



# 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

February 8, 2026



### Pastor

Rev. Stephen M. Piga

### Parochial Vicar

Fr. Carlos Castilla

### In Memoriam:

Rev. Francis E. Santitoro  
Founding Pastor - 1985

### Deacon

Thomas C. Yondolino

### Assistant to the Pastor

Josephine Micciulla

### Trustees

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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 - 2:00 pm/Friday: Closed

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# February 8, 2026/The Fifth 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)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

- 7:00 am Francis J. Dwyer  
*Req. John Karustis*
- 4:00 pm Girt King  
*Req. Niece*

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

- 7:00 am Deceased Members of the  
Doruth Family  
*Req. Jean Lapinski*
- 9:00 am Thomas Pane  
*Req. Mary Ann Savarese*
- 11:00 am All Living & Deceased  
Members of the Choir  
*Req. St. Maximilian Kolbe Choir*
- 1:00 pm Deceased Members of the Sodano  
& Ronski Families  
*Req. Lu-Ann & Bill Bedford*

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026

- 8:30 am Multiple Intention Mass

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

- 7:00 am Saint Anthony & Saint Jude  
*Req. Frank & Madeline Lotito*

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

- 8:30 am Thomas Aiosa  
*Req. Wife, Mary & Family*

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026

- 8:30 am Marion Hergert  
*Req. Joan Kucharski*

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026

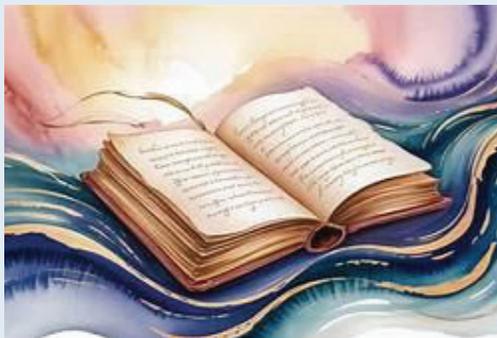
- 8:30 am Ann & Charles Benedek  
*Req. Jackie Gerrity*

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026

- 7:00 am Catherine Kay Falabella  
*Req. Al Falabella & Family*
- 4:00 pm John Venezia  
*Req. Son, Joseph*

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

- 7:00 am Leonard Capobianco  
*Req. Peter & Sabina Finnegan*
- 9:00 am Eleanor Walsh  
*Req. Stanley & Francine Atlak*
- 11:00 am Millie & Joseph Smaldone  
*Req. Daughters*
- 1:00 pm The Stisi & Trombino Families  
*Req. Family*



## DAILY READINGS

Sunday, 2/8/26— Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Monday, 2/9/26— 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, 2/10/26— 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, 2/11/26— 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, 2/12/26— 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

Friday, 2/13/26— 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, 2/14/26— 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

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Monday, February 9, 2026 at 8:30 am

**Multiple Intention Mass**

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

Rev. Frank Porazzo & Porazzo Family

John R. Marino – 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
*Req. Aleta Mary Marino*

Obeida Perez, *Req. Sofia Moreno*

Maureen Biddulph,  
*Req. Paddy & Agnes Kelly*

Rosemary Briffa,  
*Req. Husband, Charlie Briffa*

Anthony Briffa, *Req. Love, Mom & Dad*

Roger Healy-1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary,  
*Req. Paddy & Agnes Kelly*

Tom Morgan - Healing, *Req. Maria Fanizzi*

Donald Rogusky,  
*Req. Charles & Sonia Balon*

Manuel Ping Ping Villanueva,  
*Req. Cynthia Tan*

Maria Margarita Villanueva,  
*Req. Cynthia Tan*

Dolores Calgary, *Req. Pat Gibbons*

Kathleen Battle, *Req. Ronald Battle*

Lino Mendez,  
*Req. Allyson & Vincent Vitale*

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

Michael Lawrence Mione,  
*Req. Lucille Kleiman*

Joseph Michael Everett, Jr.,  
*Req. Rita Cafaro*

Maureen Geoghegan,  
*Req. Dolores D'Auria*

Linda Donnelly,  
*Req. Amy & Vinnie Vitale*

Paul Capobianco, *Req. Cathy Allen*

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*Please join us in praying for the  
intentions mentioned in this bulletin.*  
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**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**  
February 7, 2026 to February 13, 2026

