



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Blessings to all our Partner Parish family members who are celebrating a birthday this week: Anastasia Calandrella, Victor Ventresco, Jeff DeSimone, Eric Stonebraker, Joseph Alcorn, Steven Edwards, Jamine Amores, Rebecca Minda, Miranda Richards, Donna Grguric, Philip Rabickow, Evan Taylor, Allyson Bonnoni, David Yankuskie, Sr., Tanner Colton, Ashley Zuchelli, Karly Cindric, Samuel Jacob Plazio



Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating an anniversary this week: Gary & Carol Haag, James & Diana Dickie, Edward & Kathleen Thounhurst, Joseph & Sandra Gabor, James & Laura Buczak

### DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL

	St. Ambrose	St. Matthew	St. Sylvester
<b>Current Amount</b>	\$13,980.00	\$11,229.00	\$22,590.00
<b>% of Current to Total</b>	63%	55%	86%
<b>Current # of Donors</b>	57 out of 130	59 out of 125	69 out of 120
<b>% of Current to Total</b>	44%	48%	58%

#### At this point:

St. Ambrose has pledged \$1,767 of the \$10,000 parish goal. The plan for this money is to replace uneven sidewalks, try to create some additional parking spaces and help to replace the Social Hall floor.

St. Matthew has pledged \$678 of the \$10,000 parish goal. The plan for this money is to improve drainage around the Church, replace and widen the sidewalk leading from the parking lot to the church and put in a driveway to the parking lot entrance of the church.

St. Sylvester had pledged \$11,177 of the \$15,000 parish goal. The plan for the money is to create an entrance into the Social Hall with a sidewalk that would lead directly to the parking lot and to start paying off "some of the" Heat Pump and Air Conditioning System Loan early.

**Donations and pledges are still being accepted for the Diocesan Lenten Appeal. Now that the parishes have met their diocesan goals, some people may wish to increase donations or pledges to benefit the parish. All three parishes have 40 - 50% of parishioners that have not responded. Your help and commitment are still needed!**

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Festival** Thursday, July 18th, 5-10 PM, Family night and Car and Bike Show; Friday, July 19th, 5-10 PM Cornhole Tournament; Saturday, July 20th, indoor Mass at 4 PM. Grounds will be open 5-10:30 PM for Crabtree Fireworks at 10:30 PM; Sunday, July 21st Mass and Procession 10 AM. Festival grounds will not be open Sunday. For more information, please call 724-834-0709.

**Slickville Lions**—BBQ Chicken Sale, Saturday, July 20th, 10:00 AM until sold out. BP gas station Route 819 & 22. \$8.00 for 1/2 chicken and side. Thank you for your support.

**Avonmore Senior Center**—Hoagie Sale, 12" hoagies, choice of ham, turkey, roast beef, or traditional deli with or without onions. Order by calling Senior Center (697-4014) by July 22nd. Pick up is August 1st.

**Magnificat Breakfast, Greensburg**—Ramada Hotel, Route 30, Greensburg on July 27th from 9:00 AM-Noon. Cost is \$20, students \$15. To register, call Brenda by July 22 at 724-836-2094.

**St. Ambrose**  
Avonmore

**St. Matthew**  
Saltsburg

**St. Sylvester**  
Slickville

**PARTNER PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG**  
*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust*

July 14, 2019

Website: [partnerparishesmas.org](http://partnerparishesmas.org)  
A Warm Welcome to All

15th 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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**Knights of Columbus**—Council #15373



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	July 13	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	+Sam & Anna Bononni	(MaryAnn Varga)
Sunday	July 14	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	For the Parishioners	
Sunday	July 14	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	+Helen Kochanowski	(Archie Cup Family)
Monday	July 15	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+David Vurtus	(Tony & Judy Valore)
Tuesday	July 16	St. Matthew	8:30 AM	+Rose Corridoni	(Gilda Pistininzi)
Friday	July 19	St. Ambrose	8:30 AM	+Eddie Shaffer, Jr.	(Ed Shaffer Family)
Saturday	July 20	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	For the Parishioners	
Sunday	July 21	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Arlene DeFrances	(Mr. & Mrs. Richard Marsh)
Sunday	July 21	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	+Jean Kokladas	(Jenny Rosa)


 **IN SYMPATHY:** Our Partner Parish family extends their deepest sympathy to the family of Mary Ringle, who died recently. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.


