

# St. Maximilian Kolbe Church



Love the Blessed Virgin Mary and her Son Jesus with a pure and sacrificial heart.

130 ST. MAXIMILIAN LANE • TOMS RIVER, NEW JERSEY 08757

April 21, 2024



## Pastor

Rev. Stephen M. Piga

In Memoriam:

Rev. Francis E. Santitoro  
Founding Pastor - 1985

## Deacon

Thomas C. Yondolino

## Assistant to the Pastor

Josephine Micciulla

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Mr. Tarcisio Pono



## Prayer to

### Saint Maximilian Kolbe

We rejoice in your elevation to the honors of the altar,

dear St. Maximilian Kolbe. We thank you and praise God for your loyalty to Christ, your devotion to Mary Immaculate, your total surrender to the divine will.

In the midst of painful trials, you had the courage to say: "For Jesus Christ I am prepared to suffer still more." Generous to the end, you volunteered to lay down your life for a prisoner sentenced to die by starvation.

With confidence in your power of intercession, we now present our needs to you.

(Here mention your prayer request.)  
Obtain for us also to abide always in God's friendship, that we may glorify Him with you in heaven for all eternity. Amen.

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Saturday~7:00 am  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
& Friday~8:30 am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday~4:00 pm  
Sunday~7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm

### Confessions

Wednesdays~1:00-2:00 pm  
Saturdays~3:00-3:45 pm

### Holy Day Vigil Masses

4:00 pm

### Holy Day

7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am

### Baptisms

First Sunday of the month

### Weddings

Contact parish one year in advance.

Our mission is "To connect people to God and one another and to spread the kingdom of God." Our vision is to see and realize God's reign of righteousness, justice, and peace in the world. Together, we hope to make a lasting difference in our lives, in our community, and in our world.

Phone: 732-914-0300/Fax: 732-240-9517/Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm/Friday: Closed

Web: [www.stmaximiliankolbechurch.com](http://www.stmaximiliankolbechurch.com)/E-Mail: [stmaximiliankolbechurch@gmail.com](mailto:stmaximiliankolbechurch@gmail.com)

# April 21, 2024/Fourth Sunday of Easter

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

“It is a holy and wholesome thing to pray for the living and the dead.” (II Mac. 12:46)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

- 7:00 am Dinka Mattesci  
*Req. Mr. and Mrs. Vajentic*
- 4:00 pm Helen & Ernest Chapman  
*Req. Barbara & Tom Dudek*

### SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

- 7:00 am Rosa & Mauro DeRobertis  
*Req. Daughter, Mary Troisi*
- 9:00 am Mildred Hettinger  
*Req. Pat Meyer*
- 11:00 am Patricia Gulan, 4th Anniversary  
*Req. Theresa Pulaski & Family*
- 1:00 pm James Mayfield  
*Req. Family*

### MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024

- 8:30 am Multiple Intention Mass

### TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024

- 7:00 am Joseph Yeno  
*Req. Wife, Susana*

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

- 8:30 am James Pissott  
*Req. Barbara Fugnitti*

### THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

- 8:30 am Paula Montorio  
*Req. Chet & Karen Lyszczek*

### FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024

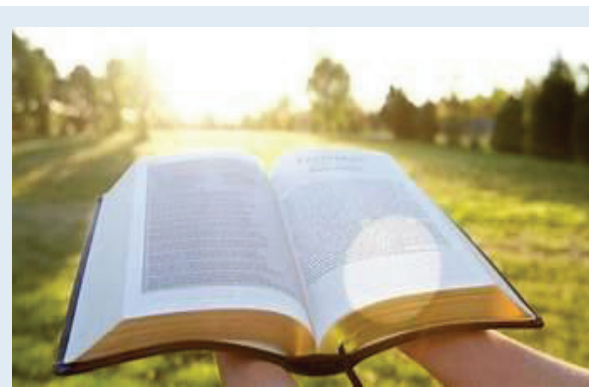
- 8:30 am Henn Family  
*Req. Trudy & Norbert Maier*

### SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

- 7:00 am Dennis Franco  
*Req. Wife, Marie*
- 4:00 pm Joan Eckman & Barbara Botto  
*Req. Joseph & Marie Barracato*

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

- 7:00 am George Heinis  
*Req. Heinis Family*
- 9:00 am Raymond Rupp  
*Req. Joanne Rupp*
- 11:00 am Mildred Spirito  
*Req. Janet Chiaffitelli & Family*
- 1:00 pm Eleanor Marini  
*Req. Lynne Rac*



### DAILY READINGS

- Sunday, 4/21/24—Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18
- Monday, 4/22/24—Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday, 4/23/24—Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday, 4/24/24—Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday, 4/25/24—1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
- Friday, 4/26/24—Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday, 4/27/24—Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

Monday, April 22, 2024 at 8:30 am

Multiple Intention Mass

In Memory of: Rev. Francis E. Santitoro  
The Santitoro Family (Living & Deceased)

Rev. Frank Porazzo & Porazzo Family  
Assunta Artificio, **Req. Family**

In Honor & Thanksgiving – Our Lord,  
**Req. Ralph & Sallie Donato, and Family**

Michael Sutton, **Req. Paula Morocco**

Madeline Coppola-Mooney, Anniversary,  
**Req. Family**

Frank & Carmella Mocerino,  
**Req. Frank & Madeline Lotito**

Lucille Rohde, **Req. Daughters**

Alfredo Vieira, **Req. Wife, Maria**

Phillip Yawman, **Req. Joan Giblin**

Carol Ballehr, **Req. Joan Giblin**

Bernard Ernst, **Req. Family**

Orlando Galietti,  
**Req. Frances Perone & Gloria Olsen**

Ziggy Pavilonis, **Req. Family**

Arthur Maguire, **Req. Elizabeth Kelly**

Kathleen Sullivan,  
**Req. Patricia McCue Gold**

Sue McGovern, Healing,  
**Req. Patricia McCue Gold**

Frank DiIorgi,  
**Req. Angela Vlacich & Family**

Thomas Albright,  
**Req. Cheryl & Ed Winters**

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**Please join us in praying for the  
intentions mentioned in this bulletin.**

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Special Intentions  
April 20, 2024 to April 26, 2024

BREAD & WINE-CHURCH

Madeline Coppola-Mooney, Anniversary  
**Req. Family**

SANCTUARY CANDLE-CHURCH

Bernard Ernst  
**Req. Wife & Family**

ALTAR CANDLES-CHURCH

Francesca & Giorgio D’Errico  
**Req. Great Niece, Donna**



MY DAILY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, walk with me today  
and grant that I may hear your  
footsteps and gladly follow where  
they lead. Talk with me today and  
grant that I may hear your tender  
voice, and quicken to its counsel.  
Stay with me today and grant that I  
may feel your gentle presence in all  
I do or say or think. Be my strength  
when I weaken, my courage when I  
fear. Help me know that it is your  
hand holding mine through all the  
minutes of all the hours of this day.  
And when night falls down, grant  
that I may know that I am gathered  
to your Sacred Heart to sleep in love  
and peace. AMEN



## From the Pastor's Desk



Hello everyone,

With Spring comes baseball again, so many beautiful grass fields all over America. As the saying goes, “As American as baseball and apple pie”. Makes one want some apple pie, doesn't it?

Baseball was everything to me as a kid growing up in Northeastern New Jersey. I ate, drank, and slept baseball. I was always playing it, either on Little League teams, or on my grammar school and high school teams or with friends, or even by myself throwing a ball against a wall endlessly. When I graduated high school, I hung up my first baseman's glove forever—though I did at age 36 in the spring and summer play in an over 30 league to see if I could still do it. I could!

One of life's pleasures is to root for your favorite team and see them do well, enjoying them winning and winning and finally taking the pennant and then, wow!, the World Series!! There is so much happiness over that for months, until the next baseball season. If something bad happens one can say, “Well, at least my team won the championship this past season—I can deal with this!”.