**BREAD & WINE-CHURCH**

John R. Marino  
*Req. Aleta Mary Marino*

**SANCTUARY CANDLE-CHURCH**

Rev. Francis E. Santitoro  
*Req. Family*

**ALTAR CANDLES-CHURCH**

The Aiosa & McConnell Families  
*Req. Daughter, Mary*



*"A happy marriage is a long conversation which always seems too short."*  
- Andre Marois

**HAPPY WORLD MARRIAGE DAY!**  
**FEBRUARY 8, 2026**



## From the Pastor's Desk

LOVE that  
Strengthens

JOY that  
Sustains

Hello everyone,

Well, here we are in February, the shortest month of the year, and already there are some big events this weekend!

First of all, we have the Super Bowl, the 60<sup>th</sup> one, so the Roman numeral is LX. It is the New England Patriots again—no Tom Brady as quarterback this time though—vs. the Seattle Seahawks. Since New England has been in the Super Bowl a lot, I'm rooting for the Seahawks. In truth, I really could care less. I am rooting for some funny new commercials!! Where are the Jets? I remember rooting for them in 1970 when, 18 point underdogs, they beat the Baltimore Colts behind quarterback Joe Namath who guaranteed victory before the game which is just unheard of!! Super Bowl III: that was the last time the hapless Jets were in it! But still, enjoy the game!

Secondly, this is the first weekend of the Winter Olympics in Milan, Italy and a few other Italian cities. Russia is banned from the games but its athletes can individually compete under some international way. It is unclear to me. I prefer the summer Olympics but I always root for American medals. Still, it is beautiful to watch the opening parade of nations—everyone marching together in peace and in mutual respect and admiration, small nations and big nations, cooperating together. Love to see that! Pray that it would be true all year round, every year. O God, may it be a peaceful time!

Thirdly, this weekend is the Bishop's Annual Catholic Appeal! Right up there in lights with the Super Bowl and the winter Olympics! Go, Diocese of Trenton! Root, root root for the home team! For just as we love our parish, so we love our diocese that our parish is in!

The formula for the potential rebate to us has changed again. Two years ago, our goal was 70,000 of which we got 15%. Anything over 70,000 we received 50%. Last year, our goal was 67,000 of which we got 0%, but anything over 67,000 we got 100%. This year our goal is 60,000, that's good, of which we get 0%; anything over 60,000 we get 50%. Hooray! God bless our parish and our diocese!

The theme changes every year too and this year's theme is, "Love that strengthens, joy that sustains". This reminds us that every Annual Appeal is unique and different and we are certainly newly blessed when we give in 2026. This weekend we see our Bishop David O'Connell once again in the video, but it is different because he is different from, say, last year; for one thing, he just spent significant time with His Holiness the Pope while recently in Rome!

And so the calendar has flipped over to February—although my big desk calendar goes from Jan. to March, no February! I never saw that before, what is the world coming to?—a brand new, never before seen February, I hope and pray it is a great month for you and for our Bishop and his Appeal. Thank you so much for being a giver!

*Fr. Steve*

# Prayers and Inspirations

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

His Word today, by Rev. William J. Reilly  
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 8, 2026**

**“I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power... you are the salt of the earth... you are the light of the world.”**

Saint Paul described his mission and mercy, admitting it was the power of God which led and directed him. It is the same Holy Spirit and grace of God directing the church today and which empowers us to be the salt of the earth and light for our world.

Salt, light, two seemingly insignificant elements, so essential in our lives, but essential for vision, healing and fidelity for our lives. That is what we are for the Lord's church today.

## **LENTEN REGULATIONS**

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead, from Ash Wednesday, February 18 until Holy Thursday April 2:- the Catholic Church commemorates the penitential season of Lent.

The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law.

**ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT  
are days of  
ABSTINENCE.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as noted above.

From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

## **CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS**

### **1776-2026: Marking Our Catholic Contributions**

Against the backdrop of the post-World War II spread of Communism and the start of the Cold War, in 1946-1947, the Blue Army, a lay organization aimed at fighting the evils of Communism through the promotion of American Catholics' devotion to Our Lady of Fatima, was co-founded in Plainfield, New Jersey by Msgr. Harold V. Colgan and Catholic lay author John Haffert.

