# 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

November 3, 2024



### **Pastor** Rev. Stephen M. Piga

In Memoriam: Founding Pastor - 1985

Thomas C. Yondolino

## Assistant to the Pastor

### Trustees Carol Petrocelli

Robert Zaratin

Music Director Mr. Tarcisio Pono

#### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Holy Day Vigil Masses** 

4:00 pm

### **Weekday Masses**

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

### **Baptisms**

**Weekend Masses** 

Saturday~4:00 pm

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

First Sunday of the month

### **Confessions**

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.

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

### Weddings

Contact parish one year in advance.

Rev. Francis E. Santitoro

### Deacon

## Josephine Micciulla

**Holy Day** 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am

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

Phone: 732-914-0300/Fax: 732-240-9517/Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm/Friday: Closed Web: www.stmaximiliankolbechurch.com/E-Mail: stmaximiliankolbechurch@gmail.com

our lives, in our community, and in our world.

### November 3, 2024/The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

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



**7:00 am** Constance Christian

Req. Donna & Karsten Otto

**4:00 pm** Corrado Claudio

**Reg.** Wife, Maria

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024** 

**7:00 am** Anthony & Irene Lapinski

**Req.** Jean Lapinski

**9:00 am** John W. Hilgert

**Req.** Elaine Lawless

11:00 am Rosetta Lynch

**Req.** Josephine Mahon

**1:00 pm** Michael O'Brien

**Req.** The O'Brien Family

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024** 

8:30 am Multiple Intention Mass

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024** 

**7:00 am** Thomas L. Horohoe

**Reg.** The Horohoe Family

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024** 

**8:30 am** Michael Pisano

**Req.** Mom & Dad

12:00 noon Memorial Mass –Feast of All Souls

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024** 

8:30 am Ann Horner

**Reg.** Daughter, Joanne Stetter

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024

8:30 am Dr. Joseph Schiavone

**Req.** Wife, Terry

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024** 

**7:00 am** Thomas P. Gaughan

**Req.** Wife, Mary

**4:00 pm** Jessie Piatek

**Req.** Paula, Nicole, T.J. & Rob

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024** 

**7:00 am** Constance Christian

**Req.** Ron Mackenzie

**9:00 am** Geri C. Austin

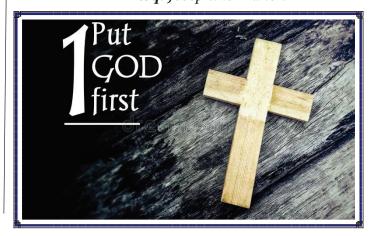
**Req.** The Chevestick Family

**11:00 am** Jerry, Terry & Renee Wiercinski

**Req.** Mary Wiercinski

**1:00 pm** Peter "Margo" Margaritondo

**Reg.** Josephine Mahon





### **DAILY READINGS**

Sunday, 11/03/24—Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34 Monday, 11/04/24—Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday, 11/05/24—Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday, 11/06/24—Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33

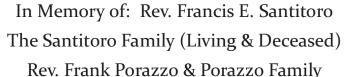
Thursday, 11/07/24—Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10 Friday, 11/08/24—Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday, 11/09/24—Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17;

Jn 2:13-22

### Monday, November 4, 2024 at 8:30 am

### **Multiple Intention Mass**



Accusto Artificio Dea Family

Assunta Artificio, *Req.* Family

Elizabeth Wernoch, **Req.** Dennis Wernoch

Dean W. Peterson, *Req.* Wife, Gertrude

Deceased Members of the Vales Family, Req. Nes & Cecile Vasquez

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All Saint's, *Req.* Maria Mastroviti

Philip Rizzuto, Req. Gertrude Peterson

Maureen Biddulph, Req. Pat Jones

Theresa Coulter & Agnes Gallagher, Req. Paddy & Agnes Kelly

President Donald J. Trump, *Req. Virginia (Ginny) Martin* 

Elaine Corrigan Donnelly, *Req.* Adrian Corrigan

Belisario Herencia – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, **Req.** Wife & Children

Yolanda Herencia, *Req.* Dolores Herencia Michael Thornton, *Req.* Joan Flynn Raymond Guinan, *Req.* Joan Flynn

