

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

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



Eric Shaffer, Debra Calandrella, Christine Dwyer, Luke Kuhlman, Princess Leia Kuhlman, Michelle Smith, John Bevilacqua, Salvatore Fanelli, Albin Kochanowski, Thomas Lasher, Timothy Dunlap, Sarah Olsen, Jeffrey Bieda, Paul Ukish, Andrew Hill, Monica Salvatore, Stanley Deren, Michelle Osikowicz, Dylan Cindric, Timothy Driscoll.

Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating an anniversary this week:

Robert & Kimberly Condor, Andrew & Jeanne Cup, Robert & Diane Smith



St. Ambrose will hold their annual “Evening with Santa” on Friday, November 30th at 6:00 PM. The evening will consist of a light dinner, craft, Chinese Auction, and of course a photo with Santa! Cost is \$5.00 per person. Children under 2 are free. If you are willing to donate items for the Chinese Auction, dinner, or treats for the children, or to make advanced reservations, please contact Angie @ 697-4514 ASAP. **Thank you very much to all who have generously contributed already!**



Christmas Candy Sale: The Knights of Columbus will be selling Sarris candy through the weekend of November 24-25. Order forms are at the church entrances. Delivery will be the weekend of December 15-16.

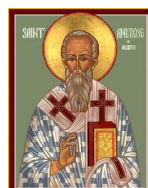


Please turn in your “Time and Talent Forms” and “Reflecting on my Financial Commitment Form” by the collection basket, mail or by dropping it in the designated box in the back of church.

	St. Ambrose	St. Matthew	St. Sylvester
Time & Talent Form	22	22	35
Financial Commitment	21	18	33

All 3 parishes have at least 150 households - For our parishes to thrive, we need a lot more commitment!

Additional forms and boxes to put completed forms into are at the front entrances of all three churches.



FEAST OF ST. AMBROSE - St. Ambrose will hold their annual Patron Feast Day Dinner, Friday, December 7th after the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass. The Altar Rosary Society will provide a **FREE** dinner consisting of roasted pork, with or without sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad and dessert. Sign up sheets are at the church entrances so we know how many to prepare for. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

St. Sylvester Altar Rosary Christmas Party— Tuesday, December 4th at 6:00 PM , at the Old Route 66 Grill. Reservations must be made to Bridget Kitch (724-468-4094) by November 30th.



St. Matthew Altar Rosary Christmas Party - will be held on Sunday, December 9th at 1:00 PM in the Social Hall. It will be catered by Long’s Catering. The deadline to sign up is December 2nd. No reservations will be taken after that date. A sign-up sheet is located in the side entrance of the church. Money due at time of sign-up to Fran or Elvia.

St. Vincent de Paul Slickville Conference— would love to send your loved ones in the military a small Christmas gift this year but we need their addresses. They do not have to be members of our parishes. We want them to know that we appreciate what they do and the sacrifices they make. Please call Cathy Kulik @ 724-468-6163 before November 30th. Thank you!



St. Ambrose

Avonmore

St. Matthew

Saltsburg

St. Sylvester

Slickville

PARTNER PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

November 25, 2018

Website: partnerparishesmas.org

Feast of Christ the King

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

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9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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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.

PASTORAL STAFF

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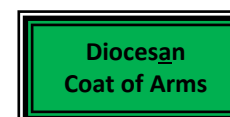
Grace Sikora, Coordinator of Faith Formation, St. Ambrose

724-697-5112 or Parish Office 724-697-4129

Jessica Clawson, Coordinator of Faith Formation, St. Matthew

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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	November 24	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	+Angelo DeLuca	(Wife, Theresa)
Sunday	November 25	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	For the Parishioners	
	November 25	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	+Iola Gasperini	(David & Jennie Busi)
Monday	November 26	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Shirley Kempka	(John & Family)
Tuesday	November 27	St. Matthew	8:30 AM	+Bradley Bialas	(St. Matthew ARS)
Friday	November 30	St. Ambrose	8:30 AM	+Rose Serventi	(Alice & Ronnie Orvosh)
Saturday	December 1	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	For the Parishioners	
Sunday	December 2	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Aaron Ulisse	(Nono & Nona)
	December 2	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	+Jean Kokladas	(Jim & Cathy DeFavero)

PARTNER PARISHES STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offertory: November 17-18

Weekly collection:	<u>St. Ambrose</u>	<u>St. Matthew</u>	<u>St. Sylvester</u>
	\$ 2,008.00	\$ 1,175.12	\$ 1,614.00

