

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES



Blessings to all our Partner Parish family members who are celebrating a birthday this week:
Lisa Pampena, Christopher Sharek, Robert Condor, Jr., Patrick Calandrella, Mechelle Sieczkowski,
Gerald Martin, J. Daniel Minda, Barbara Franco, Jeffrey Taylor, Jennifer Woodring, Joseph Ondik,
Mary Ringle, Carson Craig, Nancy Shusko

Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating an anniversary this week:
Joseph & Lisa Prenni, James & Irene Gais, John & Martha Steffenino



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.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

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

St. James, Apollo— Sunday, April 7, 2019, at 6 pm for a very special Lenten program , "I Thirst" is a free concert experience by Tatiana "Tacji" Cameron, an internationally known singer and performer. For more information on Tacji, visit idobelieve.com.

Slickville Lions All You Can Eat Breakfast, Sunday, April 7th, 7 am to noon at the Slickville American Legion. Presale Adult \$8.00 Kids (under 12) \$5.00. Adult price at the door \$9.00.

St. John's & St. Mary's, Delmont—"All you can eat" spaghetti dinner at St. John's in Delmont on Sunday, April 7th from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM. Cost: \$8.00 adults; \$5.00 children ages 10 & under.

Saltsburg Presbyterian Church—is hosting a Midweek Lenten Service on April 10th at 7:00 PM. Rev. James Lee will be speaking. All are welcome.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KRISTIN ANDREE, WINNER OF THE ST. AMBROSE CHURCH TICKET # 747!



St. Ambrose

Avonmore

St. Matthew

Saltsburg

St. Sylvester

Slickville

PARTNER PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

April 7, 2019

Website: partnerparishesmas.org

5th Sunday of Lent

A Warm Welcome to All

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.

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Diocesan Coat of Arms

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 6	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	For the Parishioners	
Sunday	April 7	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Tony Moonis	(Shirley & Family)
	April 7	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	+Milagros Orsatti	(Silvina & Mark Orsatti)
Monday	April 8	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Eugene Hambursky	(Jim & Monica Stango)
Tuesday	April 9	St. Matthew	8:30 AM	+Jean Kokladas	(Pete Morcheid Family)
Friday	April 12	St. Ambrose	8:30 AM	+Rose Corridoni	(Richard & Diane Tamski)
Saturday	April 13	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	+Esther (Jean) Fanelli	(Brian & Angie Palmiscno)
Sunday	April 14	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Wayne Jones, Sr.	(Mario & Pete Cortese Families)
	April 14	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	Health & 102nd birthday of Helen Cup	(Family)

PARTNER PARISHES STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offertory: March 30-31

Weekly collection:	St. Ambrose	St. Matthew	St. Sylvester
	\$ 1,211.75	\$ 1,756.75	\$ 2,056.00

July, 2018—March, 2019 Actual Offertory and Budgeted Offertory Report

Offertory Actual:	\$ 56,831.05	\$ 55,590.14	\$ 69,487.72
Offertory Budget:	\$ 61,409.25	\$ 62,812.50	\$ 77,178.75
Over / (Under):	\$ (4,578.20)	\$ (7,222.36)	\$ (7691.03)
Offertory Actual Last Year:	\$ 59,181.27	\$ 59,943.70	\$ 75,014.50



Through the cleansing waters of baptism, we welcome , **Avery Michelle Taylor, daughter of Evan and Krysta Taylor, parishioners of St. Matthew,** to our parish family. We share your joy and excitement. Your child is a gift to all of us. With you we celebrate the beginning of your child's faith. May God bless your family as you journey together in faith and love.

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 DeGlaun, Janet Dobrosky, Ronnie Edwards, Donald Gabor, Crysta Hixson, George Hollick, Gary Lemon, Marie Miller, Mary Musial, Joanne Neidehiser, Phyllis Orange, Matthew Petika, Sally Young, and all who need our prayers.

PARTNER PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, April 8, 2019

9:00 AM Pierogie making, St. Matthew
7:00 PM Regional Penance Service, St. Ambrose

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

6:30 PM RCIA, St. Sylvester
6:30—8:30 PM Bible Study, St. Ambrose
7:00 PM Finance Council, St. Ambrose

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

6:30 PM Journey Together, St. Sylvester

Thursday, April 11, 2019

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting, St. Sylvester

Friday, April 12, 2019

4:00-6:30 PM Pierogi & Fish Dinner , St. Matthew
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross, St. Matthew

Sunday, April 14, 2019

5:30 PM First Communion Sacramental Prep, St. Matthew

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace, and mercy into our hearts and into the hearts of those suffering in poverty.

GOOD NEWS FROM

THE SVDP/ST. AMBROSE FOOD PANTRY

Through much dedication and commitment in 2018, 67,740 pounds of food were distributed which provided 56,450 meals to those in need in our local community. These statistics were provided by the Westmoreland County Food Bank.

Thank you to all who support the Food Pantry!

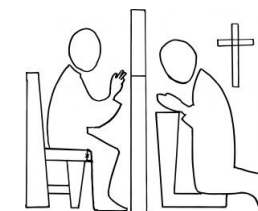
DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL

“Open your heart to HOPE,” the 2019 Diocesan Lenten Appeal, helps HOPE shine. Go to dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE for a video of Bishop Malesic describing how the DLA supports our Catholic schools and helps our students shine. To make an online DLA donation to your parish visit dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE.

	St. Ambrose	St. Matthew	St. Sylvester
Current Amount	\$6,935.00	\$5,989.00	\$16,225.00
% of Current to Total	31%	29%	61%
Current # of Donors	28 out of 130	22 out of 125	41 out of 120
% of Current to Total	21%	18%	34%

REGIONAL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Plan now to attend one of our Regional Lenten Penance Services to prepare yourself for Easter.



Monday, April 8, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 11, 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 13, 1:00 PM

St. Ambrose, Avonmore

SS. Simon & Jude, Blairsville

Church of the Resurrection, Clymer

St. Bernard, Indiana

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

