



St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

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

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June 7, 2026



Pastor

Rev. Stephen M. Piga

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Carlos Castilla

In Memoriam:

Rev. Francis E. Santitoro
Founding Pastor - 1985

Deacon

Thomas C. Yondolino

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Josephine Micciulla

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Robert Zaratini

Music Director

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

Web: www.stmaximiliankolbechurch.com/E-Mail: stmaximiliankolbechurch@gmail.com

June 7, 2026/The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026

- 7:00 am Kathy Skrocki
*Req. Holiday Heights
Chorus/Theater Guild*
- 4:00 pm Edgar & Mildred Bush
Req. Children

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026

- 7:00 am Mary & Robert Kittredge
Req. Son, Robert
- 9:00 am Joseph Smaldone
Req. Daughters
- 11:00 am Daniel Dever
Req. Wife
- 1:00 pm John & Mary Gawrych
Req. Jim & Mary Wiercinski

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026

- 8:30 am Multiple Intention Mass

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026

- 7:00 am John Da Silva
Req. Mother, Mary D. Marano

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026

- 8:30 am Fred Bohn
Req. The Bohn Family

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026

- 8:30 am Nancy & Joseph Alburnio
Req. Joanne Miller

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026

- 8:30 am Martino Hroncich
Req. Fiorella & Tony Picinic

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026

- 7:00 am Susanne Trader
Req. Gina Cucearo
- 4:00 pm Richard & Kathleen Barrett
Req. Karen Anne Joan

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026

- 7:00 am Anne D'Amico
Req. The Fournier Family
- 9:00 am Joseph Zappone
Req. Son & Daughter
- 11:00 am Robert & Mary Kittredge
Req. Robert Kittredge
- 1:00 pm Flora & Vicky Cassone
Req. The Cassone Family



DAILY READINGS

- Sunday, 6/07/26— Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58
- Monday, 6/08/26— 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Mt 5:1-12
- Tuesday, 6/09/26— 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday, 6/10/26— 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday, 6/11/26— Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3; Mt 5:20-26
- Friday, 6/12/26— Dt 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
- Saturday, 6/13/26— 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37

Monday, June 8, 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

Father Vincent J. Coppola,
Req. Aleta Mary Marino

Maureen Biddulph,
Req. Paddy & Agnes Kelly

Irma Garcia Milla,
Req. Carmen Elena Lemus

Rosemary Briffa,
Req. Husband, Charlie Briffa

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

Elena Alavarez, Maya Duran
& Nori Dela Rama Javellana,
Req. Cynthia Tan

Susan McConway, *Req. Family*

David Briffa - Living, *Req. Wife, Toni*

Tom Morgan - Healing, *Req. Maria Fanizzi*

Salvatore DeVito,
Req. Ralph & Gloria DePalma

Robert Toloso, *Req. Margaret Thomas*

Deceased Members of the Vasquez Family,
Req. Nestor & Cecilia Vasquez

Neal Olsen - 8th Anniversary, *Req. Family*

Patricia Caputo,
Req. Steve & Charlene Siciliano

Solomon Bugayong,
Req. Rosario & Children

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

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Req. John Kowalski

Barbara Detwiler - Healing,
Req. Aleta Marino & Maria Graf

Reginald Goodman,
*Req. St. Maximilian Kolbe Church
Bingo Staff*

Mary Cerillo, *Req. Family*

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*Please join us in praying for the
intentions mentioned in this bulletin.*
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SPECIAL INTENTIONS June 6, 2026 to June 12, 2026
BREAD & WINE-CHURCH Rev. Vincent J. Coppola <i>Req. Aleta Mary Marino</i>
SANCTUARY CANDLE-CHURCH Rev. Francis E. Santitoro <i>Req. Family</i>
ALTAR CANDLES-CHURCH Rev. Vincent J. Coppola <i>Req. Family</i>





From the Pastor's Desk



Hello everyone,

On this weekend of Corpus Christi Sunday, as we celebrate the great gift of the Holy Eucharist in our lives, we remember that Jesus became flesh and gives us Himself body and blood, soul and divinity, on the cross and on our altars. God enters our human world through vulnerability and love and elevates it!

That is the perfect background of our Pope's first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas, or The Grandeur of Humanity: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence. My first thought is that it is good that our American Pope has come out with his first major work which all papal encyclicals are. It is a beautiful and necessary document for the world. Bravo for Pope Leo XIV!

