

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES



Blessings to all our Partner Parish family members who are celebrating a birthday this week: Molly Condor, Kevin Mallik, Catherine Morabito, Steven Sieczkowski, Nicole Heinack, Donna Stemplinski, Ryan Orvosh, Sadie Andree, Gloria Murphy, Carol Rossi, Constance Shannon, Javan Shearer, Patricia Prenni, Stephanie Baker, Ray Clawson, Abigail Pazak, Ken Steinmiller, John Florek, Kathy Florek, Frank Horrell, Joseph Maruca, Jr., Mark Novak, Martin Novak, Brian Cindric, Sr.

Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating an anniversary this week:

Bernard & Catherine Ziemianski, Howard & Nancy Cacco, David & Jennie Busi, David & Melissa Lescinsky, Robert & Irene Fulton



ST.MATTHEW ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY AND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are participating in the town yard sale, September 14th, 8:30 AM– 2:00 PM. The Knights of Columbus are in need of items such as household goods, lawn and garden items, etc. You may drop off your donations on the evenings of September 12th & 13th from 4– 6:00 PM. See Dave Swierkosz or Chuck Colton (724) 840-2136 if you want to donate something before those dates. Please leave a message. The Altar Rosary Society will rent spaces for \$5.00 each. You may also use your own canopy and table(s) If interested, call Elvia @ (724) 639-9410. There will be a bake sale and food will be served in the kitchen. The Altar Rosary Society will begin taking pierogie orders for November. Your support and donations are always appreciated.



Our Sunday Morning Parish Faith Formation Classes are planned to begin on **Sunday, September 29th this year.** This is a delayed start because we are still looking for volunteers to help with the programs and because of the installation of the new Social Hall floor at St. Ambrose early in September.



AVONMORE HARVEST FESTIVAL-Once again, St. Ambrose is participating in the Avonmore Festival this year on **Friday, September 20th and Saturday, September 21st.** We will have a chuck-a-luck stand, pasta booth, bake sale, and a Chinese Auction. If you are interested in helping in **ANY** capacity, please contact Angie at 697-4514. If you are interested in donating a basket, or have any connections with businesses that would like to donate, please contact Sue Patrono at (724)697-4453. More details regarding the festival week end to follow.

Avonmore Festival

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

_____ I/We will donate a basket for the Chinese Auction. Theme _____

_____ I/We will donate an item or items to the Bake Sale

I/We prefer to help at: _____ Chuch-A-Luck _____ Pasta Booth _____ No Preference

_____ I/We can help earlier on Friday Evening _____ I/We can help later on Friday Evening

_____ I/We can help on Saturday Afternoon _____ I/We can help on Saturday Evening

Please return this slip by Sunday, September 15th

St. Ambrose Avonmore
St. Matthew Saltsburg
St. Sylvester Slickville
PARTNER PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

August 25, 2019

Website: partnerparishesmas.org
A Warm Welcome to All

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
Avonmore, PA 15618**

Monday—Friday
9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Phone: 724-697-4129
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.

PASTORAL STAFF

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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 | August 24 | St. Ambrose | 5:00 PM | +John & Barb Cummings | (Dave & Judy Palmiscno) |
| Sunday | August 25 | St. Sylvester | 8:30 AM | For the Parishioners | |
| Sunday | August 25 | St. Matthew | 11:00 AM | +Jennie Kopchick | (Peg Pistininzi Family) |
| Monday | August 26 | St. Sylvester | 8:30 AM | +Robert Shusko | (John Kempka) |
| Tuesday | August 27 | St. Matthew | 8:30 AM | +Rose Corridoni | (Bob & Karen Pacelli) |
| Friday | August 30 | St. Ambrose | 8:30 AM | +Santino Marinelli | (Jim & Minnie McKay) |
| Saturday | August 31 | St. Ambrose | 5:00 PM | For the Parishioners | |
| Sunday | August 31 | St. Sylvester | 8:30 AM | +Dan Miller | (Martha Valore) |
| Sunday | August 31 | St. Matthew | 11:00 AM | 60th Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Noca | (Family) |

PARTNER PARISHES STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offertory: August 17-18

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| Weekly collection: | <u>St. Ambrose</u> | <u>St. Matthew</u> | <u>St. Sylvester</u> |
| | \$ 1,805.00 | \$ 1,310.75 | \$ 2,586.00 |

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

TSGT Matthew Leightner, Col. Ross Monta, John Newcomb, Master Sgt. Jeremy Morgan, Ryan Nagg, Daniel Henderson, Tech. Sgt. Justin Morgan, Tyler Carnahan, Bartholomew Marsh-Slavin, Charles M. Angell II, WO1 Jacob Berg (Afghanistan), Brandon May, Tyler Kunkle (Afghanistan), Martin Novak, Jr.



