

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES



**Blessings to all our Partner Parish family members who are celebrating a birthday this week:**  
Gerlinde Orvosh, Michael Guida, Maria Palmiscno, Frank Ziemianski, Emily Waterman, Marie Kuzmin, Colby DeSimone, Barbara Corridoni, Helen Cup, Melissa Spellane, Lori Bieda, David Lescinsky, Justin Caranese, Giovanni DelleDonne, Florence Marafka, Terri Richards, Allyson DiLascio, Ryan John, Nina Schick, Helen Bozo, Kyle Cortese, Ronald Brink

**Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating an anniversary this week:**  
Andrew & Rachel Hill, James & Laura McElhinny, Calvin & Catherine Kulik, Ralph & Beverly Resnick



### HOLY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING CEREMONY SIGN-UP



**Volunteers are needed for our Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper Celebration** on April 18th at 7:00 PM at St. Ambrose. During this Mass there is the washing of the feet ceremony after the homily to remember the example of service Jesus gave to his disciples. **We need 12 people of different ages** (preferably 2 male and 2 female from our three partner parishes) who have not done this the last couple of years to volunteer. Two or three members of a family may volunteer and will be seated together. You will be seated in the pews and will not need to go up to the front of the church. **If you are willing to be a part of this beautiful ceremony, please call the parish office at 724-697-4129 to volunteer.**

### GOOD FRIDAY CROSS WALK

The Partner Parishes of St. Ambrose, St. Matthew, and St. Sylvester will witness to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ by gathering and walking with a cross through Avonmore on Good Friday, April 19th. We will meet at 10:45 AM in front of St. Ambrose. Please join us! For further information, please call Grace Sikora at 697-5112.



### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



**Holy Thursday, April 18th, 7:00 PM, St. Ambrose**  
**Good Friday, April 19th, 1:30 PM, St. Ambrose**  
**Holy Saturday, April 20th, Blessing of Baskets, 11:00 AM, St. Sylvester**  
**Easter Vigil, April 20th, 9:00 PM, St. Matthew**  
**Easter Sunday, April 21st, 8:30 AM, St. Sylvester, 11:00 AM, St. Ambrose**

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

**PNA Club, Avonmore** - Fish dinners 4:30-8:00 PM every Friday during Lent including Good Friday.

**Avonmore Public Library**—is sponsoring a raffle to win an Easter basket, includes \$25 Giant Eagle gift card, \$10 Tony's Doghouse gift card, candy, household/ garden items, and much more! Tickets are \$5.00, call 697-4415.

**Avonmore VFD** - Easter Egg Hunt/ Soup & Sandwich Sale, April 13th 11:00 AM—4:00 PM. Details call 724-840-9419

**Slickville**—Children's Easter Egg Hunt on the Fireman's grounds on April 13th at 1:00 PM.



**St. Ambrose**  
Avonmore

**St. Matthew**  
Saltsburg

**St. Sylvester**  
Slickville

**PARTNER PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG**

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust*

April 14, 2019

Website: [partnerparishesmas.org](http://partnerparishesmas.org)  
A Warm Welcome to All

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil:**  
5:00 PM—St. Ambrose

**Sunday Masses**  
8:30 AM—St. Sylvester  
11:00 AM—St. Matthew

**Weekday Masses:**  
Mon.—8:30 AM, St. Sylvester  
Tues.— 8:30 AM, St. Matthew  
Fri.— 8:30 AM, St. Ambrose

### PARISH OFFICES & HOURS

**St. Ambrose, St. Matthew & St. Sylvester**

**P. O. Box 617**  
**Avonmore, PA 15618**

Monday—Friday  
9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Phone: 724-697-4129  
Fax: 724-697-4484

St. Matthew Church Hall:  
724-639-9338

St. Sylvester Rectory  
Phone: 724-468-5794  
Fax and church hall:  
724-468-5765

### Our Mission Statement

*The Partner Parishes of St. Ambrose, St. Matthew & St. Sylvester, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are committed to be witnesses of Christ in our local and faith communities . We invite one another to grow in a spirit of friendship and unity through the Word and the Eucharist. While striving to nourish our faith families, we encourage Evangelization, Service, Worship, Stewardship, and Leadership.*

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Reverend John Harrold, Pastor**  
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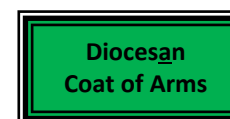
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**Knights of Columbus—Council #15373**



**Confessions:** First Saturday of the month, 11:00-11:30 AM at St. Ambrose or by appointment with the Pastor.

**Baptisms:** Please contact the parish office to schedule a date and formation session..

**Marriage:** Please contact the office at least six months before the wedding date to schedule marriage preparation sessions..