As we may have all heard by now, it is a big warning about the dehumanization that AI brings and how we all must strive to make sure it does not quickly happen in world society. AI must serve humanity, not replace it. AI, artificial intelligence, refers to machines or systems that simulate human intelligence so it can perform tasks with great efficiency. But it has no soul and is not a person and cannot love. For this reason, decisions affecting life, justice and peace must never be relegated to machines.

Pope Leo reminds us that no machine can replace the grace of Christ or the beauty of a soul in communion with God. We need to teach our children not only how to use technology, but how to remain deeply human and anchored in real relationship and prayer. And we must strive to support technological innovations that help people become more, not less, humane.

Beside AI warnings, the encyclical deals with other distressing topics as well, such as the arms race, war—the Pope says the “just war theory” is now outdated!—disrespect for human life, threats to democracy and the common good, discrimination against the poor and women, and new forms of slavery such as human trafficking which is a grave violation of human dignity.

And so on this weekend of the celebration of the Eucharist and God becoming man in order to save us from our sins, may all of us be proud of the wonderful tradition of the social doctrine of our Catholic Church which our American Pope is more than solidly behind. And may we do our best in our own small ways to perpetuate it in our world today.

We will continue to pray the novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for our country this coming week and, at the Friday 8:30 Mass, we will participate in the American Bishops' very important consecration of our country to Jesus' Sacred Heart. Please join us!

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
The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)

June 7, 2026

“Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world... Jesus said to them, Amen, amen, I say to you unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.”

The great gift of the Father was to send the Son. The great gift of the Son was to remain with us in the gift of His Body and Blood. What makes us who we are is that we are a Eucharistic people. We draw our life from Jesus present in the sacrament of His Body and Blood. How careful we must be to recognize this great gift, Jesus present to feed, Jesus present to receive my praise and adoration, Jesus present to unite myself and others in com-union.

There are many types and varieties of bread. There is rye and white bread, there is sour-dough and raisin bread, there is French and Italian bread but there is only one Living Bread. Using the Old Testament expression, ‘I am’, Jesus tells us where we can find Him, in the Eucharist. ‘The Body of Christ’ ‘Amen.’



**CONCERT OF
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JUNE 27th @ 2PM
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CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS

1776-2026: Marking Our Catholic Contributions
I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, **one Nation under God**, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Recited in public for the first time by President Dwight Eisenhower on the steps of the US Capitol Building on Flag Day (June 14th) in 1954, it was President Eisenhower who signed into law the Congressional bill which amended the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag to include the four boldfaced words shown above. Without minimizing or denying our Federal Government’s indispensable role and support, credit for spearheading the effort which resulted in the amended Pledge goes to the Knights of Columbus, which led an impassioned, effective, hard-fought “One Nation Under God” campaign to have those four potent words added. However! It is the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops who voted in November 2025 to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the USA in a special way as only they can, bringing the phrase “one Nation under God” into powerful new reality and meaning! On June 11, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus this year, the Bishops will consecrate the USA to the Lord’s Sacred Heart! Surely no greater gift could be given by the Catholic Church in the USA to all the American people--if only we as a Nation accept it! This week, you might thank the Eucharistic Lord for His Bishops’ gift of making this Nation more truly “under God,” through consecration to His Merciful Heart, as well as for the longstanding gift of His Mother as our country’s patroness. If you have not yet made a personal or family consecration to the Lord’s Sacred Heart, this year’s solemnity is undoubtedly a wonderful time to do so, and to commit to doing your part to help to bring into reality the Lord’s following promise!

...if then my people, upon whom My Name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek My Face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and heal their land.

~2 Chr 7: 14

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



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



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & COLUMBIETTES ARE HOSTING AN



"Unlimited" Pancake Breakfast

for Parishioners, their families and friends at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Hall on

Sunday, June 28th

from 8:00am to 12:00pm

THE PRICE FOR BREAKFAST IS \$8.00pp
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Please attend, indulge in your choice of plain / apple spice pancakes * PLUS * all served with hot / cold beverage & support St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish.
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Are you interested in helping the parishioners of St. Max grow together in faith, fellowship, and joy? Become a co-facilitator for

The Peace in the Storm Project,

a faith-fellowship group for caregivers and persons with chronic illness, ongoing pain, or disabilities. Call Wendy at 732-232-2489 to find out how you can help!

