

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES



Blessings to all our Partner Parish family members who are celebrating a birthday this week:
 Mary Ellen Kachonik, Venessa Speranza, Richard Cyr, John Cicala, Jr., Carol Kosker, Thomas Kerchensky, Amanda Trybus, Yvonne Brady, Cathy DeFavero, Melissa Lescinsky, Morgan McElhose, James McWilliams, Angelo Bartolini, Bella Prenni, Elizabeth Whitesel, Liliana Caranese, Danyka Baker, Matthew Grimplin, Joan Sieczkowski, Bernadette Valero, Ryan Buczak, Mary Jane Grebeck

Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating an anniversary this week:

Douglas & Vicki Shirley, John & MaryLou Waynar, John & Christine Dwyer, John & Tiffany Fanelli, Chuck & Lynette Colton, Brandon & Carla Veneziani, Lawrence & Elvia Eckenrode, Lewis & Patricia Prenni, Brandon & Cara LaBrozzi



DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL

	St. Ambrose	St. Matthew	St. Sylvester
Current Amount	\$13,980.00	\$10,079.00	\$22,590.00
% of Current to Total	63%	54%	86%
Current # of Donors	57 out of 130	56 out of 125	69 out of 120
% of Current to Total	44%	45%	58%

All three Parishes have reached their Diocesan Goals and are now working on reaching their Parish Goals! Please remember that All Monies raised over the Diocesan Goals stays in the Parish to accomplish its projects! Additional donations can also be made to help reach the Parish Goal!

SPAGHETTI DINNER



Please join us for a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, June 23rd from 12:00-4:00 PM at St. Sylvester's Church Hall. The dinner is sponsored by the Martha Ministry and the Knights of Columbus. Menu includes: spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, beverage and dessert. Adults: \$7.00, Children: \$4.00. Take out available.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Avonmore Senior Center—Annual Fashion Show & Dessert Bar, Wednesday, June 26th @ 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 and may be purchased at the door. For more information please call 724-697-4014.

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 July 20th).

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

June 23, 2019

Website: partnerparishesmas.org **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**
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
Avonmore, PA 15618**

Monday—Friday
9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Phone: 724-697-4129
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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	June 22	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	+Angelo & Theresa DeLuca	(Lou & Marianne Bonnoni)
Sunday	June 23	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	For the Parishioners	
Sunday	June 23	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	+Phyllis Orange	(Sister, Kathy)
Monday	June 24	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+John Pishko	(Diane Novak)
Tuesday	June 25	St. Matthew	8:30 AM	+Barbara Belice	(Julie Werner)
Friday	June 28	St. Ambrose	8:30 AM	+Jean Fanelli	(Bob & Marilyn Greece)
Saturday	June 29	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	For the Parishioners	
Sunday	June 30	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Tony Moonis	(Veronica Buczak)
Sunday	June 30	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	+Iola Gasperini	(Dick & MaryJo Gasperini)

PARTNER PARISHES STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offertory: June 15-16

Weekly collection:	<u>St. Ambrose</u>	<u>St. Matthew</u>	<u>St. Sylvester</u>
	\$ 960.50	\$ 1,246.00	\$ 1,879.00

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

TSGT Matthew Lightner, 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, Cpt. Jacob Berg, SRA Phillip Berg, Brandon May, Tyler Kunkle (Afghanistan), Martin Novak, Jr.



OUR PRAYER LIST—FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Helen Bozo, Mary Buccardo, Michelle Ciocca, Kip DeGlaue, Janet Dobrosky, Ronnie Edwards, Donald Gabor, Crysta Hixson, George Hollick, Gary Lemon, Marie Miller, Mary Musial, Joanne Neidehiser, Matthew Petika, Steve Sieczkowski, Geraldine Vought, and all who need our prayers.

YOUR PICTURE PLEASE!

Have you submitted your photo for our parish records? If not, the weekend of June 29-30, members from the Pastoral Council will be available to take your photo. Please remember that we are asking for a photo from everyone registered in our Partner Parishes. You may also submit your photo to Fr. John at jharrold@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Thank you!



Congratulations to Lawrence and Elvia Eckenrode on their 50th Wedding Anniversary! May God continue to bless you with many more years of good health and happiness together!

IN SYMPATHY: Our Partner Parish family extends their deepest sympathy to the family of Nick DeLuca who died recently. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



PARTNER PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, June 26, 2019
9:30 AM Food Bank, St. Ambrose

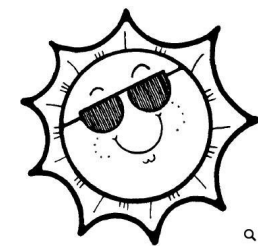
TODAY, AS YOU DONATE TO THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, KNOW THAT THE MULTIPLICATION OF THE LOAVES AND FISHES WILL HAPPEN AGAIN AND THE HUNGRY WILL BE FED.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. Matthew's Vacation Bible School 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. Thank you to all who have already volunteered to help and pray for a successful VBS.



GOING AWAY ON VACATION?



Everyone looks forward to the coming of summertime and the opportunity to get away on vacation. Hopefully everyone will get a chance for at least a little time away from the world of work to rest. Remember though, we always need to go weekly to worship God and not take a vacation from our love and devotion to the one who has created and blessed us. We need to go to Mass even while out of town, unless you are in a place so far from a Church that it would be a serious burden. Wherever you go, you can check www.masstimes.org to find the nearest Catholic Church and its schedule. You'll find that almost always there is a

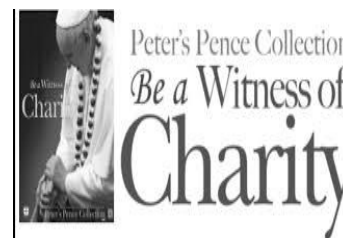
Catholic Church within 15 minutes of where you are. Set a good example for your family and kids by always attending Mass—it will teach them all about what our real priorities in life are and how God has to always be at the center. While on vacation, please don't take your parish offering with you. Each summer our parishes struggle financially as Sunday offerings decrease significantly. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Have a wonderful summer!

FAITH FORMATION MEETING

An important meeting will be held on **Friday, July 5th at 12:30 PM** in the Social Hall at St. Ambrose. Anyone involved with Sunday morning Faith Formation, Vacation Bible School, and/or Sacrament Preparation from our Partner Parishes is asked to attend this meeting.



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION



Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including the victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Through the cleansing waters of baptism, we welcome **Jackson Raymond, son of Justin and Stephanie McElhose, parishioners of St. Matthew**, to our parish family. We share your joy and excitement. Your child is a gift to all of us. With you we celebrate the beginning of your child's faith. May God bless your family as you journey together in faith and love.

