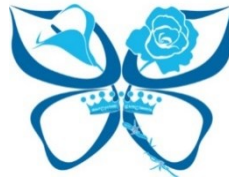




Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish
Marmora, NJ



SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish,

For generations, Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish, communities of Saint Casimir and the Church of the Resurrection have been a place where our community gathers to worship God, celebrate the sacraments, and grow together in faith. It is here that we encounter Christ in the Eucharist, support one another in times of joy and hardship, and pass on the gift of faith to future generations.

I have witnessed that our parish is more than a building; it is our spiritual home. It is where families are formed in faith, where lives are changed by God's grace, and where we are sent forth to live the Gospel in the world.

Today, we are called to care for this sacred space so that it may continue to serve our parish family for years to come. As our facilities age and the needs of our community continue to grow, it is both necessary and prudent that we invest in improvements that will ensure our church remains safe, accessible, and worthy of the sacred mysteries we celebrate.

As your Pastor, I, along with the Capital Campaign Committee, invite you to participate in our capital campaign, "Raising Up Our Sacred Space", at our Church of the Resurrection site.

After careful study, consultation, and prayerful discernment, we are preparing to undertake several important projects that will strengthen our church, enhance the beauty and reverence of our worship space and improve accessibility for all who come through the doors.

This is about creating an environment where people can encounter Christ more deeply, where families feel welcomed and at home, and where our parish can continue to thrive as a vibrant community of faith. It is about ensuring that Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish remains a place where future generations will come to know, love, and serve the Lord.

We have been blessed by the sacrifices of those who came before us: those who built, sustained, and strengthened this parish through their faith and generosity. Now, we are entrusted with that same responsibility.

Only by acting together as a Parish Family can we successfully raise the money to complete the project outlined in this brochure. Please take the time to carefully review each page. After reading it, I ask that you prayerfully consider your own commitment to this project and be open to responding with generosity and gratitude. Thank you in advance for your generous response to this request.

May God continue to guide you and guard you and may Saint Maximilian Kolbe pray for us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. Piotr Szamocki

Pastor

OUR CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

You have blessed our parish with a sacred place where we gather to celebrate the victory of Your Son. Inspired by the witness of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, who gave his life in sacrificial love for another, teach us to offer ourselves more fully to You. As we seek to renew our church, renew us also in faith, in unity, and in generosity. Help us to be faithful stewards of the gifts You have entrusted to us. May our efforts reflect the hope of the Resurrection.

We ask this through Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

CASE STATEMENT

Our Legacy and Our Responsibility

Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish has long been a cornerstone of the Marmora community and a place of worship, encounter, and belonging. For generations, parishioners have gathered here to celebrate the sacraments, grow in faith, and build a vibrant Catholic community.

Today, Father Szamocki and our Parish Councils invite you to continue to build upon that legacy. As our facilities age and the needs of our parish continue to evolve, it is essential that we invest in our church to ensure it remains a safe, welcoming, and inspiring place for worship and community life.

After prayer, discussions and discernment, Father Szamocki and our Parish Councils have identified several key priorities that will strengthen our parish for the future. These improvements are not simply about maintaining a building. They are about supporting our mission to worship God and proclaim the Gospel.

OUR PRIORITIES:

Church Infrastructure Improvements

Roof Reconstruction and Structural Improvements

- Removing the existing rear roof section and rebuilding it at a raised height to improve structural integrity and create the necessary framework for related HVAC improvements.

New Main Church Entrance

- Reconfiguring the current entrance so parishioners enter more directly into the body of the church rather than primarily from the side.
- New doors and windows will create a more welcoming, prayerful, dignified, and visible point of arrival for parishioners and guests for funerals, weddings and other liturgical celebrations.

Heating, Air Conditioning, and Ventilation Improvements

- Relocating interior blowers, ductwork, and lines currently tied into the rear roof area.
- Includes additional airflow improvements where needed inside the church.

Lighting and Ceiling Fan Upgrades

- Modernizing church lighting to improve brightness, visibility, and worship ambiance.
- Replacing or upgrading ceiling fans to improve comfort throughout the church, especially in warmer months.

