

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES



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

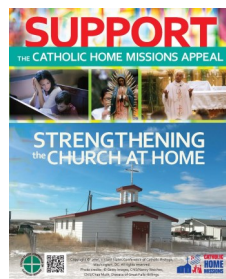
Michael Kuzmin, Joseph Prenni, Jr., Gabriella Kuhlman, Carly Ronian, Virgil Bottegal, John Evanichko, Lonny Woodring, Helen Pearson, James Baker, James Spellane, Meghan Stramaski, Anita Bafik, Frances Noca, Cassidy Richards, Martin Novak, Peter Cortese, John Sommerer, Martha Valore, Marilyn Angell, Nora Powers, Joseph Ondik



Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating an anniversary this week:

James & Cathy Delfavero

Catholic Home Missions Appeal



Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your donations support programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Operation Rice Bowl: Children and Families are encouraged to support Operation Rice Bowl to help teach children about almsgiving during the Season of Lent. Rice Bowl boxes are available at the entrances of the churches.



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Just a friendly reminder...

Ministry Schedules—We are working on the new ministry schedules for April and May. If you have vacation scheduled, **please notify the schedulers in writing** as soon as possible so they do not schedule you. (St. Ambrose—Angie, St. Matthew—Jennie, St. Sylvester—Ethel) Thank you!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

PNA Club, Avonmore—Fish dinners 4:30-8:00 PM every Friday during Lent including Good Friday. Take-out available.

Christ the King Church, Leechburg - The Youth Ministry at St. Ferdinand Parish, Cranberry Twp., will be presenting **Living Stations at Christ the King Church, 125 Park Road, Leechburg, on Sunday, March 17th at 7:30 PM.** The youth ministry consists of teens in 8th through 12th grades. They travel to different churches on Sunday's throughout the Lenten season with their presentation. Please make plans to join us for their very inspiring depiction of the passion, death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Christ the King Church, Leechburg—will be selling nut, poppy seed and apricot rolls for \$11.50 each, and Paska bread (round or braided/with or without raisins) for \$6.50 each. Deadline for roll orders is Monday, March 25th; deadline for Paska bread orders is Monday, April 1st. **To order, call 724-842-0623 or 724-845-8615.**

Saint James Parish, New Alexandria – Rosary Altar Society is offering Homemade Haluski for sale, by orders only, on **Friday, March 22; and Friday, April 5, 2019.** Quart Size containers for \$7.00. Orders must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before each sale date. Pick up times are same dates as sale from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Parish Social Hall. Please contact Parish Office at 724-668-2829 to order or visit our website at www.stjamesnewalexandria.org to place your order.

St. Ambrose

Avonmore

St. Matthew

Saltsburg

St. Sylvester

Slickville

PARTNER PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

March 10, 2019

Website: partnerparishesmas.org

1st Sunday of Lent

A Warm Welcome to All

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.

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Knights of Columbus—Council #15373



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	March 9	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	+Stanley Kengerski	(MaryLou & John Waynar)
Sunday	March 10	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+For the Parishioners	
	March 10	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	+Alfredo Celani	(Silvina & Mark Orsatti)
Monday	March 11	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Charles, Helen, & Skip Resnick	(Family)
Tuesday	March 12	St. Matthew	8:30 AM	+Jeff McGregor	(Andy Cup Family)
Thursday	March 14	St. Matthew	7:00 PM	+Patricia Klingerman	(St. Matthew Altar Rosary)
Friday	March 15	St. Ambrose	8:30 AM	+Theresa Markuzic	(Marafka Family)
Saturday	March 16	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	For the Parishioners	
Sunday	March 17	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Rose Mignogna	(Cathy Miller)
	March 17	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	+Herman & Mary Tagliati	(Family)



IN SYMPATHY: Our Partner Parish family extends their deepest sympathy to the family of Dr. Guy Carnabuci, brother of Minnie McKay, parishioner of St. Ambrose, who died recently. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

PARTNER PARISHES STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offertory: March 2-3

Weekly collection:	<u>St. Ambrose</u>	<u>St. Matthew</u>	<u>St. Sylvester</u>
	\$ 2,199.50	\$ 1,463.00	\$ 2,269.00

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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.



Prayer Requests

OUR PRAYER LIST—FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ally Anderson, Helen Bozo, Mary Buccardo, Kip DeGluo, 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, Steve Sieczkowski, Natalie Trawinsky, Sally Young, and all who need our prayers.

PARTNER PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, March 11, 2019

9:00 AM Pierogie making, St. Matthew
6:00 PM SVDP, St. Sylvester
7:00 PM Altar Rosary, St. Matthew

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

6:30 PM RCIA, St. Sylvester
6:30—8:30 PM Bible Study, St. Ambrose

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

6:30 PM Journey Together, St. Sylvester

Thursday, March 14, 2019

7:00 PM Lenten Evening Mass, St. Matthew
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus, St. Sylvester

Friday, March 15, 2019

4:00-6:30 PM Pierogi & Fish Dinner, St. Matthew
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross, St. Ambrose

Saturday, March 16, 2019

11:00 AM Confession, St. Matthew
6:00 PM Parish Assembly, St. Ambrose

**Confessions will be held
on Saturday, March 16th
at 11:00 AM at
St. Matthew**



**Your gift in the
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box
will help the poor to celebrate
the grace of God's love this Easter.**

BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study: The Book of Revelation study will begin March 12th at 6:30 at St. Ambrose. There is still time to sign up and order your study book. Go to Ascensionpress.com, join a study. Go to the map and locate St. Ambrose. Follow directions from this point. You will need a password and email address, then order your study book on line.

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.



thank you

Sincere thanks to all who helped in any way to make the Mardi Gras a great success! Special thanks to David & Kathy Fontana, who donated and prepared the delicious chicken for our meal!

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL

"Open your heart to HOPE," the 2019 Diocesan Lenten Appeal, helps parishes build HOPE. The DLA supports renovations and repairs in the parishes. Go to dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE for a video of Bishop Malesic describing how the DLA builds our parishes. To make an online DLA donation to your parish visit dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED



I WANT YOU

We are in need of volunteers to help with St. Matthew's Pierogi and Fish Dinners on Friday Evenings during Lent. Anyone who has their clearances is asked to help one or two nights or all the nights, depending on your availability. If you want to help and do not have your 6 clearances, let us know and we will be happy to help you get them.



We need help in the kitchen, dining room and cleanup. We also need people to provide desserts for each week. We are asking members of all three parishes to step up to help make this major fundraiser for St. Matthew's successful. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please let Fr. John know at jharrold@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Thanks!

