

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES



Blessings to all our Partner Parish family members who are celebrating a birthday this week:

Dolores Bozzarelli, Susan Kerchensky, Hunter Heinack, Michael Sharek, Robert Valore, Arleen Gordish, John Roccisana, Edward Shaffer, Allison Prenni, Charlotte Alsippi, Celena Meighan, Ryan Eckenrode, Jennie Busi, David Swierkosz, Travis Barta, David Busi, Kristen Graf, Caleb Hill, Jennifer Gabriel, David Palmiscno, Joseph Ulisse

Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating an anniversary this week:

David & Margaret Swierkosz, Frank & Janet Horrell, David & Bridge Kitch



Pierogie Making—In preparation for St. Matthew’s Lenten dinners, we will begin making pierogies at 9:00 AM on Monday, February 4th. This takes place in St. Matthew’s Social Hall. We will continue for 10 weeks (through April 8th). Please join us! Any questions? Please call Esther @724-639-9256.

DUE TO THE INCLEMENT WEATHER ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30TH, AVONMORE FOOD PANTRY HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH AT 9:30 AM AT ST. AMBROSE CHURCH. THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED DISTRIBUTION WILL STILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD! THANK YOU!



Bible Study will begin Tuesday, March 12th and go through April 9th from 6:30—8:00 PM at St. Ambrose Church. We will be studying the book of Revelation. Details to follow. Questions? Contact Celine at 724-468-4462.

Around the Diocese

St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Indiana— The Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women Prayer and Outreach Group to Combat Human Trafficking is hosting the 4th Annual St. Bakhita Day of Prayer and Education on Saturday, February 9th, from 1:00-3:00 PM at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish Hall, 200 Clairvaux Drive, Indiana. Please join us for an afternoon of prayer and education on this horrific crime and what you can do to recognize and help combat it. No fee to attend, but we are asking participants to bring a new or gently used bra in good condition to donate to Free the Girls. These bras are sent to El Salvador, Costa Rica and Mozambique to encourage, equip, and empower girls and women to earn a safe income selling bras in the second-hand market. (www.freethegirls.org)

Spaghetti Dinner—sponsored by the Avonmore Library, Saturday, February 9th from 4:30-7:00 PM at the Avonmore Civic Center. Adults: \$7.00, Children 6-12: \$4.00, Kindergarten and under are free. For tickets call: Arleen @ 697-4254 or Karen @ 697-4532

Avonmore Senior Center—is sponsoring a Brown Bag Bingo on Saturday, February 16th. Doors open at 10:30 AM, lunch will be served at 12:00 noon, Bingo starts at 1:00 PM. Cost is \$20 per person which includes: brown bag lunch (sliders, cold salads, chips, fruit cup, cookie, beverage, & more), plus bingo pack & door prize tickets.

Deadline to pre-register is Friday, February 8th. For more information call Karen @ 724-697-4014.

Saint James Parish – New Alexandria - Let’s Go Back in Time to the 1950’s - Sock Hop - Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. - Saint James Social Hall - \$20.00 Adult / \$10.00 Child Under 13 (Checks made out to Saint James Rosary Altar Society). Includes: DJ Spinning the hits of the 50’s, All you can eat buffet of authentic meal of the 50's and much more! Prize for the Best Dressed in 50’s style, 50’s Trivia Game Prizes, Drag Races - Bet on your favorite driver to win! \$25.00 to Drive a car. Reservations are requested by **Sunday, February 17, 2019.** Please contact the Parish Office at 724-668-2829 to make your reservation. Sock Hop sponsored by the Saint James Rosary Altar Society.

St. Ambrose Avonmore St. Matthew Saltsburg St. Sylvester Slickville

PARTNER PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

February 3, 2019

Website: partnerparishesmas.org
A Warm Welcome to All

4th 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

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

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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 2	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	For the Parishioners	
Sunday	February 3	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Theresa DeLuca	<i>(Ron & Nancy Brink)</i>
	February 3	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	+Sam Rossi	<i>(Wife & Family)</i>
Monday	February 4	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Julie Biss	<i>(Mr. & Mrs. William Conrad)</i>
Tuesday	February 5	St. Matthew	8:30 AM	+Paul Jancay	<i>(St. Matthew Altar Rosary)</i>
Friday	February 8	St. Ambrose	8:30 AM	+Alice Prenni	<i>(Bernie & Denise Sharek)</i>
Saturday	February 9	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	+Christine Fillippini	<i>(Rachael Garzone)</i>
Sunday	February 10	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Elizabeth Kurant	<i>(Tony & Judy Valore)</i>
	February 10	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	For the Parishioners	

PARTNER PARISHES STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offertory: January 26-27

Weekly collection:	<u>St. Ambrose</u>	<u>St. Matthew</u>	<u>St. Sylvester</u>
	\$ 1,246.00	\$ 1,095.00	\$ 1,871.00

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

Offertory Actual:	\$ 43,452.48	\$ 42,605.00	\$ 53,481.72
Offertory Budget:	\$ 47,762.75	\$ 48,854.17	\$ 60,027.91
Over / (Under):	\$ (4,310.27)	\$ (6,249.17)	\$ (6,546.19)
Offertory Actual Last Year:	\$ 44,723.29	\$ 46,256.36	\$ 60,119.50

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, Kip DeGlaue, 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, and all who need our prayers.



EVENING FOR TEENS AND PARENTS WITH BISHOP MALESIC

Bishop Malesic will lead an evening for teens and parents “How do I make my faith a priority in this culture?” on Feb. 10 at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg. Teens will gather in the church at 6 p.m.; teens and parents will gather in the parish hall at 7:15. A social will follow. The event is open to students in grades 6-12 and their parents or guardians and is sponsored by Our Lady of Grace, St. Benedict and Holy Cross parishes. For information or to respond, call Katrina Coleman at 724-838-9480.

PARTNER PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 4, 2019

9:00 AM Pierogie Making, St. Matthew
6:30 PM RCIA, St. Sylvester

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

7:00 PM Altar Rosary, St. Ambrose

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

6:30 PM Journey Together, St. Sylvester

Thursday, February 7, 2019

6:00-8:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, St. Sylvester

Sunday, February 10, 2019

5:30 PM 1st Communion Sacramental Prep, St. Matthew

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2019 6:00-8:00 PM at St. Sylvester.



By your gift to St. Vincent de Paul Society, you are taking care of God's poor and living your gospel values.

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. Registration opens in January at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/THEWELL.

“PARISH ASSEMBLY”

The Pastoral Council Members of the Partner Parishes will be hosting a “Town Hall” meeting at St. Matthew Church on February 17th following the 11:00 AM Mass in the Social Hall. The council will present what has been accomplished in the past year. Then, council will welcome your thoughts on what needs to be done in order to meet the future needs of the partner parish community. Parish assemblies for St. Sylvester will be held on March 3rd after Mass and St. Ambrose will be held on March 16th following the 5 o'clock Mass. Refreshments will be served.

Homily Homework

Holy Virtues	Gifts of the Holy Spirit	7 Deadly Sins
Faith	Wisdom	Pride
Hope	Understanding	Envy
Love	Counsel	Wrath (Anger)
Prudence	Courage	Sloth (Laziness)
Temperance	Knowledge	Greed
Fortitude	Piety	Gluttony
Justice	Awe of the Lord	Lust

Take time each day to review how these virtues and gifts of the Holy Spirit help you conquer the deadly sins that tempt us all. Then, use this as an examination to make a good confession during Lent. For the times we stumble, forgive us Lord.