Before meeting for the first time in 1946 at St. Mary's Parish, Plainfield, NJ, where Msgr. Colgan was pastor and John Haffert was the invited Marian speaker, each co-founder had made a devotional commitment to Our Lady of Fatima's Immaculate Heart. Having suffered a near-death experience earlier that year, Msgr. Haffert had promised Our Lady that if he lived, he would promote devotion to her under the title of Our Lady of Fatima. He kept this promise by encouraging parishioners to sign "March of Pledges" cards, promising to "stand up and be counted on Our Lady's side in the struggle with the powers of evil." Those pledge cards had been disseminated through the work of John Haffert, who recently had returned to the USA after meeting with Sr. Lucia, one of the three "Fatima visionaries," to whom Our Blessed Mother had appeared in 1917 during the rise of Communist Russia, and who collaborated with him to compose the words to the pledge. Haffert was committed to spreading the message of Our Lady of Fatima through the pledge, writings, and presentations. In preparation for Haffert's presentation and as a sign of their commitment to fulfilling the pledge they had made, Msgr. Colgan had encouraged his parishioners to come to the presentation wearing an article of blue clothing in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. On the pre-determined day of the co-founders' first meeting and Haffert's presentation, as Haffert was about to begin his presentation, Msgr. Colgan, moved by the sight of packed house of attendees dressed in blue spontaneously proclaimed, "We will be the blue army of Our Lady against the Red Armies of atheism." ... The idea of "...the blue army of Our Lady..." resonated with both men, who committed to establishing a lay organization aimed at promoting the Fatima message... They decided to call the organization the "Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima." From Plainfield, NJ to throughout the Universal Church, the Blue Army spread, and still exists today, formally called—even though we still are in a great spiritual battle-- by the less war-sounding name of the *World Apostolate of Fatima*... No matter the name, those devoted to Our Lady of Fatima believe her promise that in the end, her Immaculate Heart will conquer, and so her devotees fight on. When you visit the Lord this week, you might make time to honor Our Lady of Fatima, praying in reparation for the sins against her which so grieve her Divine Son. Consider asking the Lord for the grace of good will and good health to be able to practice the First Saturday Devotions, either virtually, or in person. If possible, in either way, you might be a Marian promoter, and invite a friend to accompany you in making the five First Saturdays. Also, if you are able, you might make a pilgrimage to the Blue Army Shrine in Washington, NJ, which is a wonderful way to honor Our Lady of Fatima and a wonderful place to learn more about her Fatima requests and promises.

***Listen! the rumble on the mountains: that of an immense throng! Listen! the noise of kingdoms, nations assembled! The Lord of hosts is mustering an army for battle.*** Is 13:4

**Be a St. Max Sentinel:**

**Spend some time this week with the Lord, Who waits in the Tabernacle for YOU.**

## News and Events



PLEASE JOIN US ON THURSDAYS AT  
9 AM FOR ADORATION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT  
THURSDAY SERVICE WILL INCLUDE:  
9 AM – 10 AM PRAYER AND  
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT &  
10 AM-NOON SILENT ADORATION

**WEEKEND LECTORS NEEDED!**  
**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**  
**PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING!**  
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT  
732-914-0300 FOR MORE INFORMATION!

*Adventure awaits*

### Save the Date

The Student Council &  
National Honor Society of  
Donovan Catholic High School  
are pleased to announce the return of their

# “SENIOR PROM”

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 1:30 - 4:30  
Donovan Catholic High School  
711 Hooper Ave., Toms River

This is a **FREE** event for the seniors in  
our community!

**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
to attend an afternoon of dining, dancing, &  
prizes! Reservations are required. Please leave a  
message for Christine Mattsson  
@ 732-349-8801 ext. 2461 with your name and  
how many people will be attending.  
Spaces fill up quickly! Hope to see you there!

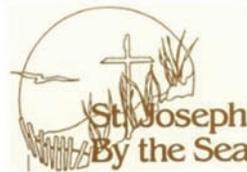
# LENT

The Season of Lent begins with  
**Ash Wednesday on February 18**  
**THE ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE IS:**

8:30 am -ashes distributed after  
12:00 pm -ashes distributed after  
5:00 pm prayer service -ashes distributed  
**NO Confessions on February 18**

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent beginning February 20  
at 12:00 pm in the church.



St. Joseph By the Sea is  
located at 400 Route 35 N  
South Mantoloking, NJ and  
they offer retreats for those  
who are soul searching,  
trying to find peace in their lives , and a God  
who understands them.

