



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Blessings to all our Partner Parish family members who are celebrating a birthday this week:
Pamela Davis, Paula Jones, Donna Jean Ventresco, Anthony Joint, Dorothy Tagliati, Dorothy Fontana,
Linda Belice, Vaughn Curcio, Sr., Tricia Grimm, Tracy Trybus, Herman Corridoni, Lewis Prenni, Jr.,
Gregory Kochanowski, Donna Cortese, Diane Novak, Beverly Resnick, Jack Tamasy

Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating an anniversary this week:
Michael & Cathy Seniow, William & Stella Steffey



PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL—Please join us for a Pro-Life Prayer Vigil **Sunday, January 20th at 6:00 PM at St. Ambrose Church.** Prayer is a vital and necessary means to stop the evil of abortion that has plagued our country for over four decades.

Square Dance with Live Band! Please join us for an evening of good old fashioned square dancing in St Sylvester's Social Hall! Saturday, January 26th, dancing from 7-10pm. Please bring a snack or drink to share, all proceeds benefit St. Sylvester Parish. Questions, or comments, email or call: vfmcquaide@gmail.com 724-599-2953



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.

Contribution Statements—End of the year contribution statements will be in the mail next week. Please keep in mind that anyone donating \$250 or more to the DLA Campaign last year will receive a separate letter from the diocese. It will not be on your contribution statement.



Around the Diocese

Soup Sale— sponsored by the Slickville Centennial Committee, Vegetable soup \$6.00/quart, pick up is on January 24th from 11:00 AM-5:00 PM at the Slickville Civic Center. Order form is at the entrance at St. Sylvester.

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



St. Ambrose
Avonmore

St. Matthew
Saltsburg

St. Sylvester
Slickville

PARTNER PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

January 20, 2019

Website: partnerparishesmas.org
A Warm Welcome to All

2nd 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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P. O. Box 617
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Monday—Friday
9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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724-639-9338

St. Sylvester Rectory
Phone: 724-468-5794
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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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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	January 19	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	+Helen Garzone	(Pat Calandrella)
Sunday	January 20	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+John (Wallio) Perfetta	(Jean & Family)
	January 20	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	For the Parishioners	
Monday	January 21	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Deceased members of Ulisse Family	(James & Janet Ulisse)
Tuesday	January 22	St. Matthew	8:30 AM	NO MASS	
Friday	January 25	St. Ambrose	8:30 AM	NO MASS	
Saturday	January 26	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	+Ernie Morabito	(Wife, Cathy)
Sunday	January 27	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	For the Parishioners	
	January 27	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	+Jean Kokladas	(John & Anna Bondar)

PARTNER PARISHES STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offertory: January 12-13

Weekly collection:	<u>St. Ambrose</u>	<u>St. Matthew</u>	<u>St. Sylvester</u>
	\$ 1,322.24	\$ 1,413.14	\$ 2,154.00

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.



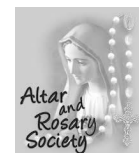
OUR PRAYER LIST—FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ally Anderson, Helen Bozo, Kip DeGlau, Janet Dobrosky, Ronnie Edwards, Donald Gabor, Crysta Hixson, George Hollick, Wayne Jones, Sr., Valerie Leda, Gary Lemon, Marie Miller, Mary Musial, Joanne Neidehiser, Matthew Petika, Ludwig Sharek, Steve Sieczkowski, Natalie Trawinsky,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

Prayer Requests

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.

St. Ambrose Altar Rosary Society is collecting dues (\$5) for 2019. You may drop them in the collection basket to the attention of Dorothy Fontana. Anyone 18 or over is welcome and encouraged to join the Altar Rosary Society! Thank you for your continued support.



PARTNER PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 20, 2019

6:00 PM Pro-Life Prayer Vigil, St. Ambrose

Monday, January 21, 2019

6:30 PM RCIA, St. Sylvester

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

6:30 PM Journey Together, St. Sylvester

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are poor. You give them reason to believe and to trust.

PARISH CENSUS UPDATES AND PICTURES - We are still waiting for **40 - 48% of households from all three of our parishes** to turn in a Parish Census Update. We are still waiting for **about 80% of you** to give us a picture to put in your parish records. We will be mailing out census forms to any households we have not heard from yet. Pictures may be turned in with your names on the back to Fr. John or you can submit him a digital copy at jharrold@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

To date, we have received: **89 forms from St. Ambrose parishioners (175 families/individuals) 51%**
88 forms from St. Matthew parishioners (166 families/individuals) 53%
91 forms from St. Sylvester parishioners (159 families/individuals) 58%

We will also be asking people to submit a picture that can be attached to your records. This can either be a digital picture (preferably jpeg file) or regular picture that we will be able to scan.

To date, we have received: **22 pictures from St. Ambrose parishioners**
26 pictures from St. Matthew parishioners
27 pictures from St. Sylvester parishioners

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.

The announcement about the "Open Forum" on Feb. 17th at St. Matthew that was put in the bulletin last week was premature and inaccurate. Fr. John apologizes for any confusion or misunderstanding. Fr. John will be with the Pastoral Council Members to listen to your input so we can work together to plan for the future.