SERVING OUR COUNTRY. Please pray for our men and women in the military:

TSGT Matthew Lightner, Maj. Matthew Starsnic, Ryan McCauley, Col. Ross Monta, James Crusan, 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, Shirley Brejda, Kip DeGlau, Ronnie Edwards, Donald Gabor, Crysta Hixson, Wayne Jones, Sr., George Hollick, Valerie Leda, Gary Lemmon, Mary Musial, Patti Otwell, Val Palmer, Eleanor Pishko, Emery Polochko, Natalie Trawinsky, and all who need our prayers.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION: If you are planning to have a baby baptized and have not attended a Baptismal Preparation Session, please call the office to register for the next session, which is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30 PM at St. Sylvester.** We need to know how many are attending to have materials prepared. These sessions are offered every three months.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE—Today is the Thirty-Fourth or Last Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This solemnity was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, an observance celebrating an aspect of Jesus' identity rather than of his life. Conventional understandings of kingship and power are transformed. Rather than calling up images of Jesus Christ dressed in kingly robes, the Gospel proclaims him as king by the sign over his head on the throne of a wooden cross (I.N.R.I.—*Jesus nazareus rex iudaeorum*—Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews). Paradoxically, it is the thief who recognized in Christ the Lord and Messiah.



PARTNER PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, November 26, 2018

6:30-7:30 PM RCIA, St. Sylvester

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

6:00 PM Legion of Mary, St. Matthew

6:30-8 PM Bible Study, St. Ambrose

Friday, November 30, 2018

6:00 PM Evening with Santa, St. Ambrose

When you donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you open your heart wide to the voice of the poor as he calls us to help build his kingdom here on earth.

Bishop Malesic invites you to join him at a Diocese of Greensburg Listening Session:

Bishop Edward C. Malesic Invites every member of the Diocese of Greensburg to join him at the last listening session at **St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana—Thursday, November 29—6:30-8:30 PM** where he will be present. Bishop Malesic knows that the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report and the events of the past few months have evoked a great deal of pain, sadness, confusion and uncertainty for the faithful of the Diocese of Greensburg. This upcoming session is extremely important, enabling Bishop Malesic to be present to you, to listen to your concerns, and to respond to your questions. This session will give you the opportunity to express your feelings, observations and suggestions. Please attend this session with Bishop Malesic and allow your input to help him guide our Church as we go forward from this moment in our history as the People of God.



Giving Tree wrapped gifts are to be back at St. Sylvester by this Sunday morning, November 25th by 9:30 AM. If you are unable to get your gift back by that time, call Beverly Resnick at 724-468-8720 to make other arrangements.

Slickville Centennial Committee: The Centennial Committee and Fire Department are planning the 2nd annual Christmas in the Park on December 7, 2018. The firemen will "Kick off" the event with a parade. The parade will start at 6:30 PM and will bring Santa to the Fireman's Grounds. Children can visit with Santa and enjoy hot dogs, cookies and hot chocolate provided by the Salvation Army. As we did last year, we will be providing a treat bag for Santa to give the children. We plan on preparing 100 bags. We are also preparing bags, an additional (approximately) 80, for our local shut-ins and residents of the ARC in Delmont. Santa will also deliver these. We are asking churches and organizations within the community to assist in supplying items for the treat bags. We are accepting monetary donations or actual items. For children: coloring books, pencils/crayons, craft items, candy, fruit, etc. For shut-in/residents at the ARC: personal hygiene products, socks, Kleenex, candy, snacks, crackers, etc. We will be filling the bags on Wednesday, December 5th if anyone is interested in helping. Items can be dropped off at the Civic Center or brought that evening. Thank you in advance for supporting our community activity. We hope to see you there.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

According to *the Catholic Encyclopedia*: This liturgical season begins the Church year. It includes the four weeks opening on the Sunday after the solemnity of Christ the King. It is a time of preparation for the Feast of the Nativity and is observed with some fasting, prayers, and meditation to dispose all to welcome Christ. The time was observed in the Church as early as the fourth century; it is mentioned in A.D. 380 at the Council of Saragossa. The season, although penitential, is not without a spirit of joy, hope, and anticipation. On the third Sunday, known as *Gaudete* Sunday, a special note of joy is introduced into the liturgy, indicating the assurance of everyone in the redemption of mankind by Christ. The Sundays of Advent take precedence over all solemnities and feasts of the Lord (as do those of Lent and the Easter season) in the modern liturgical calendar, which went into effect December 1, 1974.

