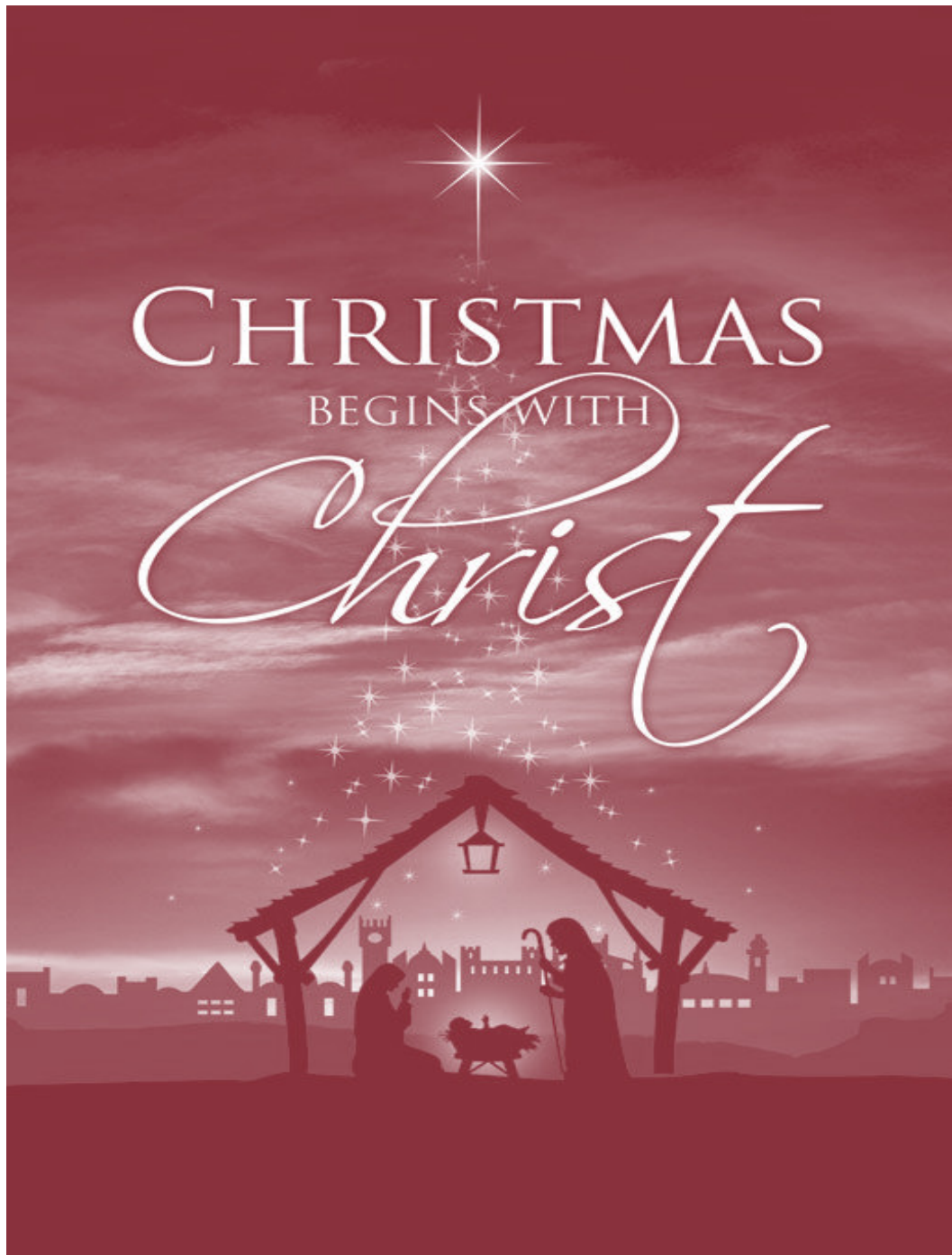


St. Maximilian Kolbe Church
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2014
Merry Christmas!



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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday – Vigil Mass – 5:30 PM
 Sunday – 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS IN THE CHAPEL

Monday through Friday – 8:00 AM
 Saturday – 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 PM or by appointment.

BAPTISM – Celebrated the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 1:00 PM. Please call the Rectory Office 6-8 weeks in advance to make arrangements.

PRE-JORDAN – Expectant and/or new parents are to participate in a class on Baptism. This session is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM. It is necessary to call the Rectory in advance of the class to register.

MARRIAGES – Arrangements should be made at least six months before the date of the wedding.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK – In case of serious illness, please contact one of our parish priests. The Sacrament is also administered after any weekday Mass. Please see the priest in the Sacristy.

HOME VISITS – Anyone unable to attend Mass regularly due to illness may call the Rectory to make arrangements to receive Communion in their homes.

