



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Blessings to all our Partner Parish family members who are celebrating a birthday this week: Teresa DeSimone, Nancy Cacco, Casper Yankuskie, Geraldine Vought, James Simpson, Diane Smith, Corbin Hill, Mary Mary, Annette Plazio, Thomas Powers, Louise Shawley

Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating an anniversary this week: Alex & Donna Corridoni



Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Today we celebrate that the child born in the darkness of night in a lowly manger is revealed as the manifestation (the meaning of *epiphany*) of God. Christ is revealed in many ways: as Lord, as King, as the one in whom God is present and acts. All of these manifestations are "lights" that shine on Christ, revealing a deeper understanding of who he is. All the readings for today reveal, in a way, a different manifestation of who Christ is for all who believe. Traditionally, three events in the life of Christ are remembered today as manifestations of God's presence and action through Christ: the visit of the Magi, the wedding feast of Cana, and the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. Lights have played an important role in today's solemnity. Parishes might follow this tradition by increasing the number of candles in church. They might be carried in the opening procession, or placed in the sanctuary, around the altar before Mass begins.



Thank you to the **St. Ambrose Altar Rosary Society**: for the beautiful Altar Cloth donated to the church for use at Christmas and Easter. It certainly adds to the beauty of the sanctuary.



Congratulations to Kendall Pfeifer, winner of the St. Ambrose quarterly cash ticket, winning number 693!



Please turn in your "Time and Talent Forms" and "Reflecting on my Financial Commitment Form" by the collection basket, mail or by dropping it in the designated box in the back of church. EXTRA FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCES OF THE CHURCHES!

	St. Ambrose	St. Matthew	St. Sylvester
Time & Talent Form	24	25	36
New Liturgical Ministers		1	1
Financial Commitment	22	18	35

All 3 parishes have at least 150 households - For our parishes to thrive, we need a lot more commitment! Additional forms and boxes to put completed forms into are at the front entrances of all three churches.

We are in desperate need of **NEW Liturgical Ministers** in all three Churches: Altar Servers, Lectors, Choir Members, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ushers! Please think about it and volunteer! If interested, please submit the slip below to the parish office.

I would like to become a:

Name _____

Altar Server Lector Choir Member

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Usher Phone _____

Please let us know by the end of the year. Training will be in January!

St. Ambrose
Avonmore

St. Matthew
Saltsburg

St. Sylvester
Slickville

PARTNER PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG
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Website: partnerparishesmas.org
A Warm Welcome to All

The Epiphany of the Lord

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
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Avonmore, PA 15618

Monday—Friday
9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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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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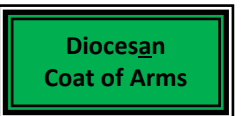
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Knights of Columbus—Council #15373



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 5	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	+Sam Carnabuci	(Jim & Minnie)
Sunday	January 6	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	For the Parishioners	
	January 6	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	+Paul Jancay	(Matt Colaianni)
Monday	January 7	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+John Gallek	(John Kempka)
Tuesday	January 8	St. Matthew	8:30 AM	+Theresa Battistelli	(St. Matthew ARS)
Friday	January 11	St. Ambrose	8:30 AM	+Ronald Frassenei	(Nick & Carol Alcorn)
Saturday	January 12	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	For the Parishioners	
Sunday	January 13	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Louis Novak, Jr. & Laverna Novak	(Al & Audrey Novak)
	January 13	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	+Iola Gasperini	(Gary & Janice Rossi)

PARTNER PARISHES STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offertory: December 29-30

Weekly collection:	<u>St. Ambrose</u>	<u>St. Matthew</u>	<u>St. Sylvester</u>
	\$ 1,968.50	\$ 2,438.44	\$ 1,044.00

July, 2018—December, 2018 Actual Offertory and Budgeted Offertory Report

Offertory Actual:	\$ 44,340.29	\$ 39,449.46	\$ 51,898.72
Offertory Budget:	\$ 45,220.00	\$ 43,818.00	\$ 55,462.00
Over / (Under):	\$ (879.71)	\$ (4,368.54)	\$ (3,563.28)
Offertory Actual Last Year:	\$ 43,788.48	\$ 42,157.52	\$ 53,072.50



IN SYMPATHY: Our Partner Parish family extends their deepest sympathy to the family of Rose Corridoni, parishioner of Ambrose, who died recently. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

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, Ronnie Edwards, Mary Fontana, Donald Gabor, Crysta Hixson, George Hollick, Wayne Jones, Sr., Valerie Leda, Gary Lemon, Marie Miller, Mary Musial, Val Palmer, Matthew Petika, Ludwig Sharek, Steve Sieczkowski, Natalie Trawinsky, and all who need our prayers.

ST. MATTHEW ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY invites you to join in prayer on Friday, January 18th (Pro-Life March) to pray the sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary. You may do so from home or work. We are hoping for pledges of 30 minutes per person. Pledge sheets are at the church entrances so you may fill in your name and time.

PARTNER PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 7, 2019

6:00 PM SVDP, St. Sylvester
6:30 PM RCIA, St. Sylvester
7:00 PM Altar Rosary, St. Ambrose

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

7:00 PM Finance Council, St. Ambrose

Thursday, January 10, 2019

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus, St. Sylvester

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

Journey Together with Deacon Dan will not meet January 9. The first date for Journey Together will be January 16.

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%
90 forms from St. Sylvester parishioners (159 families/individuals) 57%

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**
25 pictures from St. Matthew parishioners
27 pictures from St. Sylvester parishioners

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.

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.



Through the cleansing waters of baptism, we welcome , **Walter Paul Hill, son of Andrew and Rachael Hill, parishioners of St. Sylvester,** 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.