



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Blessings to all our Partner Parish family members who are celebrating a birthday this week: Justin Kerchensky, Sallie Waynar, Ann Sturiale, Rudolph Battistelli, Jody DeMase, Alan DeMase, Ramona Taylor, Sandra Mader, Braden Matthew Malarik, Jonathan McDivitt, Clare McQuaide, Mary Beth Novak, Rose Mary Kapusta, David Cindric, Amy McQuaide, Louis Salvatore

Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating an anniversary this week: Ken & Celine Steinmiller



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.

St. Matthew Altar Rosary Society would like to thank everyone that participated in praying the Pro-Life Rosary on January 18th, and to everyone who helped make phone calls so more people would be involved. We were able to cover the 24 hours, and had more than one person praying for most of the hours. Last year we had 70+ praying, this year we had 75+. People were happy to pray, and asked that their name be kept for next year. Thank you!



Around the Diocese

Saint James Church - Winter Breakfast/Bake Sale - Saint James Church, New Alexandria, will host a Winter Breakfast/Bake Sale on Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Menu includes: Ham, Sausage, Pancakes, Eggs, Potatoes, Juice, Coffee and Tea. Price is \$7.00 Adults/\$4.00 Child (Ages 6 to 12) Children (Under 6 - Free). There will also be raffle tickets to win a basket along with many delicious baked goods for purchase. Breakfast/Bake Sale sponsored by Saint James Holy Name and Rosary Altar Societies.

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.



St. Ambrose
Avonmore

St. Matthew
Saltsburg

St. Sylvester
Slickville

PARTNER PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

January 27, 2019

Website: partnerparishesmas.org
A Warm Welcome to All

3rd 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
Avonmore, PA 15618

Monday—Friday
9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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724-639-9338

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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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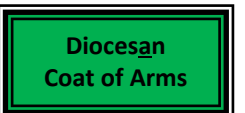
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Knights of Columbus—Council #15373



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 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)
Monday	January 28	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	NO MASS	
Tuesday	January 29	St. Matthew	8:30 AM	NO MASS	
Friday	February 1	St. Ambrose	8:30 AM	+Jason Orvosh	(Mark & Paulette Bonnoni)
Saturday	February 2	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	For the Parishioners	
Sunday	February 3	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Theresa DeLuca	(Ron & Nancy Brink)
	February 3	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	+Sam Rossi	(Wife & Family)

PARTNER PARISHES STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offertory: January 19-20

Weekly collection:	<u>St. Ambrose</u>	<u>St. Matthew</u>	<u>St. Sylvester</u>
	\$ 776.45	\$ 972.00	\$ 938.00

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., Glenn Dolfi, Sr.



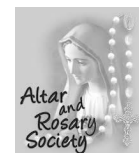
OUR PRAYER LIST—FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ally Anderson, Helen Bozo, Kip DeGlaue, Janet Dobrosky, Ronnie Edwards, Donald Gabor, Crysta Hixson, George Hollick, Wayne Jones, Sr., Valerie Leda, Gary Lemon, Marie Miller, Mary Musial, Joanne Neidehiser, Phyllis Orange, Matthew Petika, Ludwig Sharek, Steve Sieczkowski,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

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

Monday, January 28, 2019

6:00 PM SVDP, St. Sylvester

6:30 PM RCIA, St. Sylvester

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

9:30 AM Food Bank, St. Ambrose

6:30 PM Journey Together, St. Sylvester

“The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor” through my gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Every year our Diocese participates in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe on the first Sunday of February. Our participation in this National Collection is an acknowledgement that the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is in need of assistance to rebuild after more than 70 years of Soviet rule and oppression. By assisting the Church to rebuild in this part of the world, we also are helping the Church come to the aid of social communities, agencies, and organizations that cannot help or restore society on their own. With your support of this collection, the Church will be able to provide resources to these structures in order to breathe new life into the faith and communities once again.

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.

PARTS ARE PARTS

Each of us has a role to play. Each role (and each person) is vital to the success of the whole. As we all know, if one part of our body is hurting, the whole body suffers. Think of the times when you may have sprained an ankle or twisted a knee. To compensate you started limping, putting more weight on the “good” leg to make up for the parts that were not working. Eventually, the healthy leg becomes sore as well from trying to make up for the parts that are not functioning as they should. This is also what happens within our community. If each part is functioning well and fulfilling its role, then the body, the community, functions well as a whole. Each one of us needs to be doing the role we have been asked by God to fulfill. Please continue to do your part to help the Body of Christ remain a healthy, functioning community. Each of us needs to do our part so that others are not asked to compensate. They may become worn down by overuse, like the “good leg”.