



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Blessings to all our Partner Parish family members who are celebrating a birthday this week: Richard Kosker, Raina Bell, Kathleen Thounhurst, MacKenzie Lescinsky, Gino Bartolini, Jonathan Caranese, Jennifer Fowler, Alexandria Klofta, Rachel Hill, Laura McElhinny



Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating an anniversary this week:

Paul & Catherine Rudy, James & Larietta Spellane, Herman & Barbara Corridoni, Thomas & Florence Marafka, David & Elizabeth Minda, Lewis & Clara Prenni

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL

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

St. Florian, United -A Virtus Session is being offered at St. Florian Church on Saturday, July 13th at 9:00 to 11:30 am. Please call the parish office to register at 724-423-4431.

Christ the King, Leechburg—Summer bake sale on Saturday, July 13th from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM in the parish hall.

Slickville VFD Auxiliary—Car/Bike Show on Saturday, July 13th at St. Sylvester Church. Registration 11:00-2:00, show 2:00-6:00. Entry fee \$6.00 which includes Chinese Auction tickets. Dash plaques to first 100 entries. Trophies presented at 5:00. Eleven classes plus Best of Show. Music by DJ Jeff Allen. For more information call 724-516-6314 (Rain date is July 20th.)

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.

St. Ambrose

Avonmore

St. Matthew

Saltsburg

St. Sylvester

Slickville

PARTNER PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

July 7, 2019

Website: partnerparishesmas.org

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

St. Ambrose, St. Matthew & St. Sylvester

**P. O. Box 617
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Monday—Friday
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.

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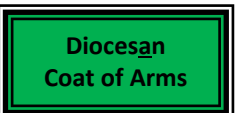
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Jessica Clawson, Coordinator of Faith Formation, St. Matthew

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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	July 6	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	+Rick Belice	(Wife, Linda)
Sunday	July 7	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Frank & Elizabeth Kurant	(Family)
Sunday	July 7	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	For the Parishioners	
Monday	July 8	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+John & Diz Kapusta	(Butch Kane)
Tuesday	July 9	St. Matthew	8:30 AM	+Jeff McGregor	(John & Anna Bodnar)
Friday	July 12	St. Ambrose	8:30 AM	+Fr. Chester Raimer	(PNA Lodge #1234)
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)



IN SYMPATHY: Our Partner Parish family extends their deepest sympathy to the family of Mary Biesuz, sister of St. Sylvester parishioner Jenny Monta, who died recently. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

PARTNER PARISHES STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offertory: June 29-30

Weekly collection:	St. Ambrose	St. Matthew	St. Sylvester
	\$ 1,656.85	\$ 2,106.00	\$ 1,870.00

July, 2018—June, 2019 Actual Offertory and Budgeted Offertory Report

Offertory Actual:	\$ 78,505.06	\$ 75,389.94	\$ 98,294.72
Offertory Budget:	\$ 82,721.00	\$ 84,461.00	\$105,086.00
Over / (Under):	\$ (4,215.94)	\$ (9,071.06)	\$ (6,791.28)
Offertory Actual Last Year:	\$ 78,867.27	\$ 80,473.09	\$ 101,615.50



St. Sylvester altar flowers are in loving memory of Frank (Chud) and Elizabeth Kurant by Family

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, W01 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.

PARTNER PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, July 8, 2019

6:30 PM—Pastoral Council, St. Ambrose

Thursday, July 11, 2019

7:00 PM—Knights of Columbus, St. Sylvester

THIS WEEK YOU CAN ALSO “TREAT THE POOR WITH MERCY” BY PUTTING A GIFT IN THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL POOR BOX.

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. 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 to schedule your time.

Thank you to all who helped to make the Knights of Columbus/Martha’s Ministry Spaghetti Dinner a great success. Your response was outstanding and greatly appreciated! Our desserts were amazing and all homemade. Thank you!

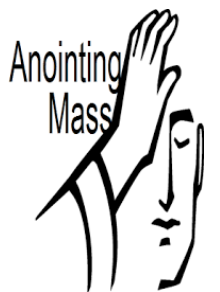


Congratulations to John Galo, winner of the St. Ambrose June church ticket, #471!

ST. MATTHEW ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY will meet July 8th at 7:00 PM at the home of Judy Plahs, McGregor Manor #16. Hope to see you there.

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.



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.