Gerard Bogan, Req. Paddy & Agnes Kelly

Perry Stio, **Req.** Colleen & Albert Coppola

Barbara Corbo, **Req.** Patricia & Phil Stanzione

Cheryl Robinson, Req. Jean Hanna

Fran Karcheski - Healing, **Req.** Jean Hanna

Dino Castronova, Req. Nancy Meagher

Neil J. Napolitano, **Req.** J. J. Heinis & Family

Wife, Ruth & Son, Wayne Goodheart, *Req.* Thomas Goodheart

Orland & Ruth Scrim, *Req.* Thomas Goodheart

Louis J. Morbelli, *Req.* The Bingo Staff

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

November 2, 2024 to November 8, 2024

#### **BREAD & WINE-CHURCH**

Paul Puleo, *Req. Wife, Mary* 

#### SANCTUARY CANDLE-CHURCH

Pasquale Tardo, **Req**. Lorraine Shubsda

#### ALTAR CANDLES-CHURCH

Rev. Francis E. Santitoro, *Req. Family* 









Hello everyone,

This past October 16 was the feast day of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, the 17<sup>th</sup> century French nun and mystic who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus thanks to the visions of Jesus that came to her. Because of this very public devotion promulgated by her, we now have the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Jan. 3nd, we also celebrate it on the first Friday of every month, and we have, in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Divine Mercy devotion that arose from this Sacred Heart celebration.

I mention this for two reasons. One, we have her stained glass window in our chapel, right beside the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. If one comes to the chapel to pray in front of Jesus in the tabernacle, which is the best place to pray, one sees, stares, and can also pray to Mary at her statue as well as at this wonderful Sacred Heart window of Margaret Mary Alacoque.

The second reason I bring this up is because Pope Francis on October 24 just released his promised encyclical on the Sacred Heart of Jesus called, <u>Dilexit nos</u>, "He has loved us". He released it on this day because it is the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparitions of Jesus and His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. It is Pope Francis's 4<sup>th</sup> encyclical; he has also published <u>Lumen fidei</u>, "The light of faith", <u>Laudato si</u>, "Care for our common home", and <u>Fratelli tutti</u>, "Fraternity and Social Friendship".

Dilexit nos, "He has loved us", is meant to help the world understand it has become "heartless" and indifferent to greed and war. By contemplating Jesus' Sacred Heart, we can be filled with the "living water that can heal the hurt we have caused" in the world today and help us "journey to a just and fraternal world".

"In the deepest fiber of our being, we were made to love and to be loved," the Pope wrote.

"The most decisive question we can ask is, 'Do I have a heart?" the Pope wrote.

It has already been said that this document is the key to understanding the entire Pope Francis' pontificate. The Pope's message to the Church and the world for the past 11 years is that everything "springs from Christ and His love for all humanity."

"Amid the devastation wrought by evil, the heart of Christ desires that we cooperate with Him in restoring goodness and beauty to our world," Pope Francis wrote.

Pope Francis invites us to rediscover or strengthen our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the practices connected with it such as Eucharistic adoration and receiving the Eucharist on the first Friday of each month. The practice we can all do <u>every</u> day is in the Gospel this weekend, to wit, love God with every fiber of our being, and love our neighbor as ourselves. What better way to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

Fr. Steve

### **Prayers and Inspirations**



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

Timothy E. Ryan Home for Funerals Lavallette, Seaside Park, Toms River, Bayville & Jackson, New Jersey Dear Friend.

It is said that one of the greatest gifts that God has bestowed on us is the gift of memories. Recalling memories can be comforting to us at times when we feel at our lowest. Understanding these deep feelings, the Church sets aside the month of November as a time of prayer for all those who have died. In particular, we celebrate the FEAST OF ALL SOULS.

Keeping in mind this tradition, I felt it would be proper for The Ryan Family to remember all the faithful departed by having a Mass celebrated in their memory. In conjunction with St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, I have arranged with Fr. Stephen Piga to have a special Memorial Mass on Wednesday November 6, 2024 at 12 noon at Saint Maximilian Kolbe Church. Fr. Stephen Piga and the Ryan Family hope you can join us to remember and give thanks

for the lives of those who have gone before us. Light refreshments will be served following the mass.

If you will be attending please call our office at (732) 505-1900, so we will have an idea about how many will be in attendance.

May the Lord Bless you and keep you in His care,

Sincerely, The Ryan Family and Staff



## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

His Word today, *by Rev. William J. Reilly* Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time November 3, 2024

"Well said, Teacher. You are right in saying 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength. And to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices. And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, He said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.'"

