



St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

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November 1, 2026



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Rev. Stephen M. Piga

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Carlos Castilla

In Memoriam:

Rev. Francis E. Santitoro
Founding Pastor - 1985

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Rev. Edward Reading
Rev. J. Philip Vadakkeera

Deacon

Thomas C. Yondolino

Assistant to the Pastor

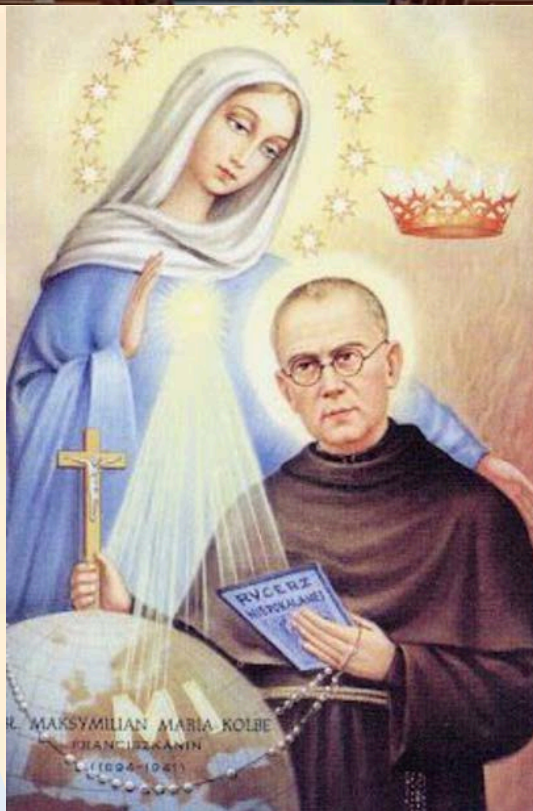
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Anna Roma
Robert Zaratini

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

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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November 1, 2026/All Saints

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026

7:00 am Soul of Roberta Estoreon
Req. Mildred Estoreon

4:00 pm All Parishioners
Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

7:00 am All Parishioners
Living & Deceased

9:00 am All Parishioners
Living & Deceased

11:00 am All Parishioners
Living & Deceased

1:00 pm All Parishioners
Living & Deceased

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026

8:30 am Multiple Intention Mass

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

7:00 am Nedilko & Katarina
Req. Mr. & Mrs. Mustac

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026

8:30 am Mildred Pavlowski
Req. Maria Mastroviti

12:00 pm Feast of All Souls Memorial Mass

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026

8:30 am Kathy Skrocki
Req. Holiday City Chorus/Theater

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026

8:30 am Ann Horner
Req. Joanne Stetter

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026

7:00 am Michael Pisano
Req. Mom & Dad

4:00 pm Mary Zaccaria
Req. Celeste Jachts

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026

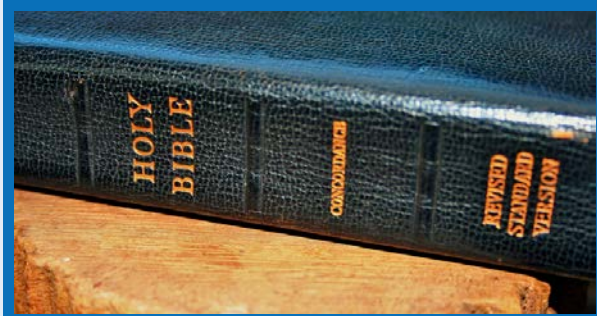
7:00 am Doris Chirash
Req. Marianne Galluccio

9:00 am Anthony & Irene Lapinski
Req. Jean Lapinski

11:00 am Anthony LiCausi
Beloved Brother-in-Law
Req. Love, Julia

1:00 pm Jessie Piatek
Req. Paula, Nicole, TJ & Rob

faith



DAILY READINGS

Sunday, 11/01/26— Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Monday, 11/02/26—Any readings from no. 668

Tuesday, 11/03/26—Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday, 11/04/26— Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday, 11/05/26— Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10

Friday, 11/06/26—Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday, 11/07/26—Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15

Monday, November 2, 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

Robert Hopp, **Req.** *The Hopp Family*

Rosemary Briffa, **Req.** *Husband, Charlie Briffa*

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

Thomas L. Horohoe, **Req.** *Mary Jo Horohoe*

Susan McConway, **Req.** *Family*

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

All Soul's in Purgatory, **Req.** *Maria Mastroviti*

Mr. & Mrs. Kermit T. Burdette,
Req. *Colleen Mabin*

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Tom Morgan - Healing, **Req.** *Maria Fanizzi*

Thomas Allen, **Req.** *Wendy & Nicholas Zimbardi*

Theresa Coulter & Agnes Gallagher
Rest-in-Peace,
Req. *Paddy & Agnes Kelly*

Living & Deceased Members of the
Vasquez & Vales Families,
Req. *Nestor & Cecile Vasquez*

