623. or stop in and join us for prayer, praise and fellowship.

**All Are Welcome.**



## Parish Life

### St. Max Prayer Shawl

#### "KNITTED KNOCKERS" CHARITIES

On the advice of one of our kind parishioners, our group investigated the websites: [knittedknockers.usa.com](http://knittedknockers.usa.com). and [knittedknockers.org](http://knittedknockers.org). We discovered a worldwide organization that provides outreach & service to those women who have had a mastectomy. This is done by women (and men) who knit or crochet light, comfortable alternative prosthetics for those in need. Our St. Max group will soon begin this service work with the skills and the recommended yarn and patterns. We will send our completed work to the distribution headquarters where the finishing touches are added. Once completed, they are shipped free of charge to anyone who requests them, according to their size and color preference. While they come in all sizes and colors, knitted knockers come full of love from the volunteers who made them. We sincerely hope if you or someone you know needs this service, you will encourage them to visit these websites.

### Save The Dates....

**April 22nd: "Spring Luncheon"**  
@ Lake Naomi Club  
*(see flyer in this bulletin)*

**May 11th: "Bus Trip to National Center for Padre Pio"**  
*(see flyer in this bulletin)*

**June 4th: "Retirement Dinner" for Lynnette Smith**  
@ the Lake Naomi Club



**The Prayer Shawl Group meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month @ 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Newcomers are Welcome.**

You may participate by creating items, or by donating materials needed to create the projects. Please call Carolyn @570-578-6262 if you have any questions.

### Week of March 26th



#### Sanctuary Light

Available for \$20. for two weeks

#### Bread and Wine

For The Unborn



#### Altar Flowers

No Flowers during Lent



Amy Hatlee ~ Jay Crandall  
Kevin Kret ~ Fr. Urban  
Darrin Rockefeller  
Temi Miller ~ Caroline Bruno  
Nancy Gordon ~ Frank Ware  
Fr. Tom McLaughlin  
Margaret Broderick ~ Joan Harrigan  
Richard Snell ~ Kimberly Knight  
Bill Gleason ~ Bob Ruezinsky ~ Kim Maria Giganti  
Msgr. Jerry Sherba ~ Samson Colborn  
Antonia Lucia ~ Violet Sloat ~ David Mancuso  
Paul Fulton ~ Deacon Frank ~ Antoinette Gisoldi  
Joseph McKenna ~ Bobbie Morin  
Daniella Maldonado ~ Kyle Brennan ~ Betty Colburn  
Theresa Spicci ~ George Ondrajka  
Fr. Paul Mullen ~ Jolene Kovitch

## Around The Diocese



### Prayers for Military and Government Service

MK1 Katie Stodnick ~ Eugene Maslar, Jr  
2nd Lt. Mark Gaido ~ Lt. JG Michael Huf  
Airman Patrick Alminde  
Seaman Nicole Beckman ~ Cpl. John P. Bramley  
Sgt. Andrew Malave  
Lt. Col. Christopher Yuskaitis  
Lt. Joseph V. Yuskaitis, Jr. - Major Thomas M. Smith  
2nd Class Petty Officer DC2, Jeffrey Royall  
Cpl. Nhelmar DePerro ~ Sgt. Amber Keppol  
Sgt. Matthew Ponce ~ Alston Smart Jr.  
Jake Yuskaitis ~ Staff Sgt. William D. Olsen  
HA Valerie Novak ~ Sr. Airman Charlie Maldonado  
*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.*

### Remaining Area Lenten Penance Services

Sunday, March 26th @ 2 pm  
*Most Holy Trinity - Cresco*

Tuesday, March 28th @ 7 pm  
*Our Lady of Victory - Tannersville*

Thursday, March 30th @ 7 pm  
*St. John's - East Stroudsburg*

Sunday, April 2nd @ 7 pm  
*Our Lady Queen of Peace - Brodheadsville*

Tuesday, April 4th @ 7 pm  
*St. Luke's - Stroudsburg*

Monday, April 10th @ 6 pm  
*St. Matthew's - East Stroudsburg*

#### LOVE AND DEEDS

God doesn't want our deeds;  
God wants the love that prompts them.  
—St. Teresa of Avila

## Around The Diocese

### HAITIAN CREOLE AND FRENCH MASS

A monthly Creole/Francophone mass will be celebrated every 3rd Sunday of the month @ 6 pm at St. John's The Apostle, 5171 Milford Rd., East Stroudsburg, PA 18302. For more information please call 570-851-2894.

## Ecumenical / Interfaith

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

This year Monroe County Habitat for Humanity intends to complete **30 Home Preservation Projects in Monroe County!** These projects will enable struggling homeowners the opportunity to make necessary repairs on their homes! Do you qualify? A family of two must earn less than \$44,100/yr., and be up to date on mortgage, property taxes, and have homeowner's insurance. If this sounds like you, contact Habitat Office today for a Home Preservation Application! 570-216-4390 or [habitatmc.org](http://habitatmc.org).

### FOOD PANTRY NEWS

**Location: Five Loaf House: 133 Fire House Rd.**

**Next Distribution date - April 10th & 11th**

**Monday - 8:30 - 11:00; 12:00 - 2:00; 4:00-5:00**

**Tuesday - 8:30 - 11 am**

**Food & Clothing Donations** are accepted on Mon/Tues/Wed 9 am -11 am, or call 570-646-7456. Foods needed: peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, mac & cheese, soup, tuna, fruit and veggies. Also laundry detergent, dish and bath soaps, shampoo, deodorant, paper towels, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, cleaning supplies, tampons, sanitary napkins, diapers and urinary pads and dog and cat food. Hours of distribution for clothing are Thursday from 8 am to 10 am.

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