

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES



Blessings to all our Partner Parish family members who are celebrating a birthday this week: Todd Andree, Nathaniel Farabaugh, Timothy Platko, Valentino Rudolph, Cecily Ziemanski, Jessica Farabaugh, Diana Galo, Brian Palmiscno, Ludwig Sharek, Ann Thomas, Tracy Richards, Judith Begeman, Thomas Buczak, Laura Buczak, Irene Gais, Mary Maruca, Richard Skowronek, Mary Ann Cedar, George Kapusta, Brett Simons, Alma Deren, Michael Perfetta, Olivia Sieczkowski

Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating an anniversary this week:

John & Arleen Gordish, Dennis & Patricia Shoupe, Herman & Rosaire Newhouse, Garry & Nancy Kelly, Robert & Deborah Palmiscno



Square Dance with Live Band!



Please join us for another evening of good old fashioned square dancing in St Sylvester's Social Hall! Saturday, March 2, dancing from 7:30-10pm, covered dish meal at 6:30pm. Please bring a dish to share, all proceeds benefit St. Sylvester Parish. Questions, or comments, email: vfmcquaide@gmail.com

Homily Homework

Find a quiet place to sit and reflect on this chart. Thank Jesus for helping you to live as he showed us. Ask God to send the Holy Spirit to help you improve in the areas where you see a need for improvement. Consider being more involved in the ministry of the Church by doing more to implement the corporal works of mercy into your daily life.

The Eight Beatitudes of Jesus	The Corporal Works of Mercy	The Spiritual Works of Mercy
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	Feed the Hungry	Admonish sinners
Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.	Give drink to the thirsty	Instruct the uninformed
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.	Clothe the naked	Counsel the doubtful
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.	Shelter the homeless	Comfort the sorrowful
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.	Comfort the imprisoned	Be patient with those in error
Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.	Visit the sick	Forgive offenses
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.	Bury the dead	Pray for the living and the dead
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."		

St. Ambrose Avonmore St. Matthew Saltsburg St. Sylvester Slickville
PARTNER PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

February 17, 2019

Website: partnerparishesmas.org
 A Warm Welcome to All

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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 724-639-9338

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 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	February 16	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	+Placito Franzi	<i>(John & Florence Ziemianski)</i>
Sunday	February 17	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	For the Parishioners	
	February 17	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	+Helen Kochanowski	<i>(Rachael Garzone)</i>
Monday	February 18	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Floretta Johns	<i>(Kay Behun)</i>
Tuesday	February 19	St. Matthew	8:30 AM	+Barbara Belice	<i>(Judy & Ron Kimmel)</i>
Friday	February 22	St. Ambrose	8:30 AM	+Susan Montali	<i>(Ludwig & Carolyn Sharek)</i>
Saturday	February 23	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	For the Parishioners	
Sunday	February 24	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+John Pishko	<i>(Diane Novak)</i>
	February 24	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	+Violeta Celani	<i>(Silvina & Mark Orsatti)</i>

PARTNER PARISHES STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offertory: February 9-10

Weekly collection:	<u>St. Ambrose</u> \$ 1,297.00	<u>St. Matthew</u> \$ 1,446.00	<u>St. Sylvester</u> \$ 1,861.00
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SERVING OUR COUNTRY. Please pray for our men and women in the military:

TSGT Matthew Lightner, 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., Glenn Dolfi, Sr.



OUR PRAYER LIST—FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ally Anderson, Helen Bozo, Dorothy Burkett, Kip DeGlaun, Janet Dobrosky, Glen Dolfi, Sr., Ronnie Edwards, Donald Gabor, Crysta Hixson, George Hollick, Wayne Jones, Sr., Valerie Leda, Gary Lemon, Marie Miller, Mary Musial, Joanne Neidehiser, Phyllis Orange, Matthew Petika, Ludwig Sharek, Steve Sieczkowski, Natalie Trawinsky, Sally Young, and all who need our prayers.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE WELL MEN'S CONFERENCE MARCH 30

The diocese's Men's Ministry Team will host THE WELL Men's Conference on March 30 at Greensburg Central Catholic. The event includes workshops, open discussions, the sacrament of reconciliation and adoration, and it concludes with Mass celebrated by Bishop Malesic. The keynote speaker will be Mike McCoy, an Erie native who is a former Notre Dame and NFL football star. Register at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/THEWELL.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY MASS

St. Matthew will be having a Children's Mass on February 24th at 11:00 AM. Students from the Faith Formation classes will be participating in various ministries during Mass and are excited to be a part of the celebration.

PARTNER PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 18, 2019

9:00 AM Pierogie Making, St. Matthew
6:00 PM SVDP, St. Sylvester

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

6:30 PM Journey Together

Thursday, February 21, 2019

6:00 PM Pierogie/Fish Fry Organizational Mtg., St. Matthew

Friday, February 22, 2019

5:30 PM Choir practice, St. Sylvester

St. Vincent de Paul and SVDP/St. Ambrose Food Pantry Quarterly Report:

In the months of October, November, and December 2018, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's love and mercy to the needy by the following: 5 families - \$1541.00 for utilities, 2 families - \$900.00 for rent, 2 homeless people - \$222.00 for housing, 37 people - \$402.00 for food, 2 people - \$153.00 for household items, 1 person - \$100.00 for auto repair, and 17 hygiene kits for the hurricane Florence victims - \$210.00. The SVDP/St. Ambrose Food Pantry aided 135 families with \$900.00 of extra food. THANK YOU!!!

BIBLE STUDY



Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come by Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith is an intriguing study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in His Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. Here, you will discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean. You will see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." It is a revelation of God as our Divine Bridegroom and the Churches his spotless bride, forever united in a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage that we enter into every time we celebrate the Mass. Registration, purchase of study book, and streaming option is available on-line at <https://ascensionpress.com/studies/36166/registration/new>. I have one extra study book available if someone prefers not to order on-line. The cost for the study book is \$24.95 plus tax and shipping. The first 6 bible study sessions will be Tuesdays, March 12 - April 16, 2019, at St. Ambrose Church Hall, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. The remaining 5 lessons will resume in the fall. Additional information may be obtained by calling Celine at 724-216-2313 or by emailing, steinmillerc@gmail.com

EASTER CANDY SALE

Beginning February 23rd through March 24th the Knights of Columbus will be taking orders for Sarris Easter Candy. Order forms will be available at the church entrances. Delivery will be on April 13th and 14th. Your support is greatly appreciated.



MARDI GRAS

St. Ambrose Parish will be hosting the next Partner Parish Social, which will be a Mardi Gras Dinner on Saturday, March 2nd at 6:00 pm (following the Saturday Evening Mass). Each year, one of our three parishes will host a Social Gathering to give everybody a chance to get together and share in some good food and fun. We will provide the meat and potatoes and drink, and individuals or families are asked to bring Salads and your favorite Desserts to Share. Please plan to attend, and let us know by calling or emailing the parish office or by filling out this reservation slip. There will be beads, and a game with prizes! Invite friends and family!

Mardi Gras Dinner at St. Ambrose on March 2nd

Name _____ Phone _____
of Adults _____ # of Children under 13 _____