Alberto DeFelice, **Req.** *Angela DeFelice*

Thomas Allen, **Req.** *Claire Mullen*

Steven Whooley - Happy Birthday,
Req. *Mom & Dad*

Sr. June Morrissey, **Req.** *Friend*

Robert Blusewicz, **Req.** *Maria & Gene Graf*

Betty Sullivan, **Req.** *Nancy Wolf*

Deceased Members of the
Corpus-Lamela Family,
Req. *Marilyn C. Lamela*

Kevin McGirl, **Req.** *Marie Shanahan*

Eric Graf, **Req.** *Maria & Gene Graf*

Barbara Lencewicz, **Req.** *Maria & Gene Graf*

IN LOVING MEMORY

*Of those we know who have died.
Eternal rest grant to them oh Lord and let the
perpetual light shine upon them,
may they rest in peace. Amen*

Special Intentions

October 31, 2026 to November 6, 2026

Bread & Wine-Church

Rev. Vincent J. Coppola
Req. Family

Sanctuary Candle-Church

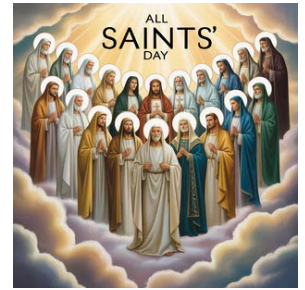
Rev. Francis E. Santitoro
Req. Family

Altar Candles-Church

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From the Pastor's Desk



Happy All Saints Day, everyone! Since it falls on a Sunday this year, there is no obligation to attend Mass any other day. Celebrating it on a Sunday makes it seem much bigger and more important than ever!

Remember that your beloved deceased family members are included in this beautiful feast day, along with all of the famous and established saints you love and cherish.

My dearly departed family members that I knew and loved are my mom and dad, my sister, my 4 aunts, my 2 uncles, my godchild, my 4 cousins, my 2 grandmothers, my 1 grandfather, my 1 great grandmother and her sister. I pray for them during my private masses but trust fully they are in heaven.

My favorite saints are Joan, Stephen, Anthony, Michael, John Vianney, Catherine Drexel, Catherine and Margaret, Rose of Lima, the Little Flower, and Maximilian Kolbe; and, of course, Mary and Joseph. I remember them in my private masses too.

I trust you, too, remember the heavenly saints who died from your family and that you also have a favorite group of saints who help you out as well. How blessed we are to be Catholic! All can and will intercede for you if asked.

The seminary I went to is named St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. From Nov. 1st until Nov. 4 were both holidays and holy days there as we celebrated, with no classes, 40 hour devotion during that time with Our Lord exposed on the main altar and it culminated on the 4th, the feast day of Charles Borromeo. After celebrating All Saints and All Souls, on the 4th we had a special dinner in the refectory during which each table had a bottle of red wine upon it, the only time all year alcohol was served. The wine made our saint's feast day very special indeed!

I guess I should be including St. Charles as one of my favorite saints too! Also, St. Luke, the patron saint of my grammar school. Weird fact: I enjoyed grammar school more than I did high school or college. Everybody is at least a little weird, right? God bless us all, everyone!

The past weekend, a woman came up to me and said, "I will never attend mass here again! So much talking! It is disgraceful!" PLEASE, PLEASE, BE QUIET WHEN IN THE CHURCH!

Fr. Steve

Prayers & Inspirations

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

All Saints

November 1, 2026

“Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure”... “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

Why do we shy away being known as a saint? This is our goal, our destiny. This is the reason for our hope. Spend a moment, reflect on the beatitudes and see if you are poor in spirit, seeking God humbly and justly, laboring for justice, especially looking for holiness and even offering your hurts and trials to the Lord. These are the steps we take for becoming saints. Try it, you’ll like it.



**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 - 11 am silent
adoration**

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS

Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish, in Bayonne, NJ, is named after NJ’s first native-born beatified Catholic, travelling toward canonized Sainthood! Although Baptized, Confirmed, and raised in the Byzantine Rite of the Church, Bl. Miriam Teresa (b. Ann Marie Teresa; Teresa for short), who graduated from the College (now University) of St. Elizabeth in Convent Station, NJ, was in the process of becoming a professed member of the Roman Rite order of the Sisters of Charity, whose motherhouse was on the college grounds, when she suffered a series of life-threatening medical issues. Years earlier, having lovingly sacrificed her heart’s desire to become a Carmelite nun, rather staying at home to care for her ill mother, Bl. Miriam Teresa, still a novice and having been hospitalized for a number of months, was blessed to have her brother Fr. Charles Demjanovich, especially authorized to fulfill her heart’s desire to become a vowed member of the Sisters of Charity by administering her profession of religious vows on April 2, 1927, prior to the surgery and post-surgical complications which subsequently ended her Earthly mission on May 8, 1927, in St. Elizabeth Hospital, Elizabeth, NJ., when she was just twenty-six years old. Recognized after her death for the beauty and wisdom of her deep spiritual writings, in 1928 her priest-brother Fr. Demjanovich edited into a compilation under the title Greater Perfection the texts of the spiritual conferences centered on coming into union with God through prayer which, at the request of her spiritual director who delivered the conferences, Bl. Miriam Teresa had anonymously written in 1926 for her fellow novices. Sr. Miriam Teresa’s beatification-- the first ever held within the USA-- took place on Oct. 4, 2014 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, setting May 8th as her feast day. Esteemed as a holy woman by both the Roman Western and Byzantine Eastern Rites, each Rite counting her as one of their own, her prayed-for canonization is anticipated to help bring the Eastern and Western rites of the Church into closer communion.

