

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES



Blessings to all our Partner Parish family members who are celebrating a birthday this week: Amber Calandrella, Brad Trybus, Nadine Shaffer, Loretta Veselicky, Alivia Koslosky, Nathan Boland, David Franzi, James Hinchman, Ruth Platko, John Waynar, Nicholas Sharek, Edward Smartnik, Deanna Fink, Stephanie McElhose, Alyssa Mertens, Donovan Corridoni, Matthew Colaianni, Alexandra Williams, Luke Woodring, Donna Currie, Alfred Novak, Jean Damico, Joseph Gabor

Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating an anniversary this week: Kenneth & Kristen Graf



Here are statistics to show how the parishes are doing in being “ACTIVE” through Offertory Giving in the first 6 months of 2019, turning in Census Updates and Pictures for your Parish files. Comparative Review of Jan-June 2019 Envelope Use

	St. Ambrose	St. Matthew	St. Sylvester
Donations: \$100 & Up	76	74	80
% of total families	56%	54%	76%
Donations: \$1 - \$99	28	17	13
% of total families	21%	13%	12%
Donations: 0	31	45	13
% of total families	23%	33%	12%
Total Donated	\$37,863	\$34,671	\$47,261
Total # of families	135	136	106

Census Updates: 98 forms from St. Ambrose parishioners (135 families/individuals) 73%
 103 forms from St. Matthew parishioners (136 families/individuals) 76%
 94 forms from St. Sylvester parishioners (106 families/individuals) 89%

Pictures for Parish files: 31 pictures from St. Ambrose families/parishioners 23%
 45 pictures from St. Matthew families/parishioners 33%
 51 pictures from St. Sylvester families/parishioners 48%



ST. AMBROSE SALAD BAR & PEACH FESTIVAL

A complete salad bar with all the fixings, hot dogs & kraut will be offered along with our delicious homemade peach shortcake and beverages. Cost is \$7.00, \$3.00 children ages 6-12, children 5 & under free. Take out available.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

We are working on the new ministry and Money Counters schedules for September through November. If you have any vacation scheduled, **please notify the schedulers in writing** as soon as possible so they do not schedule you. (St. Ambrose—Angie, St. Matthew—Jennie, St. Sylvester—Ethel) Thank you!



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

August 4, 2019

Website: partnerparishesmas.org
 A Warm Welcome to All

18th 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 3	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	+Jason Orvosh	(Mike & Cathy Seniow)
Sunday	August 4	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	For the Parishioners	
Sunday	August 4	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	+Andrew Cup	(Family)
Monday	August 5	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Mary Frances Palmiscno	(Louise Shawley)
Tuesday	August 6	St. Matthew	8:30 AM	+Barbara Belice	(Mary & Huey Bartolini)
Friday	August 9	St. Ambrose	8:30 AM	+Angelo & Theresa DeLuca	(Martha Valore)
Saturday	August 10	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	For the Parishioners	
Sunday	August 11	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Mark Steffan	(Celine Steinmiller)
Sunday	August 11	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	+Paul Jancay	(Rege & Cheryl Visconti)

PARTNER PARISHES STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offertory: July 27-28

Weekly collection:	<u>St. Ambrose</u>	<u>St. Matthew</u>	<u>St. Sylvester</u>
	\$ 1,596.00	\$ 1,435.00	\$ 1,557.00

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

Offertory Actual:	\$ 5,254.00	\$ 3,985.00	\$ 7,086.00
Offertory Budget:	\$ 6,731.67	\$ 6,462.67	\$ 8,348.25
Over / (Under):	\$ (1,477.67)	\$ (2,477.67)	\$ (1,262.25)
Offertory Actual Last Year:	\$ 5,855.95	\$ 6,382.30	\$ 7,430.28

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, W01 Jacob Berg (Afghanistan), Brandon May, Tyler Kunkle (Afghanistan), Martin Novak, Jr.



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

IN SYMPATHY: Our Partner Parish family extends their deepest sympathy to the families of Mary Buccardo, and Robert Shusko, who died recently. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



PARTNER PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, August 5– Friday, August 9, 2019
5:30-8:00 PM—Vacation Bible School, St. Ambrose

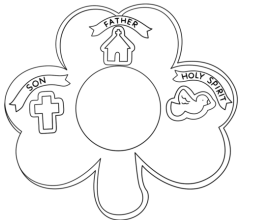
Thursday, August 8, 2019
7:00 PM—Knights of Columbus, St. Sylvester

Friday, August 9-Saturday, August 10, 2019
Slickville Community Days

**THIS WEEK AS YOU GIVE YOUR GIFT
TO THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE
PAUL, YOU ARE REALIZING THAT IN
GIVING YOU INDEED RECEIVE.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. Ambrose will be holding Vacation Bible School during the week of **August 5th through the 9th from 5:30-8:00 PM** for children four years old through grade 6. Grades 7-12 are encouraged to help with the program. **“Saint Patrick and the Holy Trinity”** is our theme this year. Five evenings of exciting lessons, cool crafts, fun games, upbeat music, hands-on activities and Irish snacks! All children are welcome to attend regardless of church affiliation. Registrations forms are available at the church entrances. There is no charge.



ST. SYLVESTER COMMUNITY DAYS

On Friday evening, August 9th, and on Saturday, August 10th, St. Sylvester’s will be sponsoring a Pierogie Booth at the Slickville Community Days. We need your help to make this effort a success. **If you would be willing to donate some of your time to help staff our booth**, please see or contact Ken Nath at 724-468-1106, or email krnath167@gmail.com to schedule your time.



Each of the Partner Parishes will be donating a gift basket for the Slickville Community Days. St. Matthew will be donating a lottery basket (lottery tickets or money to purchase tickets can be given to Jennie Busi or Linda Lasher who will be creating the basket), St. Ambrose will be donating a kitchen-themed basket, St. Sylvester will be donating a soup basket (dry soup, soup cups, fancy crackers, etc.) Items for these baskets may be placed in the baskets provided in the church entrances. Parish Council is asking each of you to take the time to donate as an outreach to our Faith and Stewardship to others. We hope all will donate and make this a Faith-filled project. Thank you.

A VIRTUS **“Protecting God’s Children”** training will be held at **St. James Parish, New Alexandria, on August 5 at 6:30 pm.** Virtus is one on the 6 required state and diocesan clearances required of every employee and volunteer in the Diocese of Greensburg. To register, please contact Bill D’Angelo at the parish office, 724-668-2829 or bdeangelo@dioceseofgreensburg.org. If you need this clearance or are starting to get them, this is the easiest way to get this one.

Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway at St. Matthew’s Vacation Bible School. We had a successful week because of everyone’s generosity. There were no expenses. The money sponsored by St. Matthew Altar Rosary Society will be donated, along with a donation from the children, to the charities of SVDP and Saltsburg Food Bank. Each will receive \$206.00. Thank you and may God bless you.