Parking, Walkway, and Accessibility Adjustments

- Re-striping and reconfiguring parking near the new entrance rather than major lot reconstruction.
- Relocating front handicap spaces closer to the improved entrance.
- Maintaining overall parking capacity while improving traffic flow and pedestrian access and create a safer and more convenient arrival experience for seniors, families, and visitors.

Estimated Cost: \$885,000

Expanded and Unified Seating

Extension of Existing Pews

- Installing new pews from the same manufacturer in the rear section of the church to match the existing pews currently in place to create visual unity and a cohesive worship environment.

Estimated Cost: \$65,000

Audio Visual and Security Enhancements

Security Camera Installation

- Installation of security cameras to cover the property of the parish to include main entrance, side entrances, parking lot, and parish center.

Church Audio Visual Improvements

- Adding speakers and sound reinforcement throughout the worship space will improve clarity for music, preaching, and spoken prayer during Mass and parish liturgies.
- Upgrading live-streaming capabilities for homebound parishioners and those joining remotely, helping the parish remain connected both in person and online.

Estimated Cost: \$20,000

Total Estimated Needs: \$1,100,000

Sacred Beauty: Stained Glass Windows

- Adding three new stained-glass windows designed to match the existing windows in the church, creating a cohesive and beautiful appearance throughout the worship space.
- Adding one large feature window that would serve as a focal point of beauty and inspiration within the church.

The design of the windows will be based on our funding above the needs.

OLD LOOK



NEW LOOK





Opportunities and Recognition

In the effort to recognize the families and individuals who make a sacrificial gift towards our capital campaign we will create a Gift Recognition Plaque in the body of the church. Upon completion of the campaign, the names of the families who support the campaign will be recognized under the following levels.

Foundation Gifts

For families or individuals who wish to make a gift to the campaign of \$100,000 or more, their names would be gratefully displayed as Founders of Our Campaign.

Patron Gifts

For those families who wish to make a gift to the campaign of \$50,000 - \$99,999, their names would be gratefully displayed as Patrons of Our Campaign.

Benefactor Gifts

For those families or individuals who wish to make a gift to the campaign of \$20,000 - \$49,000, their names would be gratefully displayed as Benefactors of Our Campaign.

Friend Gifts

For those families or individuals who wish to make a gift to the campaign of \$10,000 - \$19,000, their names would be gratefully displayed as Friends of Our Campaign.

Donor Gifts

For those families or individuals who wish to make a gift to the campaign of \$3,000 - \$9,999, their names would be gratefully displayed as Donors of Our Campaign.

All payments can be made over a three-year period.

Certain naming opportunities are available. Please let us know if you are interested.

Giving Plans to Consider

We invite every parish family to prayerfully consider a sacrificial three-year pledge to this campaign. This commitment is above and beyond your regular Sunday offertory and will directly support the future of our parish. You may choose to fulfill your pledge through monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual payments over a three-year period.

While we welcome gifts at all levels, we encourage each family to consider a meaningful and sacrificial commitment. Participation is more important than the amount—what matters most is that every family prayerfully considers their role in this shared mission.

We are asking our entire parish family to consider a minimum pledge of \$3,000.

Let this be your guide in determining your support.

3 YEAR PLEDGE CHART					
Total Pledge	10% Down	Annually (3)	Semi-Annually (6)	Quarterly (12)	Monthly (36)
\$200,000	\$20,000	\$60,000	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$5,000
\$150,000	\$15,000	\$45,000	\$22,500	\$11,250	\$3,750
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$2,500
\$75,000	\$7,500	\$22,500	\$11,250	\$5,625	\$1,875
\$60,000	\$6,000	\$18,000	\$9,000	\$4,500	\$1,500
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$1,250
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$1,875	\$625
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$2,250	\$1,125	\$375
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$750	\$250
\$7,500	\$750	\$2,250	\$1,125	\$563	\$188
\$5,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$750	\$375	\$125
\$3,000	\$300	\$900	\$450	\$225	\$75

WAYS TO GIVE

Gift or Pledge

You can make a cash gift or pledge, payable all at once or over a 3-year period. In a multi-year pledge, you are able to specify the frequency (monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually) of installments over a three-year period.