OUR PRAYER LIST—FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ally Anderson, Janet Canzano, Helen Bozo, Giavanna Christian, Kip DeGlaue, Janet Dobrosky, Ronnie Edwards, Donald Gabor, Crysta Hixson, Edith Hollick, George Hollick, Gary Lemmon, Mary Musial, Joanne Neiderhiser, Frank Nemchik, John Nemchik, Kristina Zucca and all who need our prayers.

IN SYMPATHY: Our Partner Parish family extends their deepest sympathy to the family of Judith Per-fetta who died recently. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION Journey Together with Deacon Dan will restart Wednesday, August 28th from 6:30-8:00 PM, at St. Sylvester Church. We will break open the scripture readings for the coming Sunday liturgy. Then, we will work together to create prayers of the faithful that reflect both the readings and our community. We will then close with exposition, evening prayer, and benediction. And, of course, we will have refreshments. **All are welcome.** Really, ALL, invite some friends who may not be parishioners, or even Catholic. By the way, each session is independent of the previous sessions. This means you do not have to commit to regular attendance. You may come and go whenever you have time to join us.

PARTNER PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

9:30 AM—Food Bank, St. Ambrose

6:30-8:00 PM—Journey Together, St. Sylvester

BY PUTTING YOUR GIFT IN THE SVDP POOR BOX YOU ARE LIVING FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL & SVDP/ST. AMBROSE FOOD PANTRY QUARTERLY REPORT:

In the months of April, May, and June 2019, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's love and mercy to the needy by the following aid: 4 families—\$901.00 for utilities, 1 family - \$150.00 for rent, 141 families—\$733.00 for food, 2 people—\$300.00 for medical travel expenses, and 1 family—\$300.00 for funeral expenses. The SVDP/St. Ambrose Food Pantry aided 141 families with \$700.00 of extra food in addition to the Westmoreland County Food Bank allotment costing \$330.00, totaling \$1030.00. THANK YOU!!!

The Knights of Columbus Newsletter is posted at the Church entrances this month.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

Christ the King Parish, Leechburg—will host a rummage sale September 11-14 in the parish hall. Food, beverages & baked goods for sale. Hours are 8:00 AM-3:00 PM September 11-13 & 8:00 AM-1:00 PM September 14.

Experience the Passion Play of Oberammergau, Germany in 2020

You are invited to join the Diocese of Greensburg as we journey in 2020 on pilgrimage to witness the world-famous Passion Play of Oberammergau, Germany. Pilgrimages are set for May 22 – June 3 and August 25 – September 5. Space is limited. Itinerary includes sites and shrines of Bavaria, Prague, Krakow, and Warsaw in addition to the Passion Play. Contact Father Willie Lechnar, Diocesan Pilgrimage Director via email at wlechnar@dioceseofgreensburg.org or by landline phone at 724.552.2645 for details and registration information.

HARVEST BANQUET

St. Sylvester Parish will be hosting the next Partner Parish Social, which will be a Harvest Banquet Dinner on Saturday, September 7th at 6:00 pm (following the Saturday Evening Mass). The food will be served about 6:30 pm. **We will provide the Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, Corn on the Cob and drinks, and individuals or families are asked to bring salads and your favorite desserts to share. We are hoping this gives you the opportunity to make your dish from the harvest of your garden if you planted one.** There will be a game with prizes! Invite friends and family! Please plan to attend, and let us know by calling or emailing the parish office or by filling out this reservation slip. Each year, one of our three parishes will host a Social Gathering to give everybody a chance to get together and share in some good food and fun.



Harvest Banquet Dinner at St. Sylvester

Name _____ Phone _____

of Adults _____ # of Children under 13 _____

_____ We plan to bring a salad. _____ We plan to bring a Dessert