February 18 – ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT –  
On this day we will acquaint ourselves with the  
two devotions to our Blessed Mother: Our Lady  
undoer of Knots and Our Lady of Silence.  
Included will be a virtual pilgrimage to the  
Basilica of Saint Mary Major. Lunch and  
Eucharistic Liturgy with distribution of ashes  
included. Arrival: 9:00 a.m./Departure: 2:30  
p.m. (Presenter: Janice Santanello, M.Th.,  
CLEM, CSG, CPC) Cost: \$75.  
For a full list of retreats go to their website  
[www.sjbsea.org](http://www.sjbsea.org) or call the office at  
732-892-8494



**JOIN US ON TUESDAYS  
FOR OUR WEEKLY BINGO!**  
Doors open at 10:00am & close at 11:55am.  
Food and beverages will be sold.  
Without you we cannot succeed!

### COLUMBIETTES BAKE SALE IS **CANCELLED**

**DUE TO**

**ICY CONDITIONS &  
WINTER WEATHER**



**IN LIEU OF OUR MONTHLY  
MEETING**

**PLEASE JOIN THE**



### **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th**

**10:30 TO 11:30 IN THE CHAPEL FOR A**

**COMMUNAL LENTEN PRAYER OF THE  
SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY**

**FOLLOWED BY A REFLECTION ON THE  
TEN COMMANDMENTS**

**THIS IS A TIME OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL AS WE HONOR  
THE BLESSED MOTHER AND REFLECT ON GOD'S  
COMMANDMENTS**

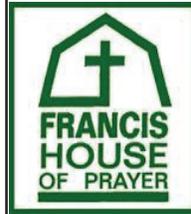
Lent serves as a time to intensify this dedication. It is meant to inspire living according to God's law consistently, not just during the 40 days of the season. Through practices like repentance, receiving sacraments, and prayer, the Lenten journey prepares individuals to live the commandments as a continuous expression of love for God that extends beyond Lent.

**ALSO, PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**BEGINNING**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH @ 12 NOON.**

"Gracious God, grant us the strength to face adverse weather conditions. Help us to remain resilient and hopeful, knowing that You are with us. Amen."



The Francis House of Prayer Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House in Allentown NJ is offering several retreats this December. For more info call 609-877-0509 or go to FHOP@verizon.net

#### **UNDERSTANDING & BEFRIENDING DIFFERENCES**

Monday, February 16 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Why is it so difficult to relate to those who are different from us? If you need a little understanding and compassion in dealing with challenging personalities, including your own, please come and join our Interns in Spiritual Direction to learn the art of accepting and appreciating people with personalities contrary to our own. Led by S. Marcy. Donation: \$50. Please bring your own lunch.

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT**

Wednesday, February 18 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

#### **LITURGY AT NOON**

We love beginning Lent together with this retreat at Francis House because it provides a gentle structure for the six-week journey ahead. This year I think you will enjoy reading *Give Up Worry for Lent* by Gary Zimak ... to guide your Lenten journey. Liturgy is included with the reception of ashes within it.

Donation: \$40, includes lunch and book for your Lenten journey. Zoom \$25

#### **PASSION OF CHRIST, STRENGTHEN ME**

Friday, February 20 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

If you need strength to deal with your life at this time, come. The Passion of Christ IS your strength! You will receive *The Passion and the Cross* by Ronald Rolheiser, OMI to accompany you on your Lenten journey. What a wonderful way to begin Lent! Led by S. Marcy.

Donation: \$45, includes lunch and book.

#### **WRITING AND JOURNALING DEEPEN OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD**

Monday, February 23 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Writing and journaling can be a conversation with God! Enjoy a gentle day with God's guidance as we reflect on graces received in our lives by using writing prompts that bring us deeper into sacred stillness and love. Led by Jill Snyder. Donation: \$30, includes lunch. Zoom: \$25.

#### **LENTEN CONTEMPLATION THROUGH THE MUSIC OF JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT**

Friday, February 27 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Gentle songs from world-renowned musician John Michael Talbot can guide our prayerful contemplation of the Lenten Season. Considering the scriptural foundation of Talbot's sacred ballads opens up participants to the transfiguring power of Lenten prayer. Following the event, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered. Led by Rev. Jim Grogan. Donation: \$30, includes lunch.