**Pastoral Care to the Homebound:** Please contact the parish office..


**Eucharistic Adoration:** First Thursday of the month, 6-8:00 PM. All are welcome.

**RCIA:** If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Roman Catholic, please contact the parish office.

**St. Vincent de Paul Hotline:** Please contact the parish office. St. Vincent dePaul poor boxes are at entrances of all partner parishes.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Please submit bulletin information via email or in written form to Angela Palmiscno at the parish office by Wednesday noon.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

	DATE	PLACE	TIME	INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Saturday	April 13	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	+Esther (Jean) Fanelli	<i>(Brian &amp; Angie Palmiscno)</i>
Sunday	April 14	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Wayne Jones, Sr.	<i>(Mario &amp; Pete Cortese Families)</i>
	April 14	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	Health & 102nd birthday of Helen Cup	<i>(Family)</i>
Monday	April 15	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Shirley Kempka	<i>(Family)</i>
Tuesday	April 16	St. Matthew	8:30 AM	For the Parishioners	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 18</b>	<b>St. Ambrose</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	+Valerie Leda	<i>(Carla &amp; Rory Leightner)</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 19</b>	<b>St. Ambrose</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>	Good Friday Liturgical Service	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 20</b>	<b>St. Sylvester</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Blessing of Baskets	
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	<b>April 20</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>	<b>9:00 PM</b>	+Mike Pendlyshok	<i>(Wife, Rita)</i>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>April 21</b>	<b>St. Sylvester</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	For the Parishioners	
	<b>April 21</b>	<b>St. Ambrose</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	+Lorraine Oldenski	<i>(John &amp; Geri Lombardi)</i>

### PARTNER PARISHES STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offertory: April 6-7

Weekly collection:	<u>St. Ambrose</u> \$ 3,018.75	<u>St. Matthew</u> \$ 2,049.00	<u>St. Sylvester</u> \$ 2,293.00
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**The Good Friday collection**—is taken for the support of the services and facilities of the Church in the Holy Land. As good stewards of these places, we are responsible for their upkeep and preservation for future generations of the faithful. Monies from this collection are also used for the education and social service support of our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land who are desperately in need of our extra help.

### Protecting God's Children

The PA child abuse clearance, PA criminal clearance, and FBI fingerprinting (or signed affidavit for volunteers) all expire every five years. In order for our parish to remain viable and in compliance with state law, we will begin notifying parish ministers when their clearances are about to expire. Please renew them ASAP. If you need help, please call Nadine Shaffer at 724-882-2547.

### SERVING OUR COUNTRY. Please pray for our men and women in the military:

TSGT Matthew Leightner, Maj. Matthew Starsnic, Ryan McCauley, Col. Ross Monta, John Newcomb, Daniel Henderson, Ryan Nagg, Master Sgt. Jeremy Morgan, Tech. Sgt. Justin Morgan, Tyler Carnahan, Bartholomew Marsh-Slavin, Charles M. Angell II, Cpt. Jacob Berg, SRA Phillip Berg, Brandon May, Tyler Kunkle (Afghanistan), Martin Novak, Jr.



**OUR PRAYER LIST—FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Ally Anderson, Helen Bozo, Mary Buccardo, Michelle Ciocca, Kip DeGlau, Janet Dobrosky, Ronnie Edwards, Donald Gabor, Crysta Hixson, George Hollick, Gary Lemon, Marie Miller, Mary Musial, Joanne Neidehiser, Matthew Petika, Sally Young, and all who need our prayers.

### PARTNER PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Monday, April 15, 2019**

6:00 PM SVDP, St. Sylvester

**Tuesday, April 16, 2019**

6:30—8:30 PM Bible Study, St. Ambrose

**Thursday, April 18, 2019**

10:00 AM Chrim Mass, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper, St. Ambrose

**Friday, April 19, 2019**

1:30 PM Good Friday Liturgical Service, St. Ambrose

**Saturday, April 20, 2019**

8:30 AM-1:00 PM RCIA Retreat, St. Sylvester

11:00 AM Blessing of the Easter Baskets, St. Sylvester

9:00 PM Easter Vigil, St. Matthew

**Sunday, April 21, 2019**

8:30 AM Easter Mass, St. Sylvester

11:00 AM Easter Mass, St. Ambrose

### DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL

	St. Ambrose	St. Matthew	St. Sylvester
<b>Current Amount</b>	\$10,455.00	\$6,974.00	\$17,900.00
<b>% of Current to Total</b>	47%	34%	68%
<b>Current # of Donors</b>	34 out of 130	29 out of 125	48 out of 120
<b>% of Current to Total</b>	26%	23%	40%

## Are you an "active" member of your Parish?

### Requirements for being a Sponsor for Confirmation or a Godparent for Baptism

To be a sponsor for Confirmation or a Godparent for Baptism you need to be actively practicing your faith. The parish has a responsibility to verify this. This is done with a sponsor certificate that says you are practicing your faith. Here are some basic requirements that the church gives us to consider a person to be an "ACTIVE MEMBER":

- 1 - practice your faith by celebrating the Sacraments on a regular basis (goes to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation and goes to confession at least once a year.)**
- 2 - provide the opportunity for religious education for your children and pursue an understanding of the faith for yourselves.**
- 3 - Follow the teachings and the law of the Church. If married, were you married in the Catholic Church?**
- 4 - support the parish both through contributing to the parish financially (recordable offertory donations with parish envelopes, your own envelopes, or a check) and help in the work of the parish by being involved in ministries, organizations, and projects. To be active, members who are older than 17 need to get the 6 State and Diocesan Clearances and Trainings. We hope that all parishioners will help us protect our children & vulnerable adults. To get your clearances, see the sheet at the entrances of the churches.**

Just because you were baptized in a Catholic Church does not make you an Active Member. We need to take responsibility for ourselves and live our faith personally and communally to be truly Catholic. The parish also needs its members to financially support it. Stewardship is spoken about throughout the Scriptures. We are called to share what God has blessed us with. Your generosity helps our parish grow and fulfill our Mission and responsibilities.