We know there is but one God and we love Him. We know we are to love our neighbor, and the parable of the good Samaritan calls our attention to care and compassion for others, especially those in need. Like the scribe we are comfortable with these answers.

Jesus' reply though provokes another question. If he with his understanding was not far from the kingdom, I ask myself how close or distant am I? Where do I stand, not just



answering with words, but with deeds? It is said the greatest distance is eighteen inches from the head to the heart. A recent book indicated that we all give something, Jesus gave it all.

### **CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS**

Suffering from "Caregiver Burnout"?

Take the Lord at His Word. Go to Him in His Eucharistic Presence, asking Him to refresh you and to inspire you to learn what kinds of available respite programs as well as and other temporal resources exist within the county to help you. And be sure to make your needs spiritual and temporal needs known to those who can help you within the extended Church community, starting, perhaps, with a call to the closest St. Vincent de Paul Society within the

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Mt 11:28 Be a St. Max Sentinel: Spend some time this week with the Lord, Who waits in the Tabernacle for YOU.

Trenton Diocese.

### Parish News

### Knights of Columbus Council #10899

JERSEY FOUR FRANKE VALUE Presents The Jersey Four November 15th 5:30-8:00pm

(Doors open at 4:45pm) \$30/person at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Hall. BYOB event includes hot and cold beverages & dessert Tickets on

sale after all Sunday Masses until 11/10/24 or call Bob @732-608-0175 or Len @ 732-608-7277 This is a Fund raising event sponsored by the K of C "Send A Hero Home" program.

The Knights of Columbus started this program to pay for the travel expenses for junior military members (E3 and under) stationed in New Jersey who could not otherwise afford to visit their families during their holiday leave.

# SUPPORT DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS TO NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Hurricane Helene and hurricane Milton left a path of destruction across our communities in North Carolina and Florida, and many families are in desperate need of help. Flooding, power outages, and limited access to food and clean water continue to threaten their safety and well-being. Your emergency donation today will help individuals and families recover and rebuild their lives.



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The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a national organization that prays for priests. For one year, each of the Seven Sisters commits to taking a designated day of the week and promises to pray in front of a tabernacle for one

hour during the day. For more info visit: sevensistersapostolate.org

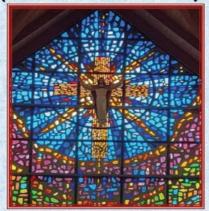


#### "MEET THE SAINTS"

The ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Invites ALL PARISHIONERS to join them for a CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY

To get to know the Saints of the stained-glass windows in our Church (in honor of "All Saint's Day")



### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024

#### 11:00 IN THE CHURCH

You will be told a brief history of each Saint followed by a group recitation of the Rosary

Ending with fellowship a charcuterie platter & homemade desserts

in the Parish Hall

RSVP: Anna 732-581-2247

### Parish News



### Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House 84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501

609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net Please check www.FHOP.org for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings!

All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

### ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY "A PRAISE OF GLORY"

Tuesday, November 12 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM We will explore the spirituality of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity using some of her major spiritual writings. There will be time to reflect and pray as St. Elizabeth shows us "the greatness of our vocation" as people made in the image and likeness of God, who "loves exceedingly." Donation: \$35, includes Liturgy and lunch. Zoom: \$25

### DOROTHY DAY BIG THINGS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES

Wednesday, November 20 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM We will use a sampling of Dorothy's essays to meet her at the heart and to learn how she lived out God's call to serve in every small way possible. She lived and loved, following in the footsteps of her mentor, St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Donation: \$20

#### SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT WEEKEND

6:45 PM Friday, Jan. 10 to 1:00 PM Sunday, Jan. 12 Receive the healing and transforming grace of a weekend with God, savoring the silence and prayer that open your whole being to God's Word and Presence. Daily Liturgy and Spiritual Direction and optional Centering Prayer periods are included. Donation: \$200; \$100 non-refundable deposit with registration.



Bingo is held only on Tuesdays.

Doors open at 10:00 am
& close at 11:55 am.
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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church SURFLIGHT THEATRE BUS TRIP SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

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9:45AM: BUS DEPARTURE SEAS PARKING LOT (arrive by 9am)

11:00AM: LUNCH AT THE WATERFRONT RESTAURANT, INCLUDING CHOICE OF ENTRÉE

> 2:00PM: SURFLIGHT PRODUCTION of "MIRACLE ON 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET

> 4:30PM: BOARD BUS for RETURN TRIP (approximate time return to SEAS, 6:30pm)

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Sign-up at Parish Office.