### PARTNER PARISHES STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offertory: July 6-7

Weekly collection:	<u>St. Ambrose</u>	<u>St. Matthew</u>	<u>St. Sylvester</u>
	\$ 1,562.00	\$ 1,676.00	\$2,490.00

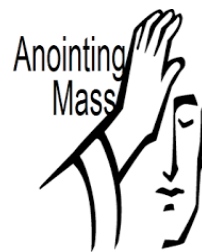
### **SERVING OUR COUNTRY. Please pray for our men and women in the military:**


TSGT Matthew Leightner, 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, WO1 Jacob Berg (Afghanistan), Brandon May, Tyler Kunkle (Afghanistan), Martin Novak, Jr. 

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

### **ANOINTING MASS**

An anointing Mass will be held on **Monday, July 29th at 6:00 PM at St. Ambrose.** Following the Mass, a light dinner will be served. We encourage everyone to join us for this wonderful opportunity to receive this anointing. Sign-up sheets are available at the entrances of the churches if you plan to attend. This will help us plan accordingly for the dinner. Thank you.



 A special thank you to the men who took time from their busy schedules to clean the fryers, stove, refrigerator and other things in St. Matthew's kitchen. The kitchen looks great, the best it has looked in years! Your hard work is very much appreciated. Thank you again.

### PARTNER PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **Monday, July 15, 2019**

9:00 AM—Pierogi making, St. Matthew

#### **Tuesday, July 16, 2019**

7:00 PM—Finance Council Meeting, St. Sylvester

#### **Saturday, July 20, 2019**

11:00 AM—Confession, St. Sylvester

**CONFESSION WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY  
AT 11:00 AM AT ST. SYLVESTER**



**KNOW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE  
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BRING YOUR GIFT  
DIRECTLY TO THE POOR AND SUFFERING IN OUR  
PARTNER PARISHES.**

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Vacation Bible School at St. Matthew Parish is rapidly approaching! Sign-up sheets are now at the entrance of the church for teachers and other volunteers who are willing to share their time, talents, and knowledge during an exciting week of VBS as we "Take the Plunge with Jesus." Volunteers do not need to be available to attend every day of VBS. However, the more time you can offer, the greater the benefits to the youth of our Partner Parishes and communities. "Take the Plunge with Jesus" will take place at St. Matthew July 22-26 from 6:00-8:00 PM. There is no charge. All children ages Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to attend. Older children are welcome to help.



### **ST. AMBROSE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

St. Ambrose will be holding Vacation Bible School in the evening during the week of August 5th through the 9th. More details to follow.

### **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. First, please join us in **making pierogies at St. Matthew's starting at 9:00 AM on Monday, July 15th and Monday, July 29th at 9:00 AM.** Second, **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 [kfnath167@gmail.com](mailto:kfnath167@gmail.com) to schedule your time.



Our Partner Parish Mission Statement states: **"The Partner Parishes under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are committed to be witnesses to Christ in our local faith communities."** Now is our time to live our witness to this statement. The Pastoral Council is asking each church to participate in creating a Parish gift basket to be raffled off at the Slickville Community Days Celebration. Baskets will be collected on August 3rd and 4th after each Mass. We hope all will take the time to donate and make this an outreach to our Faith. What a wonderful way for us to evangelize our stewardship and service to others. More details on what to donate will follow.

### **GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS**

Bishop Malesic invites all couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary during the calendar year 2019 to participate in a special Golden Jubilee Mass to be held at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 3:00 PM. The Jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends should contact the parish office by **Monday, July 29th** to register couples for this celebration. Even though they may not be able to attend the Mass, they will receive a scroll signed by the Bishop commemorating their anniversary.