This week when you are with the Eucharistic Lord, you might consider the sacrifice which the young adult Teresa made to care for her mother. As you do, you might recall and apologize to the Lord for any occasions in which you have reluctantly or resentfully sacrificed your own desires (big or small), asking for His grace to be more charitable in the future—out of love for Him Who Willingly sacrificed His life out of Infinite Love for you!

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Lk 6:36

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



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
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maustin@stmaximiliankolbechurch.com

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All Saints' Day



**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1ST IS
ALL SAINTS DAY**

**MASSES: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 @ 4PM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 @ 7, 9, 11AM & 1PM**

All Souls Day



**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND IS
ALL SOULS DAY**

MASS: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 @ 8:30AM

PLEASE JOIN US!

SUNDAY AFTER MASS
NOVEMBER 15 9AM & 11AM

SUNDAY SOCIAL

**ALL ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE IN
FELLOWSHIP AT THE
LAST SUNDAY SOCIAL IN 2026!**

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**SUNDAY SOCIALS WILL RESUME IN
MARCH 2027**

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St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Hall



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Tickets to be sold after all Sunday Masses else contact:

Bob Zaratini @ 732.551.6275
Joe Accardi @ 973.980.8775



**Eucharistic Ministers are needed to visit:
The Arbors & Holiday City Complete Care**
the first Wednesday of each month.

**If interested please contact
Wendy @ 732-232-2489**



**JOIN US ON TUESDAYS
FOR OUR WEEKLY BINGO!**

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& close at 11:55am.**

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will be sold.**

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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 dedicates November to prayer for all those who have died, especially through the celebration of the Feast of All Souls.

Keeping in mind this tradition, we felt that after an especially difficult year 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, we have arranged with Fr. Stephen Piga to have a special MEMORIAL MASS on Wednesday November 4 at 12 noon at Saint Maximilian Kolbe Church located at the end of Mule Rd. Toms River, NJ. 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

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and ministries that empower families in our own community. Please give generously and partner

with us so together we can put faith into action. We welcome you to learn more at:
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& FRIENDS
OF ALL DECEASED
VETERANS:

You are invited to attend a Veteran's Day
Memorial Service in memory of those
who have served our country.

PLACE: Timothy E. Ryan Home for
Funerals

145 Saint Catherine Blvd.
Toms River, NJ 08755

DATE: Wednesday, November 11th

TIME: 11:00am

RSVP: By November 6th (732) 505-1900
Refreshments to Follow

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



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



Fellowship Group

All are welcome to join us each week for spiritual growth and fellowship. The next 6 weeks we will be sharing with Jesus and each other the following: **33 Days to Eucharistic Glory by Matthew Kelly!**

Books will be provided and we will start on Tuesday afternoons 3-5pm in the Ministry Meeting Room. Please bring a friend and share with us the Glory of God! Let's embark on this journey together and open the door to meaningful relationships and enriching discussions centered around our faith!

For more information call:
Linda Capobianco 732-278-7283



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

"We can help the souls in Purgatory by our prayers, our fasting, and especially by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass."

St. Catherine of Bologna

TEARFUL PRAYERS

Do we pray for the holy souls in purgatory, sometimes tearfully for those we actually know? We should. In turn they will pray (maybe tearfully, as well) for us and give our name/prayers to Our Lord. They know Him, having witnessed His face during their judgement, and are awaiting purification so they can enter God's perfect presence.

"Do not complain, that shows discontent with the will of God in the present moment. That is also proof of impatience." ~ St. Martin de Porres

Jesus called Lazarus by name when he told him to come out. He will call each soul by name when their time of judgement and purification ends, and they will remember our name. Everyone has the grace to be saved, but our prayers and Masses are needed to help offset their judgement. This is why our earthly life must be one of confession and repentance, so our time of purification will be a peaceful wait for eternal bliss.

"Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why should we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some

consolation?" ~ St. John Chrysostom

Anna (Pres. [RAS](tel:732-581-2247)) 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 10:00 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

Saint Maximilian Kolbe Men's Ministry

All are welcome to join Frank Preta, the Men's Ministry Manager, for our men's ministry group which will meet the second Monday of every month.

[Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 9th 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 fpretat1008@gmail.com.



THE PEACE IN THE STORM PROJECT ~ FAITH – FELLOWSHIP GROUP

FOR PERSONS WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS, ONGOING PAIN, AND OTHER HEALTH CHALLENGES

Meetings will be held @ 1PM on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in the ministry meeting room

Our next meeting dates will be: Monday, November 2 and Monday, November 16

For more info contact Wendy @ 732-232-2489

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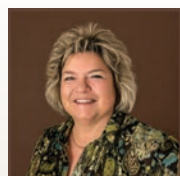
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