I believe trying to get a base hit by hitting the speeding and curving ball with a bat is the hardest thing to do in sports. If you can do it 3 out of 10 times you are considered very successful, a .300 hitter! The last time someone did it 4 out of 10 times was in 1941, Ted Williams on the Boston Red Sox. 1941! And so there is lots and lots of room for improvement and the professionals are constantly trying to get better at the game for the good of their stats but mostly for the good of the team so that they can all enjoy winning and being champions.

On this weekend of the 4th Sunday of Easter, we are reminded that with our faith and our love there is always room for improvement. We, too, are probably batting not much better than .300. Sure, that's good but it could be so much higher! Like the good athlete, we should be working day and night to becoming better Catholics, better followers and disciples of Jesus the Christ, better than merely doing or saying the right thing 3 out of 10 times. We do it for our individual salvation, but also for the good of our brothers and sisters around us and in thanksgiving to our Creator and Redeemer and Sanctifier who, if we allow His will to operate without interference from our own will, bats 1.000 every time!

*Fr. Steve*



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Every Thursday after the 8:30 am mass  
in the Chapel.**

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15	27	42	55	72
10	29	41	56	73
7	26	47	52	64
13	21	36	59	61
8	23	32	58	74

**BINGO IS HELD ON TUESDAYS  
DOORS OPEN AT 10:00AM AND  
CLOSE AT 11:55AM.**

**WE HAVE EXPANDED OUR MENU AND  
HOPE THAT YOU WILL ENJOY FOOD &  
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WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!**



**THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**  
Requests The Honor of Your Presence to

Celebrate A

**MARIAN TRADITION**

THE

**“MAY CROWNING”**

OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER  
QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

**Sunday, May 5th at the 11:00 Mass**

(with children leading the procession)

**Recitation of the Rosary at 10:30**

**Holy Mother Memorare cards**

**Will be distributed prior to the mass**

**SAINT MAXIMILIAN  
KOLBE CHURCH**  
**39th Anniversary Dinner Dance**  
**FUNDRAISER - AUGUST 18, 2024**  
**Doors Open: 1:15 pm Event: 2:00 pm-6:00 pm**  
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**ATTENTION, LOVERS OF SONG  
AND OF SINGING.**

We are always looking for people to join our choir! You do not have to have a good voice, just a good heart! If interested, contact the office or go to the weekly choir practice at **1:00 pm on Tuesdays**, or simply just start singing with the choir at Sunday Mass and Tars will speak with you afterwards. “The first three notes just happen to be: Doe-ray-me”.

**Free Community Drive Thru Shredathon**  
**Quinn Hopping Funeral Home**  
**26 Mule Road Toms River NJ**  
**Wednesday April 24th, 10am – 1pm**



Individuals are permitted to bring any amount of documents.

For more info please contact Quinn Hopping @ 732-240-3800

## Prayers and Inspirations



Lord Jesus Christ, you give us your flesh and blood for the life of the world, and you desire that all people come to the Supper of the Sacrifice of the Lamb.

Renew in your Church the truth, beauty, and goodness contained in the Most Blessed Eucharist.

Jesus living in the Eucharist, come and live in me.

Jesus healing in the Eucharist, come and heal me.

Jesus sacrificing yourself in the Eucharist, come and suffer in me.

Jesus rising in the Eucharist, come and rise to new life in me.

Jesus loving in the Eucharist, come and love in me.

Lord Jesus Christ, through the paschal mystery of your death and resurrection made present in every Holy Mass, pour out your healing love on your Church and on our world. Grant that as we lift you up during this time of Eucharistic Revival, your Holy Spirit may draw all people to join us at this Banquet of Life. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Eucharist, Pray for us.

### **CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS**

#### **Believing is seeing!**

Don't let anyone steal from you your belief in the Real Eucharistic Presence of the Lord. While others may demand to see proof in order to believe, you, instead, be like the blind priest who said that if physical seeing necessarily preceded believing, he could never have become a priest. This week, with a humble heart, and with eyes of faith, hope, and love, go before the Hidden Lord confident that He is REAL, and you will see Him go to work on your soul. You will take leave of Him feeling more alive than when you first came into His Presence. Go to Him. You'll see!

