



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Blessings to all our Partner Parish family members who are celebrating a birthday this week:
Zach Young, Alexandra Bottali, Tyler Galo, Cameron Suhadolnik, Rachel Winiesky, Deborah Cicala.



Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating an anniversary this week:

Stanley and Eleanor Kanick, Casper and Dora Yankuskie, David and Diane Yankuskie, Robert and Kristin Eckenrode, James and Diana Gordish, Heath and Brenda Suman, Leslie and Joan Kelly.

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 may wish to increase your donation or pledge 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

June 30, 2019

Website: partnerparishesmas.org
A Warm Welcome to All

13TH 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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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 29	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	For the Parishioners	(Lou & Marianne Bonnoni)
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)
Monday	July 1	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Fr. William Donahue	(Joe and Ethel)
Tuesday	July 2	St. Matthew	8:30 AM	+Joe Pistininzi	(Linda, Joe and Jim)
Friday	July 5	St. Ambrose	8:30 AM	+Loretta "Bonnie" Shaffer	(Ed Shaffer Family)
Saturday	July 6	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	+Rick Belice	(Wife, Linda)
Sunday	July 7	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Frank & Elizabaeth Kurant	(Family)
Sunday	July 7	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	For the Parishioners	



IN SYMPATHY: Our Partner Parish family extends their deepest sympathy to the family of Gloria Rokicsak, sister of St. Ambrose parishioners Dorothy Fontana and Ed Shaffer, who died recently. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

<u>PARTNER PARISHES STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE</u>			
Sunday Offertory: June 22-23			
Weekly collection:	<u>St. Ambrose</u>	<u>St. Matthew</u>	<u>St. Sylvester</u>
	\$ 2,077.80	\$ 1,488.00	\$ 2,422.00

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



OUR PRAYER LIST—FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Helen Bozo, Kip DeGlau, Donald Gabor, George Hollick, Mary Musial, Marie Miller, Frank Nemchik 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!



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION



This weekend we will take up the Peter's Pence collection which supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Please be generous to ensure the success of this collection.

PARTNER PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, July 5, 2019
12:30 PM – Faith Formation Meeting for all Partner Parish Faith Formation Teachers and Coordinators

Saturday, July 6, 2019
11:00 AM—Confessions, St. Ambrose.

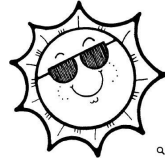
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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.



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.



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

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 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 krnath167@gmail.com to schedule your time.

FUNERAL CHOIR

We are looking for people to join the Funeral Choir! It would be great to have men and women helping to lead the songs at our parish funerals. If you are available to lend your voice, please start coming or call the parish office to be put on the contact list. People who want to do this should have your clearances. We will be happy to help you with them if you don't have them.

