

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES



Blessings to all our Partner Parish family members who are celebrating a birthday this week:
Vicki Shirley, Bernard Sharek, John Long, Aliyah Eckenrode, Patricia Richards, Jared Stramaski, Dorothy Battistelli, Donald Simpson, Jr., Howard Cacco, Addison DiLascio, Macie Jo Simpson, Justin McElhose, Kaylee McGregor, Bobbie Mertens, June Mader, Amy Bendis, Mark Lynn, Donald Sada, Mary Ann Bebar, Jason Buczak, David Rich, Eli McQuaide, Lynda Schneider

Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating an anniversary this week:
Jay & Anastasia Winiesky, James & Renee Klueber



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Holy Thursday, April 18th, 7:00 PM, St. Ambrose
Good Friday, April 19th, 1:30 PM, St. Ambrose
Holy Saturday, April 20th, Blessing of Baskets, 11:00 AM, St. Ambrose
Easter Vigil, April 20th, 9:00 PM, St. Matthew
Easter Sunday, April 21st, 8:30 AM, St. Sylvester, 11:00 AM, St. Ambrose



WE WANT YOUR PICTURE

We need a picture of you or your family **for your parish records!** Either turn in a picture or email a Digital Picture (.jpeg) to Fr. John at jharrold@dioceseofgreensburg.org. This is simply to help us connect your names and faces when looking at your records. Thanks!

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, 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. John’s & St. Mary’s, Delmont—“All you can eat” spaghetti dinner at St. John’s in Delmont on Sunday, April 7th from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM. Cost: \$8.00 adults; \$5.00 children ages 10 & under. Dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, dessert, drinks. There will be a Chinese Auction, 50/50, & raffle tickets for cash prizes.

Avonmore Public Library—is sponsoring a raffle to win a huge Easter basket which includes a \$25 Giant Eagle gift card, \$10 gift card for Tony’s Doghouse, lots of candy, household and garden items, books, puzzles, stuffed animals, and much more! Tickets are \$5.00 and may be purchased at the Library or by calling 724-697-4415.

St. Ambrose
Avonmore

St. Matthew
Saltsburg

St. Sylvester
Slickville

PARTNER PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

March 31, 2019

Website: partnerparishesmas.org
A Warm Welcome to All

4th Sunday of Lent

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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724-639-9338

St. Sylvester Rectory
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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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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	March 30	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	+Archbishop 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>
Monday	April 1	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	Special Intention	<i>(St. Vincent de Paul Society)</i>
Tuesday	April 2	St. Matthew	8:30 AM	+Charlotte Schneltz	<i>(St. Matthew Altar Rosary)</i>
Thursday	April 4	St. Matthew	7:00 PM	+Iola Gasperini	<i>(Paul Ukish)</i>
Friday	April 5	St. Ambrose	8:30 AM	+Mario Bottali	<i>(Bob & Debbie Dobrosky)</i>
Saturday	April 6	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	For the Parishioners	
Sunday	April 7	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Tony Moonis	<i>(Shirley & Family)</i>
	April 7	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	+Milagros Orsatti	<i>(Silvina & Mark Orsatti)</i>

PARTNER PARISHES STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Sunday Offertory: March 23-24		
Weekly collection:	<u>St. Ambrose</u>	<u>St. Matthew</u>	<u>St. Sylvester</u>
	\$ 1,540.25	\$ 1,468.26	\$ 1,788.00

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.

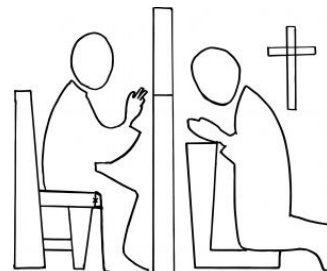


OUR PRAYER LIST—FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ally Anderson, Helen Bozo, Mary Buccardo, Michelle Ciocca, Kip DeGlau, Janet Dobrosky, Ronnie Edwards, Donald Gabor, Crysta Hixson, George Hollick, Gary Lemon, Marie Miller, Mary Musial, Joanne Neidehiser, Phyllis Orange, Matthew Petika, Sally Young, and all who need our prayers.

REGIONAL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

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

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, April 1, 2019

9:00 AM Pierogie making, St. Matthew

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

6:30 PM RCIA, St. Sylvester

6:30—8:30 PM Bible Study, St. Ambrose

7:00 PM Altar Rosary Meeting, St. Ambrose

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

7:00 PM Ecumenical Lenten Service, St. Matthew

Thursday, April 4, 2019

6:00-6:45 PM Eucharistic Adoration, St. Matthew

7:00 PM Lenten Evening Mass, St. Matthew

Friday, April 5, 2019

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

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

Saturday, April 6, 2019

11:00 AM Confession, St. Ambrose

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Thursday, April 4th from 6:00-6:45 PM at St. Matthew



Confession will be held on Saturday, April 6th at 11:00 AM at St. Ambrose.

Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL

“Open your heart to HOPE,” the 2019 Diocesan Lenten Appeal, helps HOPE shine. In our Catholic schools, the DLA helps more than 2,300 students shine! Go to dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE to see a video of Jesse Dermotta, who attends Queen of Angels Catholic School. She was one of the founding members of the Kindness Club, which strives to walk the path of Christ, doing unto others as they would have done unto them. To make an online donation visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE.

	St. Ambrose	St. Matthew	St. Sylvester
Current Amount	\$4,930.00	\$4,835.00	\$12,580.00
% of Current to Total	22%	24%	48%
Current # of Donors	20 out of 130	17 out of 125	32 out of 120
% of Current to Total	15%	14%	27%

Congratulations to St. Sylvester Parishioners who have reached their Diocesan DLA Goal after only 3 weeks!

LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICE

St. Matthew Church is hosting the weekly Lenten Ecumenical Service on Wednesday, April 3rd at 7:00 PM. We are asking the good ladies of the parish to donate a light snack (fruit, vegetables/dip, chips, etc.) for the social that follows the service. Thank you!

CELEBRATING LENT IN OUR PARISHES

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



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