JOIN US ON TUESDAYS FOR OUR WEEKLY BINGO!

Doors open at 10 am & close at 11:55 am.

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FROM 9 AM - 12 PM!

Please call 732-914-0300 if interested.
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Saint Maximilian Kolbe Church

41st Anniversary Dinner Dance Sponsorship Form, AD Journal Options & Gift Card/Basket Donations

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SILVER LIMIT 2	Middle Fold Full Page Ad & 2 Dinner Dance Tickets with Premium Seating. Plus, your business listed as a sponsor in our Ad Journal.	\$300

DEADLINE:
MONDAY,
AUGUST 3, 2026

AD JOURNAL OPTIONS

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Half Page Ad - 4-3/4" w x 3-3/4" h	\$75

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Attention: Nisha

Email Artwork to: Ginny@stmaximiliankolbechurch.com

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**SUNDAY
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FOLLOWED BY THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
AFTER THE 9:00 AM AND 11:00 AM MASSES
PLEASE JOIN US!
SEATING WILL BE AVAILABLE!

The poster features illustrations of coffee, pastries, and a group of people sitting at a table.



HEALING MASS

WHEN: Thursday, June 11th at 7 pm

WHERE: St. Pio of Pietrelcina Church
1100 Grand Central Ave (Rt 35N) Lavallette
The celebrant is Fr. Joy Chacko. Prayer teams and music (Mark J.L. Mattheiss) from NJ Campus Graduates/Students of Encounter School of Ministry.

Come join us for a Mass with healing prayers. All are welcome!

CONTACT: DawnRusinko@Gmail.com
for more information



St. Maximilian Kolbe Church *41st Anniversary Dinner Dance*

Tickets: \$35 Per Person
Let's come together & celebrate!
Tickets ON SALE NOW now after weekend masses and in the parish office!
Dinner provided by Mangia Restaurant: Meatballs * Chicken * Pasta Veggies * Salad * Rolls * Dessert * Coffee * Tea * Beverages * BYOB
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Music: DJ Anthony Di Dio *August 16 2pm-6pm*

The poster has a dark background with green circular bokeh effects.

Ministry Meetings



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SAINTE 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



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



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

"Behold this Heart (**Sacred Heart of Jesus**), which has so loved men that It has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself, in order to testify Its love. In return, I receive from the greater part [of humanity] only ingratitude, by their irreverence and sacrilege, and by the coldness and contempt they have for Me in this Sacrament of Love.~ St Margaret Mary Alacoque
HALF AS MUCH (a spiritual reflection)

If we loved God **half as much** as he loves us, we might strive to avoid sin. His love is selfless, unconditional, loyal, generous and sacrificial, which is his nature. Therefore, half of that kind of love would hopefully make us rather saintly in nature.

Instead we wouldn't worry about life's trivialities; instead, we would want to be closer to God.

If we desired God **half as much** as he desires us especially when we don't turn to him or visit him in the presence of the Eucharist we would be sure to do so to avoid us feeling spiritual sadness.

If we loved God **half as much** as he loves us we would be thankful for the graces he bestows on us and although no human is completely without sin we will struggle to live a life of piety and devotion because of his divine love.

St Thomas Aquinas (who authored the original liturgy for the **Feast of Corpus Christi**) described the Eucharist as a, "sacrament of love", and highlights its power to strengthen virtue and remove sin, enriching the soul.

Anna (Pres. **RAS**) 732-581-2247 akefr26@gmail.com

SAINTE 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

Fellowship Group

All are welcome to join us each week for spiritual growth as we read and reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings. This group can provide encouragement, insight, and fellowship.

The group will meet in the Parish Hall on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 pm—8:00 pm.



Let's embark on this journey together and open the door to meaningful connections and enriching discussions centered around faith! Bibles are welcome but not needed!

For more info call:

Linda Capobianco 732-278-7283

Men's Ministry

Connection, Accountability, Encouragement & Prayer

SAINTE MAXIMILIAN KOLBE MEN'S MINISTRY

All are welcome to join Father Steve and Frank Preta the Men's Ministry Manager for our continuing men's ministry group which will meet the second Monday of every month. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, June 8th** from 1:00 pm until 2:30 pm in the Saint Maximilian Kolbe Bingo Hall. If you are interested in attending please call Frank @ 973-713-1128 or email at fpreta1008@gmail.com.

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