

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES



Blessings to all our Partner Parish family members who are celebrating a birthday this week:
Dominick Prenni, Dominick Kallen, Robert Conto, Janice Galo, Robert Eckenrode, Elizabeth Minda, Alyssa Richards, Conner Malarik, Delaney Malarik, James Bowers, Cynthia Criado, Marcy Cindric, Samuel Plazio, Nicholas Klofta, Jennie Monta



Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating an anniversary this week:
Ronald & Josie Booher, Mark & Silvina Orsatti, Curtis & Amy McQuaide

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. Register at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/THEWELL.

thank you **St. Sylvester** would like to thank the DeFrances family for their donation in memory of Arlene DeFrances.



Congratulations to our 2019 Candidate and Catechumen in the Rite of Election.

They are now preparing to receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil at St. Matthew. Pictured from left to right: Jody DeMase (sponsor), David Schuetz (Catechumen), Bishop Malesic, Anthony Wano (Candidate), Emily Wano (sponsor)

Homily Homework

Take time each day to stop and pray, to sit with God and visit, so when you die and get to heaven God doesn't ask, "Who is it?"

The following website will take you to the USCCB website that offers reflections on the daily readings. You can use these as a source of meditation. <http://www.usccb.org/bible/reflections/index.cfm>

Religious Items Carved From Olive Wood For Sale

Next week, Roni Salsa representing the Bethlehem Christian Families; a nonprofit organization through Land of Peace will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Bethlehem, the Holy Land. Christian families in the holy land and in the Middle East are facing persecutions on a daily basis. Their lives are in danger and their existence in the Land where Christianity started in peril. The goal of this mission is to aid the poor and needy families in the Middle East. Sale of these goods will help them very much and give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and a help to your personal devotion. For more information please see Website: www.landofpeace.org and www.bcfmission.com

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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

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. Bartholomew, Crabtree - the annual St. Bart's Rosary Altar Society Garage Sale is March 30th in Marian Hall from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM. 79 tables of everything you need! Join us for fun, food and bargains!

St. Ambrose

Avonmore

St. Matthew

Saltsburg

St. Sylvester

Slickville

PARTNER PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

March 17, 2019

Website: partnerparishesmas.org

2nd 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

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Monday—Friday

9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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Fax: 724-697-4484

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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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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 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)
Monday	March 18	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Charles, Mary & Charles, Jr., Hasychak	(Patsy Iapalucci)
Tuesday	March 19	St. Matthew	8:30 AM	+Joseph Pistininzi	(Wife, Linda & Sons, Joe & Jim)
Thursday	March 21	St. Sylvester	7:00 PM	+Christie Hewitt	(Ralph & Bev Resnick)
Friday	March 22	St. Ambrose	8:30 AM	+Joseph Franzi	(Jennie Markitell Family)
Saturday	March 23	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	+Augie & Mimi Palmiscno	(Brian & Angie Palmiscno)
Sunday	March 24	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+John Bozo, Sr.	(Celine & Ken Steinmiller)
	March 24	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	For the Parishioners	



IN SYMPATHY: Our Partner Parish family extends their deepest sympathy to the family of Wayne Jones, Sr., parishioner of St. Sylvester, 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 9-10		
Weekly collection:	<u>St. Ambrose</u>	<u>St. Matthew</u>	<u>St. Sylvester</u>
	\$ 2,052.97	\$ 2,433.00	\$ 2,521.00

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL "Open your heart to HOPE," the 2019 Diocesan Lenten Appeal, helps HOPE grow. In our communities, the Church seeks to be a place of spiritual growth. Go to dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE for a video that shows how DLA donations ensure that people like Jennifer Henry, a 20-year old student at Seton Hill University, are able to explore God's calling. Jennifer is a theology major and a student in the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry Program who plans to work in parish religious education after graduation. To make an online donation visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE.

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, Mary Buccardo, Kip DeGlaue, Janet Dobrosky, Ronnie Edwards, Donald Gabor, Crysta Hixson, George Hollick, Valerie Leda, Gary Lemon, Marie Miller, Mary Musial, Joanne Neidehiser, Phyllis Orange, Matthew Petika, Steve Siczkowski, Natalie Trawinsky, Sally Young, and all who need our prayers.

PARTNER PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, March 18, 2019
9:00 AM Pierogie making, St. Matthew

Tuesday, March 19, 2019
6:30 PM RCIA, St. Sylvester
6:30—8:30 PM Bible Study, St. Ambrose

Thursday, March 21, 2019
7:00 PM Lenten Evening Mass, St. Sylvester

Friday, March 22, 2019
4:00-6:30 PM Pierogi & Fish Dinner, St. Matthew
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross, St. Matthew

Saturday, March 23, 2019
5:00 PM Children's Liturgy Mass, St. Ambrose
6:00 PM Bethlehem Christian Families Religious Items Sale

Sunday, March 24, 2019
Bethlehem Christian Families Religious Items Sale
After both 8:30 & 11:00 AM Masses



Through the cleansing waters of baptism, we welcome, **Jaxon Angelo Curran, son of Michael and Jennifer Curran, parishioners of St. Matthew**, 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.

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.



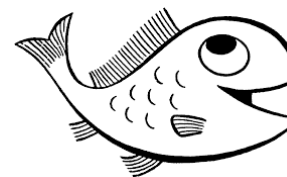
CHILDREN'S LITURGY MASS

The children from the St. Ambrose Faith Formation classes will participate in the different ministries of the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, March 23rd.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Our parishes raised money to strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel spreads across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

ST. MATTHEW LENTEN PIEROGI & FISH DINNERS



Please see the insert today advertising the St. Matthew's Lenten Pierogi & Fish Dinner. We hope you will support it and promote it to your family, friends and neighbors.

FUNERAL CHOIR

We are looking for people to join the Funeral Choir! It would be great to have men and women helping to lead the songs at our parish funerals. If you are available to lend your voice, please start coming or call the parish office to be put on the contact list. People who want to do this should have your clearances. We will be happy to help you with them if you don't have them.



Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please have them call the church office. Lent is a call to give something to the poor through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Journey Together with Deacon Dan is canceled on March 20, 27, and April 3, because of a diocesan obligation and ecumenical services.