## Rock Your Valentine

**Valentine's 50s 60s Sock Hop!**  
 February 21<sup>st</sup> 7 pm -10 pm Doors open 6:30  
 St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish Hall  
 The Days of Doo-Wop & Band Stand  
 Be There or be Square! See you later Alligator!



**Dance Contest and Best 50s and 60s Attire and more!**  
 Snack Bar is open to purchase Hot Dogs, Snacks & Hot/Cold Beverage (BYOB!)

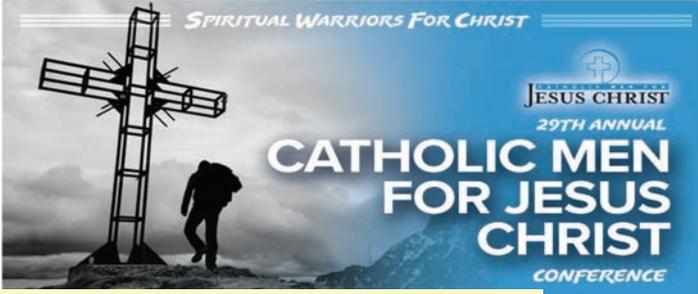
**PRICE IS \$15** Get a group and order a table.

For Tickets Contact Bob Zaratini 732-608-0175 or Joe Accardi 973-980-8775  
 Fund Raiser for God's Special People and Special Olympics  
 Hosted by Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes Council #10899

# Prison Ministry

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to bringing God's Word to the imprisoned. Please volunteer for Prison ministry. Bring God's Word to the incarcerated with experienced team members in a safe environment at the Ocean County jail. These men and women are hungry to hear the Gospel and to participate in the Communion Rite of the Catholic Church. If interested please contact Jim Collery at jcollery@gmail.com

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**CATHOLIC MEN FOR JESUS CHRIST**  
 CONFERENCE

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Greg Schiano Doug Barry Fr. Glenn Sudano



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ORDER TICKETS BY MAIL  
 Send a check with a self-addressed envelope to  
**Catholic Men For Jesus Christ**  
 3 Progress Street Suite 105A Edison, NJ 08820-1180

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026**  
**8:30am—3pm**  
**St. Mary, Mother of God Church |**  
**19 Cherry Tree Farm Road, Middletown NJ**  
**Doors open at 8AM for bagels and coffee;**  
**Lunch also included**

**REGISTER IN ADVANCE!**

2027 MASS REQUEST FORM		PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Mass Intention For:</b>
1.		
2.		
3.		
Requested by:		
Phone Number:		

# Ministry Meetings



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE COUNCIL 10899**

**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**

## 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: Maria Sciancalepore (908) 447-6361

## 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*

## CURSILLO ULTREYA

The Cursillo Ultreya is a lay movement part of the Diocese of Trenton, that operates under the authority and leadership of the Bishop of Trenton. It proposes no new type of spirituality, but simply a method through which one's spirituality may be developed, lived & shared, encouraging a close relationship with Christ. The Cursillo movement seeks to share the experience & benefits of the movement with a broader audience, fostering a wider community of faith, all are welcome to attend. We schedule meetings every third Thursday of the month at St. John's Parish Center 619 Chestnut Street Lakehurst, NJ. Questions or more info contact David & Alice Riggio @ (732) 323-0216 or Barbara Cipriano @ (732) 323-8878



## ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

**MARIAN THEME FOR FEBRUARY 2026:  
MARY, WHO GIVES JESUS TO THE  
WORLD**

**Mary's example encourages believers to be open to God's will and to say "yes" to His call in their own lives.**

**"The world being unworthy to receive the Son of God directly from the hands of the Father, he gave his Son to Mary for the world to receive him from her". ~St Louis Marie de Montfort**

### **TIME**

In our youth we may have thought we had plenty of time to start living a Catholic life by being obedient and faithful to God's will. So, as we searched for good times, financial security, and doing whatever our hearts desired - possibly not being a role model - He still waits patiently for us to realize we need Him in our earthly lives if we want to be with Him in eternal life!

Hopefully, the day has come and we have returned to Him as children return to their mothers. And because of His never-ending love and mercy, we found there is always time to be welcomed home!

**Feb 11th Our Lady of Lourdes" pray for sinners" and "kiss the earth as a sign of penitence".**

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## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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