*A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.* Jn 10:10

**Be a St. Max Sentinel: Spend some time this week with the Lord, Who waits in the Tabernacle for YOU.**

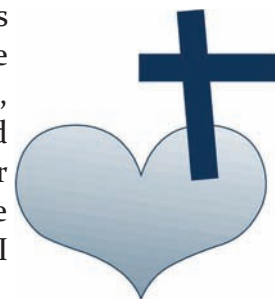
### **A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS**

His Word today, by Rev. William J. Reilly  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

**“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father and I will lay down my life for the sheep... This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.”**

The beautiful image of the role of the shepherd: giving life, protecting life, feeding and leading the flock. Jesus described Himself, but His work continues in the church today. As He speaks of knowing the Father, He also knows us and our needs as part of the flock. May we come to know the shepherd, appreciate His role, and follow Him as we walk our journey. He left ninety-nine in search of the one, and I may be that one.



**SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CHURCH**  
**Annual 50/50 Raffle Ticket Sale!**  
**\$5**  
Drawing will be held at our Annual Dinner Dance  
Fundraiser- Sunday August 18, 2024  
**50/50 Raffle Tickets go on sale April 13**  
**in the parish office and after masses**

## An Earth Day Prayer

GOD OF ALL,

On this day, like all days, we remember you.  
You are full of wonder and beauty:  
You are arranged in high order and deep beauty,  
And flavored with chaos and wonder to bend not break.  
Of all the worlds, you are ours, and you are the finest.

You cradle the trees as they stand upright,  
And all creatures who sleep upon your bosom.  
The Sun, born of the Waters, shines upon your face,  
And the face of your sister the Moon.

We pour out our prayers to you,  
Like so many streams from the mountains.  
May we remember you this day  
And all days to come.

HAIL TO THE CREATOR!



## First Responder's Prayer

*Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we humbly ask you to go before our  
First Responders at work.  
Keep them steadfast and renew their  
strength. Lord, be their refuge and let  
no harm overtake them. Reach down  
from on high to deliver and rescue them  
from the hands of evil,  
and deliver them home safe.*

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.



### What is Prayer?

St. Paul advises us to "Pray without ceasing." But what is prayer? When we enter into a loving relationship with someone, there is a desire to share every aspect of our lives with that person. We seek their presence, we express our love and gratitude, share our hopes and fears, and listen for their voice.

Prayer flows from the desire for a loving relationship with God. It is a raising of our minds and hearts to the One who loves us, and who continually invites us into a relationship with him. Prayer is our response to God's invitation. As we pour out our hearts to God, we acknowledge God's loving presence in all the circumstances of our lives.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux expresses it this way: "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."

### GOOD ADVICE ABOUT LIFE FROM CHILDREN...

When you get a bad grade in school, show it to your Mom when she is on the phone...

If you want a puppy,  
start out by asking for a horse...

When your Dad is mad and asks you,  
"Do I look stupid?" DON'T ANSWER...

If you want to draw on the wall,  
do it behind the sofa...

When your Mom is mad at your Dad,  
don't let her brush your hair...

## Around the Parish



### *Remembering our Loved Ones who are in Heaven*

Commemorative bricks are a special way to honor a loved one or mark a special occasion. We invite you to leave a legacy for family and friends by purchasing a brick that can be memorialized. Rosary Garden bricks can be a tribute to others or be purchased to recognize someone or something important in your life. Bricks in our beautifully landscaped Rosary Garden are limited, please call Marian at (732) 914-0300 for more information.



**SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CHURCH**  
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**Call 732-914-0300 to make an appointment!**



### **Community Breakfast Buffet For the Parishioners!**

Sunday April 28th 7:30am – 11:00am  
\$10 per person

Scrambled eggs, sausage links, tater tots,  
pancakes, coffee/tea/water  
Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

### **BIRTHRIGHT**

Birthingright is a non-profit charitable organization that has been providing love and support for over 50 years to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Birthingright is supported by devoted volunteers and private donations and offers free help to pregnant women, mothers in need and children up to one year of age. Pregnancy tests, maternity clothes, diapers, baby clothing, toiletries, blankets and referrals to community resources are available .

