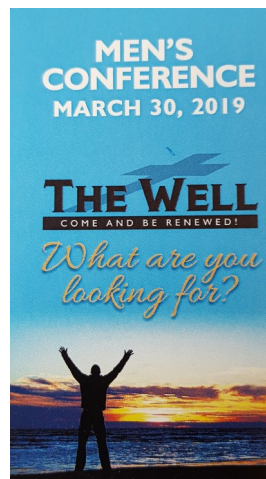


HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES



Blessings to all our Partner Parish family members who are celebrating a birthday this week:
Genna Fanelli, Charles Sharek, Karen Kuhlman, Michael Corridoni, Theresa Morabito, Alice Orvosh, Brandon Veneziani, Michael DiLascio, Jeffrey McGregor, Hannah Lois Stramaski, Margerite Winnier, Florence Urban, Domenic Bartolini, Gilda Pistininzi, Larietta Spellane, Samantha Corridoni, Linda Rich

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.

This Conference is this coming Saturday!

Are you going?

Don't miss out on the great opportunity planned for the men of our diocese!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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

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!

Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent -All are invited to attend a Lenten Evening of Reflection with Jennifer Miele, Chief Communications Officer / Managing Director of the Office of Communications and Evangelization of the Diocese of Greensburg on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall of Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent (following 4:30 PM Mass). Jennifer's presentation will focus on the blessings and challenges of evangelization in the Catholic Church today. This is a wonderful opportunity for ladies of our area to enjoy an evening out, while (hopefully) men of our parishes will be deepening their faith at "The Well" Men's Conference that same day in Greensburg!

Saint James Parish, New Alexandria – Rosary Altar Society is offering Homemade Haluski for sale, by orders only, on **Friday, April 5, 2019**. Quart Size containers for \$7.00. Orders must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2nd. Pick up times are same date 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. James, Apollo—Join us on Sunday, April 7, 2019, at 6 pm for a very special Lenten program, "I Thirst" is a concert experience by Tatiana "Tacji" Cameron, an internationally known singer and performer, which is described as "a powerful music experience of Christ's Passion, Forgiveness and Love." Admission is free. For more information on Tacji, visit idobelieve.com.

Slickville Lions All You Can Eat Breakfast, Sunday, April 7th, 7 am to noon at the Slickville American Legion. Presale Adult \$8.00 Kids (under 12) \$5.00. Adult price at the door \$9.00. See Barb N. or Joe U. after 8:30 Mass for tickets or call Barb at 724-610-1204 to make other arrangements. Join us for your Sunday breakfast!

St. Ambrose

Avonmore

St. Matthew

Saltsburg

St. Sylvester

Slickville

PARTNER PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

March 24, 2019

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3rd 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

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9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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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 |
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| Saturday | March 23 | St. Ambrose | 5:00 PM | +Augie & Mimi Palmiscno | <i>(Brian & Angie Palmiscno)</i> |
| Sunday | March 24 | St. Sylvester | 8:30 AM | +John Bozo, Sr. | <i>(Celine & Ken Steinmiller)</i> |
| | March 24 | St. Matthew | 11:00 AM | For the Parishioners | |
| Monday | March 25 | St. Sylvester | 8:30 AM | +Harold Shawley | <i>(Jean Damico)</i> |
| Tuesday | March 26 | St. Matthew | 8:30 AM | +Connie Cooper | <i>(St. Matthew Altar Rosary)</i> |
| Thursday | March 28 | St. Ambrose | 7:00 PM | +Dr. Guy & Sam Carnabuci | <i>(Jim & Minnie)</i> |
| Friday | March 29 | St. Ambrose | 8:30 AM | +Henry Stapinski | <i>(Paula Jones)</i> |
| Saturday | March 30 | St. Ambrose | 5:00 PM | +Arch Bishop Joseph D'Andrea | <i>(Carl & Dorothy Fontana)</i> |
| Sunday | March 31 | St. Sylvester | 8:30 AM | For the Parishioners | |
| | March 31 | St. Matthew | 11:00 AM | +Ferruccio Orsatti | <i>(Silvina & Mark Orsatti)</i> |

PARTNER PARISHES STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offertory: March 16-17

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| Weekly collection: | <u>St. Ambrose</u> | <u>St. Matthew</u> | <u>St. Sylvester</u> |
| | \$ 1,492.00 | \$ 1,091.00 | \$ 2,092.00 |

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, Mary Buccardo, Kip DeGlau, 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 Sieczkowski, Natalie Trawinsky, Sally Young, and all who need our prayers.

REGIONAL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Plan now to attend one of our Regional Lenten Penance Services to prepare yourself for Easter.

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| Monday, April 1, 7:00 PM | Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent |
| Tuesday, April 2, 7:00 PM | Our Lady of the Assumption, Lucernemines |
| Friday, April 5-Saturday, April 6 (12 Noon—12 Noon 24 hours of Confession) | St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana |
| Monday, April 8, 7:00 PM | St. Ambrose, Avonmore |
| Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 PM | SS. Simon & Jude, Blairsville |
| Thursday, April 11, 7:00 PM | Church of the Resurrection, Clymer |
| Saturday, April 13, 1:00 PM | St. Bernard, Indiana |



PARTNER PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, March 25, 2019

9:00 AM Pierogie making, St. Matthew

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

6:30 PM RCIA, St. Sylvester

6:30—8:30 PM Bible Study, St. Ambrose

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

9:30 AM Food Bank, St. Ambrose

7:00 PM Ecumenical Lenten Service, St. Ambrose

Thursday, March 28, 2019

7:00 PM Lenten Evening Mass, St. Ambrose

Friday, March 29, 2019

4:00-6:30 PM Pierogi & Fish Dinner, St. Matthew

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross, St. Sylvester

Sunday, March 31, 2019

6:00 PM Confirmation Sacramental Prep, St. Matthew

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Any amount given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society will help the poor in your local area.

Journey Together with Deacon Dan is canceled on March 27th, and April 3rd, because of ecumenical services.

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL

“Open your heart to HOPE,” the 2019 Diocesan Lenten Appeal, helps HOPE grow. Go to dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE for a video of Bishop Malesic describing how the DLA grows our faith so we can share it with others. To make an online DLA donation to your parish visit dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE.

| | St. Ambrose | St. Matthew | St. Sylvester |
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| Current Amount | \$3,780.00 | \$4,100.00 | \$9,705.00 |
| % of Current to Total | 17% | 20% | 38% |
| Current # of Donors | 10 out of 130 | 12 out of 125 | 17 out of 120 |
| % of Current to Total | 8% | 10% | 14% |

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.



LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICE

St. Ambrose Church is hosting the weekly Lenten Ecumenical Service on Wednesday, March 27th at 7:00 PM. We are asking the good ladies of the parish to donate two dozen of cookies for the social that follows the service. Cookies may be dropped off in the kitchen prior to the service. Thank you!



Through the cleansing waters of baptism, we welcome, **Lenirose Genevieve Hoak, daughter of Jacob and Katrina Hoak, 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.

CELEBRATING LENT IN OUR PARISHES

We hope you will join us at the Thursday evening Mass at St. Ambrose at 7:00 PM and at Stations of the Cross at St. Sylvester on Friday at 7:00 PM.