

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES



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

Susan Patrono, Casey Sharek, Cathy Seniow, Lynette Bevilacqua, Kathryn Wirgnoivcz, James McKay, Mary Ann Ott, Linda Simpson, Matthew Turpen, Dora Yankuskie, Kristin Eckenrode, Kelly Corridoni, Danette Felgar, Destiny DeMase, Pdraig John, Charles Spallone, Geraldine Lombardo, Mario Cortese, Brenda Perfetta, Mary D'Angelo, Hannah Gabriel, Sandra Gabor, Lorraine Novak

Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating an anniversary this week:

Vincent & Laurie DeLascio



TRAINING SESSION FOR NEW AND EXPERIENCED EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Anyone interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Mass or to the sick is invited to a training session on **Monday, March 4th at 7:00 pm at St. Matthew Church**. All of our current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are also encouraged to attend as we will be doing both training and reviewing of our procedures. We really need new Ministers in all three of our parishes. Please come and see what is involved.

Homily Homework

Please make time each day to visit the United States Council of Catholic Bishops website. (usccb.org) If you need help, you can visit your grandchildren. They seem to enjoy helping us gray hairs navigate our way through technology. At the top of the page you will see this image:



Notice that in the "Buscar/Search box you need to type in "engaging aging". Then, click the green go box. Given the makeup of our parish, perhaps this Lent we could all benefit from reading and praying over these articles on coping with aging, both within ourselves and in others. Remember, we are to remove the roofing beam from our own eye before we try to remove the splinter in others.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal



Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. 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 support of this appeal eases the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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.



St. Ambrose

Avonmore

St. Matthew

Saltsburg

St. Sylvester

Slickville

PARTNER PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

March 3, 2019

Website: partnerparishesmas.org

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Monday—Friday

9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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St. Sylvester Rectory

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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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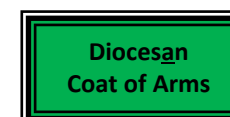
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Confessions: First Saturday of the month, 11:00-11:30 AM at St. Ambrose or by appointment with the Pastor.

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 2	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	+Angelo & Theresa DeLuca	<i>(Eugene & Mary Battistelli)</i>
Sunday	March 3	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+John Perfetta, Sr.	<i>(Nick & Carol Alcorn)</i>
	March 3	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	For the Parishioners	
Monday	March 4	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Allen Stevenson	<i>(Dino & Maxine Frassenei)</i>
Tuesday	March 5	St. Matthew	8:30 AM	+Jennie Kopchick	<i>(Mary Sinclair Family)</i>
Ash Wed.	March 6	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Frances Kurant	<i>(Jane & Tom McClaren)</i>
	March 6	St. Matthew	12 Noon	Liturgy of the Word & Ashes	
	March 6	St. Ambrose	6:00 PM	+Bonnie Shaffer	<i>(MaryLou & John Waynar)</i>
Thursday	March 7	St. Ambrose	7:00 PM	+Joseph Prenni	<i>(Jennie Townsend)</i>
Friday	March 8	St. Ambrose	8:30 AM	+Alberta Valore	<i>(Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Valore)</i>
Saturday	March 9	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	+Stanley Kengerski	<i>(MaryLou & John Waynar)</i>
Sunday	March 10	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+For the Parishioners	
	March 10	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	+Alfredo Celani	<i>(Silvina & Mark Orsatti)</i>

PARTNER PARISHES STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offertory: February 23-24

Weekly collection:	<u>St. Ambrose</u>	<u>St. Matthew</u>	<u>St. Sylvester</u>
	\$ 2,404.17	\$ 1,333.58	\$ 1,819.00

July, 2018—February, 2019 Actual Offertory and Budgeted Offertory Report

Offertory Actual:	\$ 45,396.48	\$ 44,132.00	\$ 55,783.72
Offertory Budget:	\$ 47,762.75	\$ 48,854.17	\$ 60,027.91
Over / (Under):	\$ (2,366.27)	\$ (4,722.17)	\$ (4,244.19)
Offertory Actual Last Year:	\$ 44,723.29	\$ 46,256.36	\$ 60,119.50



IN SYMPATHY: Our Partner Parish family extends their deepest sympathy to the family of Joseph Pistinzi, parishioner of St. Matthew, who died recently. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



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

PARTNER PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, March 4, 2019

9:00 AM Pierogie making, St. Matthew
6:30 PM RCIA, St. Sylvester
7:00 PM Training for Eucharistic Ministers, St. Matthew

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

7:00 PM Altar Rosary Meeting, St. Ambrose

Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019

8:30 AM Mass, St. Sylvester
12 Noon Liturgy of the Word & Ashes, St. Matthew
6:00 PM Mass, St. Ambrose
4:00-6:30 Pierogi & Fish Dinner, St. Matthew

Thursday, March 7, 2019

6:00-6:45 PM Eucharistic Adoration, St. Ambrose
7:00 PM Lenten Evening Mass, St. Ambrose

Friday, March 8, 2019

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

Sunday, March 10, 2019

5:30 PM First Communion Sacramental Prep, St. Matthew

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Thursday, March 7th from 6:00-6:45 PM at St. Ambrose



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.

BIBLE STUDY



The first 6 bible study sessions will be Tuesdays, March 12 - April 16, 2019, at St. Ambrose Church Hall, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. The remaining 5 lessons will resume in the fall. Additional information may be obtained by calling Celine at 724-216-2313 or by emailing, steinmillerc@gmail.com

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.



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 Father William McGuirk, pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Youngwood, explaining how the parish received \$40,000 from the DLA last year. They used it to renovate the social hall and remodel its kitchen, making it a more pleasant gathering space for the parish community. To make an online DLA donation to your parish visit dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED



We are in need of volunteers to help with St. Matthew's Pierogi and Fish Dinners on Ash Wednesday and 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!