NEW PARISHIONERS – Register at the Rectory at your earliest convenience or go to www.stmax.org. Please notify the Rectory of any change of address as soon as possible.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER: Tuesdays in the Chapel at 7:30 PM

CENTERING PRAYER: Fridays in the Chapel at 8:45 AM

RCIA – For those desiring to become Catholic or adults who were not baptized. Contact Fr. Capizzi.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 8:30AM-5:00PM
 Friday 8:30AM-4:00PM
 Sunday 8:30AM-1:30PM

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 31ST
 VIGIL MASS AT 5:30PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2014
 9:00AM AND 10:30 AM

Father, Source of Light in every age, the Virgin conceived and bore Your Son who is called Wonderful God, Prince of Peace. May her prayer, the gift of a mother's love, be Your people's joy through all ages. May her response, born of a humble heart, draw your Spirit to rest on Your people. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Dear Friend and Parishioner,

May the joy of Christ's Birth be with you!

Jesus' birth brought forth a new beginning for the whole world, for now we see the God who made us!

He is Emmanuel, "God with us," the Son of Mary and the Son of God. He comes to us that we be healed of our sins and hurts and learn to follow Him more faithfully. Coming in our humanity, He lifts us up to His Father, shows us how to live and promises to remain with us until He comes again in glory.

As you listen to the Word of God and receive his sacred Body and Blood, know that He is here. Even with all the negative happenings in the world and in our lives, all is made well because God is with you.

Your family at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish treasures each one of you. At Mass each week, we gather at the Lord's holy table to celebrate Jesus; life, death and glorious resurrection. He is made present in the Eucharist in a profound and real way through God's action and grace and we have the opportunity to thank Him for His gifts and offer our lives and struggles to Him in the midst of His people.

If you have been away from the Church or do not come weekly, please consider returning on a regular basis. The weekly reception of Our Lord in the Eucharist heals, nourishes and strengthens us for the week to come and for the stormy trials of life.

Jesus, Whose birth we celebrate today, is the Good Shepherd longing to give you His strength and peace and to open your hearts more to His Presence. We, too, wish to help you in your walk of faith and knowledge of God. May the celebration of Jesus' birth be a blessing for this joyful endeavor!

Merry Christmas!

Monsignor Robert J. Carroll

Fr. Marc F. Cazzizzi

Deacon Larry Brandon (Retired)

Deacon Bill Hickey

Deacon Al Mauriello



Christmas is a time for family. We are glad you decided to celebrate with our Parish Family during this Holy Season and we hope you will return often. If you would like to become a registered member of our Parish, you may either enroll online at www.stmax.org or by stopping by the Rectory Office during business hours. (Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-5:00 PM, Friday 8:30 AM-4:00 P. Welcome to St. Maximilian Kolbe!



St. Maximilian Kolbe Church offers numerous programs that serve all ages of parishioners. Consider participating in the following:

- *Children's Liturgy at the 5:30 PM, 9:00 and 10:30 AM Masses
- *Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) has over 500 children enrolled in Kindergarten thru High School with over 50 people who teach and support the Religious Education Programs which includes.
- *CYO Sports Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Track
- *Youth group for Senior High School students that meets on Sunday evenings
- *Sacramental Programs for children and adults.
- *RCIA Program

Three ongoing Bible Studies are scheduled, including the women's group, *Walk Through the Mass*

- *A monthly class on the Catechism of the Catholic Church called Basics of Faith
- *Charismatic Prayer Group
- *Knights of Columbus Group
- *Women's Club
- *Mother's Club for young mothers and their children
- *Pastoral Council
- *Finance and Building Committees
- *Numerous people who volunteer to maintain the buildings and grounds
- *Four Choirs: adult, contemporary, children's and handbell
- *Liturgical Ministry-Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters
- *Aid for Friends - a program that helps feed the poor and home-bound
- *Right to Life
- *Web Site (www.stmax.org)

Find out more today and Get Connected!



START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT!

Make a resolution to learn more about your faith in the New Year! Our parish will be offering three Bible studies.

The **Tuesday Morning** Bible Study group will continue with Part II of **Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom**, beginning on **January 6, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM**.

It is the story about the Early Church and how Christ sent the Holy spirit to guide, instruct and equip His Apostles. Enrich and deepen your faith as you learn how the Apostles continued Christ's mission on earth. For more information, contact Judy Armour at 610-793-2596.

The **Monday Night** Bible Study group will be studying **First Corinthians** starting on January 19th, 2015. Come join your fellow parishioners as we study the letters that St. Paul wrote to the early Christians in Corinth. We will be meeting in the Kolbe Room Monday nights, starting **January 19th at 7 PM**. Please register by calling Lidia Manieri at 610-399-9488. Registration is \$24.95 to cover cost of materials.

Men of the parish, you are invited to join with other men to learn about the Bible. There will be plenty of lively discussion on how Scripture applies to our lives today. All are welcome whether you are well-versed on the Bible or if you have never opened the Bible. They meet on Saturday mornings from 7:45 AM to 9:00 AM, in the Kolbe Room, in the Church. They are beginning a new series on Exodus, starting on **Saturday, January 10**. Please contact Deacon Al Mauriello for further information. 610-296-8062 or 484-459-4265