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# Ministry Meetings



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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**Who are the Knights of Columbus?  
Would you like to join us?**

We are Catholic men of faith and men of charitable action. Our strength derives from our shared faith and being the world's largest family – church - and community oriented organization. We offer members, and their families, a wide variety of activities with people who share the same beliefs and values. In Toms River for over 25 years, with over 100 members, we engage in a wide range of activities to engage with all aspects of our domestic church. We meet every second Wednesday of the month at 9:45 am in the Parish Hall. We begin with the recitation of the Rosary and the business portion of the meeting starts at 10:00 am.

**For membership or transfer to their Council contact  
Richard Muller at 732-255-4834**



## **THE LEGION OF MARY**

Do you know anyone who is homebound and misses receiving Communion, or would like a visit while praying the rosary? We also offer to bring the pilgrim statue of the Blessed Mother to grace your home for a week.

The Legion of Mary is an international association of men and women of the Catholic Church. The mission is for active members to serve God under the banner of Mary by practicing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. The spirituality of the Legion of Mary is based on "total dedication" to Christ and the Holy Spirit through devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Our meetings take place on Monday mornings  
from 9:30 to 11:00 am.

For more information, call: Cheryl Winters (215) 356-2507



## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Giftng of a prayer shawl is a year round activity. The giftng of a prayer shawl is a perfect way to show someone who needs a little bit of

comfort that they are not alone. Each prayer shawl is unique and created with prayers offered while it is being made. The PSM also continues to make lapghans for individuals who may be home bound and/or use a wheelchair. (There is no fee for the shawls or lapghans, but donations of full skeins of worsted weight yarn or monetary donations are accepted. They can be dropped off at the monthly PSM meetings.) "Special Order" white Christening blankets are available for a cost of ten dollars (\$10.00) to defray the cost of the yarn. **The PSM meets the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the church conference room September through June. New members are always welcome to join the group.** Information about the Prayer Shawl Ministry and its offerings can be obtained from: Lorraine Pietrucha @732-569-6997 or

Lorraine Shubsda @732-281-3445

as well as the officers of the Legion of Mary,  
The Columbiettes and the Rosary Altar Society

## **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

**JUNE LUNCHEON-  
ALL ARE WELCOME**



**"Do not become a disciple of one who praises himself, in case you learn pride instead of humility. Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your**

**Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses." ~St Mark the Evangelist**

**"HUMBLE YOURSELVES, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you." (1Peter 5:6)**

Actions may speak louder than words, but, if we combine the two in a humble manner we could help grow the Church in unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God; lead by example and proclaim the good news to all.

**"FAITH is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:12, 8 - 19**

**FATHER JIM SPERA WILL SPEAK AT THE**

**Rosary Altar Society meeting on**

**Wednesday, May 15th in the parish hall at 11:00**

**SPREAD THE WORD AND BRING A FRIEND!!**

Anna (Pres. RAS) 732-581-2247

**CALL WENDY 732-232-2489**

**FOR JUNE LUNCHEON TICKETS;**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



## **SAINT MAXIMILIAN COLUMBIETTES**



We are an organization of Catholic women dedicated to our Patronesses, Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Therese the Little Flower and Saint Joan of Arc. We are an affiliated Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Council. We meet the second Thursday of the month at 11:00 am in the Parish Hall. We begin with the recitation of the Rosary. If you are interested in joining the Columbiettes or would like additional info, please contact:

Chris Dolan (551) 208-1159



## **CURSILLO ULTREYA**

"Cursillo Ultreya" is a part of the Trenton Cursillo movement, within the Catholic Church. It proposes a method through which one's spirituality may be developed, lived & shared, encouraging a close relationship with Christ. We meet every third Thursday of the month at 1 pm in St. John's Parish Center 619 Chestnut Street Lakehurst, NJ Questions? Contact David & Alice Riggio@ (732) 323-0216 or Barbara Cipriano @ (732) 323-8878

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