Money & Menu Selection Due by October 31st
Tina: 609-513-1758





You are invited to join SAINT JOSEPH'S ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY at the

### RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Leaving St. Joseph's campus at 3:00 pm, January 3rd on a Deluxe Coach bus for the Big Apple.

Orchestra seat tickets. Cost is \$145.

Food and sightseeing are on your own.

First come, first serve.

Make checks payable to "Rosary Altar Society" and send to: Donna West, 9 B Cardinal Street, Manchester NJ 08759

Include name, address, cell number, email, # of tickets purchased and amount of \$ enclosed.

### Ministry Meetings



### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

<u>Saint Maximilian Kolbe Council 10899</u> 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 Joe Accardi @ (973)-980-8775

#### 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

Gifting of a prayer shawl is a year round activity. The gifting 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



Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification." Roman's 14:19

May we have eyes that are free from blindness so we may see each as one and equal in dignity, ears that will hear the

cries of the children and minds and hearts that will bring us closer. (snippets from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

**Jesus said**, "As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.'

**John 9:4** We can't save daylight, nor can we save time. It comes and goes as God wills." John 9:4 Jesus reminds us that all sacred law as well as all law comes down to love of God and love of neighbor. For example, traffic laws promote public safety which in turn cares for people, so one can say they reflect God's design of humankind as rational and social. Earthly government is most like Heaven's when it mixes order with choice, rationality with liberty and safety with freedom to protect and respect all.

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and

you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Rev James Schumachur THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

"THANKS" everyone who purchased the Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" tickets, making it more successful than

Anna (Pres. RAS) 732-581-2247



### 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



### Election Day ~ November 5, 2024



### A Prayer for our Nation's Election

O God, we acknowledge You today as Lord, Not only of individuals, but of nations and governments.

We thank You for the privilege
Of being able to organize ourselves politically
And of knowing that political loyalty
Does not have to mean disloyalty to You.
We thank You for Your law,

Which our Founding Fathers acknowledged And recognized as higher than any human law. We thank You for the opportunity that this election year puts before us,

To exercise our solemn duty not only to vote, But to influence countless others to vote, And to vote correctly.

Lord, we pray that Your people may be awakened. Let them realize that while politics is not their salvation,

Their response to You requires that they be politically active.

Awaken Your people to know that they are not called to be a sect fleeing the world But rather a community of faith renewing the world.

Awaken them that the same hands lifted up to You in prayer

Are the hands that pull the lever in the voting booth;

That the same eyes that read Your Word Are the eyes that read the names on the ballot, And that they do not cease to be Christians When they enter the voting booth.

Awaken Your people to a commitment to justice,
To the sanctity of marriage and the family,
To the dignity of each individual human life,
And to the truth that human rights begin when

Human Lives Begin, And not one moment later.

Lord, we rejoice today
That we are citizens of Your kingdom.
May that make us all the more committed
To being faithful citizens on earth.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

### **FAMOUS PRESIDENTIAL QUOTES**

"Any man worth his salt will stick up for what he believes right, but it takes a slightly better man to acknowledge instantly and without reservation that he is in error."

~ Andrew Jackson

"The only thing we have to fear is...fear itself."

~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

"When you are in any contest, you should work as if there were—to the very last minute—a chance to lose it."

~ Dwight D. Eisenhower

"We must teach our children to resolve their conflicts with words, not weapons."

~ Bill Clinton

"A man is not finished when he is defeated. He is finished when he quits."

~ Richard Nixon

"We are not the sum of our possessions."

~ George H. W. Bush

"Peace is not the absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means."

~Ronald Reagan

"Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose."

~ Lyndon B. Johnson

"Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names."

~ John F. Kennedy

"We are going to have peace even if we have to fight for it."

~ Dwight D. Eisenhower

"No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave."

~ Calvin Coolidge

"If you want to make enemies, try to change something."

~ Woodrow Wilson

"May God save the country, for it is evident that the people will not."

~ Millard Filmore

"As to the presidency, the two happiest days of my life were those of my entrance upon the office and my surrender of it."

~ Martin Van Buren

"I am a warrior, so that my son may be a merchant, so that his son may be a poet." ~ John Quincy Adams

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