Appreciated Securities

Giving long-term appreciated stock is one of the most tax-advantaged ways to make charitable gifts. With careful planning, you can reduce or eliminate capital gains tax while supporting Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish.

Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs)

RMDs are mandatory withdrawals from traditional individual retirement accounts (IRAs) typically starting at age 73. You can consider making a direct transfer gift to Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish of up to \$100,000 without that donation counting as taxable income.

Retirement Fund

You can designate Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish as a beneficiary to receive all or part of your retirement fund. Planned giving may help reduce the income and estate tax liability associated with retirement funds.

Donor-Advised Funds

If you have a Donor-Advised Fund managed by a public charity, you can make a charitable donation to the Fund and receive an immediate tax deduction and then recommend funding to Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish.

Matching Gifts

You may be able to double the impact of your gift. Many employers have matching gift programs and will match a charitable contribution made by employees, retirees, and employee spouses. Please see your Human Resource Department to check your company's guidelines to see if your campaign gift to Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish qualifies.

Assets or Property

You can make a gift to Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish of any percentage of your assets, including your home or property sale proceeds.

Planned Gift

A planned gift may provide valuable tax benefits to you. For example, the charitable deduction for gift and estate taxes may reduce taxes owed by you or your estate. Bequests of certain resources, such as retirement plan assets, may provide particular tax benefits by disposing of an asset taxed at a typically higher rate.

Bequests

Individuals may make a gift in a specific amount or a percentage of his or her estate to support Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish. Please speak with your financial adviser.

Life Insurance

Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish may be named as the owner and beneficiary of a new policy or ownership of an existing policy may be transferred to the parish.

PLEASE CONSULT YOUR FINANCIAL ADVISOR.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How was the church building plan determined?

The building plan was determined by the parish leadership based on the current and future needs of Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish. The proposed projects were originally tested through personal interviews, focus groups, and a survey (made available in pews and online) of the feasibility study conducted by Ruotolo Associates. Based on the feedback received during the Pre-Campaign Study, modifications were made to the original plan, and key priorities from people were included. Building cost estimates were provided by architects and contractors, which determined our need.

How much am I expected to give?

Your pledge is a very personal decision. This campaign is a unique opportunity for the church to continue as a vibrant place to worship. Ultimately, we ask that you consider your sacrificial gift in terms of your overall stewardship to our community, and what this project means to you, your family, and the future of our parish. We have been blessed by the sacrifices of those who came before us.

How long will I have to meet my pledge?

Making a pledge commitment as opposed to a one-time gift allows you to make a larger gift to this campaign during a designated period of time. We are asking parishioners to fulfill their pledges over a three-year period.

I already give to the parish. Why should I support the campaign?

A campaign supports a very special project and is separate from the regular Mass collections. The parish is grateful for all donations it receives throughout the year. Your generous weekly contributions are needed every week for regular operating expenses and are not designated for capital improvements or repairs. Ideally, the parish's ordinary income should be at least equal to its ordinary expenses (utilities, supplies, services, employee salary and benefits, insurance, etc.). Capital projects are considered extraordinary expenses that need additional funding.

Is my gift tax deductible?

Yes. The amount contributed is deductible to the full extent provided by the law.

How can I make my payments?

We have developed a three-year pledge chart to help you identify a pledge level that you can reach. You will see that you can choose to fulfill your pledge in a number of ways. Once the redemption phase begins, you will receive payment reminders before each payment is due that will include a balance. Checks should be made out to Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish or payments can be made through the parish online giving site.

Will my gift be recognized?

In addition to what is outlined in the brochure, unless requested otherwise, all contributors to the campaign will be included in an alphabetical listing of donors in our parish bulletin.

What happens if I am unable to complete my pledge?

A pledge to the campaign is a faith promise; it is not legally binding. Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish is dependent on the generosity and ability of its parishioners and community friends to complete this project. While we pray that you will not experience any financial challenges, should your situation change, we will work with you to accommodate any unforeseen personal situations.