

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES



Blessings to all our Partner Parish family members who are celebrating a birthday this week: Jodi Curcio, Dennis Shoupe, Rita Pendylshok, Brian Heinack, Dennis Loaskie, Bradley Ronian, Susan Wirgnoivcz, Carol Proch, Carolyn Loaskie, Rose Ronian, Jeanine Malarik, Michael Minda, Mark Bonnoni, Harley DeMase, Debra Gallek, Kyle Eckenrode, Kordell McKnight, Thomas Medlock, Esther Ciocca, Kenneth Graf, Zachary Simpson, Mark Stramaski, Martha Ulisse, Catherine Kapusta, Conrad McQuaide, Robert Palmiscno, Mary Shusko, Carrie Simons, John Steffenino, Nevaeh Love, Ralph Resnick, Brandon LaBrozzi



Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating an anniversary this week: Robert & Thora Sokolowski

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%

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Memorial Mass, Latrobe - The annual Miscarriage, Infant or Child Loss Memorial Mass will be celebrated July 30 at 6:00 PM at Holy Family Parish, Latrobe. RSVP and register your child’s name by contacting Debbie Vanden Berk at 878-295-7665 or debdvd@yahoo.com.

St. Ambrose Peach Festival - Saturday, August 24th. Details to follow.

GOD’S LOVE AND CARE FOR US IS UNLIMITED. YOUR GIFT TO THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY ENABLES MEMBERS TO CARE FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY IN OUR PARISHES.

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

July 28, 2019

Website: partnerparishesmas.org
 A Warm Welcome to All

17th 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

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 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 27	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	+Adam Sikora	(Wife, Grace)
Sunday	July 28	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Mary L. Anick	(Daughters)
Sunday	July 28	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	For the Parishioners	
Monday	July 29	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Betty Rasperger	(Husband, Andy)
Monday	July 29	St. Ambrose	6:00 PM	+Sophie Stonebraker	(Husband, Harold)
Tuesday	July 30	St. Matthew	8:30 AM	+Nick DeLuca	(Bessie Altman)
Friday	August 2	St. Ambrose	8:30 AM	+Rose Cantola	(Joann Majersky)
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)

PARTNER PARISHES STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offertory: July 20-21

Weekly collection:	<u>St. Ambrose</u>	<u>St. Matthew</u>	<u>St. Sylvester</u>
	\$ 1,061.00	\$ 1,822.00	\$ 1,426.00



Through the cleansing waters of baptism, we welcome **Salem, Chloe, and Jackson Rupert**, children of Ryan and Melissa Rupert, parishioners of St. Ambrose, to our parish family. We share your joy and excitement. Your children are gifts to all of us. With you we celebrate the beginning of your children's faith. May God bless your family as you journey together in faith and love.

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.



Prayer Requests

OUR PRAYER LIST—FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ally Anderson, Helen Bozo, Mary Buccardo, Janet Canzano, Kip DeGlau, 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, and all who need our prayers.

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 of 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.

PARTNER PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, July 29, 2019

9:00 AM—Pierogi making, St. Matthew
6:00 PM—Anointing Mass, St. Ambrose

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

9:30 AM - Food Bank, St. Ambrose

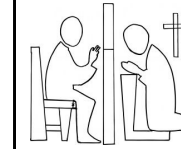
Thursday, August 1, 2019

6:00-8:00 PM - Eucharistic Adoration, St. Matthew

Saturday, August 3, 2019

11:00 AM - Confession, St. Ambrose

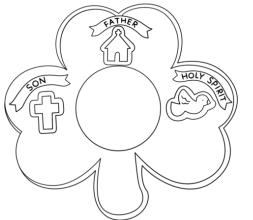
**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL BE HELD
ON THURSDAY FROM 6:00-8:00 PM AT
ST. MATTHEW.**



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

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. First, please join us in **making pierogies at St. Matthew's starting at 9:00 AM on 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 to schedule your time.



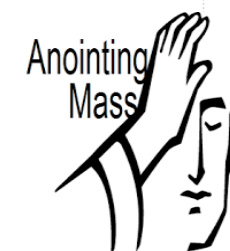
Each of the Partner Parishes will be donating a gift basket for the Slickville Community Days. St. Matthew will be donating a lottery basket (lottery tickets or money to purchase tickets can be given to Jennie Busi or Linda Lasher who will be creating the basket), St. Ambrose will be donating a kitchen-themed 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.

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.



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 (chicken, ham, or egg salad sliders, hot dogs, potato salad, macaroni salad, fruit, and jello salads) will be served. We encourage everyone to join us for this great 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.