

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES



Blessings to all our Partner Parish family members who are celebrating a birthday this week:
 Kathleen Farabaugh, Michael Seniow, II, Patricia Skursky, Jennifer Ziemianski, Cathy Holmes, Joshua Deemer, Jenna Trybus, Dominick Cicala, Joseph DePanics, Robert Dobrosky, Anastasia Winiesky, Ronald Cup, Amy Wano, Darlene Cornman, Thora Sokolowski, Lynnette Colton, Angela Simpson, Logan Bonnoni, Linda Lasher, Stephanie Schardt, James Dickie, Michael Bebar, Stanley Brejda

Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating an anniversary this week:

Randolph & Janice Galo, Wayne & Barbara Crewe, Brandon & Deanna Fink, Kenneth & Frances Noca, Michael & Elizabeth Rocco, Wayne & Elizabeth Jones, Jr., Timothy & Catherine Driscoll, Stanley & Shirley Brejda, Mario & Lesa Cortese, Joseph & Ethel Palmiscno, Michael & Karen Perfetta, Bruce & Cynthia Criado, Joseph & Bernadette Valero



DUE TO THE LACK OF INTEREST, THE HARVEST BANQUET DINNER AT ST. SYLVESTER HAS BEEN CANCELLED. WE ARE LOOKING TO SCHEDULE ANOTHER PARTNER PARISH EVENT AT A LATER DATE.

ST.MATTHEW ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY AND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are participating in the town yard sale, September 14th, 8:30 AM– 2:00 PM. The Knights of Columbus are in need of items such as household goods, lawn and garden items, etc. You may drop off your donations on the evenings of September 12th & 13th from 4– 6:00 PM. See Dave Swierkosz or Chuck Colton (724) 840-2136 if you want to donate something before those dates. Please leave a message. The Altar Rosary Society will rent spaces for \$5.00 each. You may also use your own canopy and table(s) if interested, call Elvia @ (724) 639-9410. There will be a bake sale and food will be served in the kitchen. The Altar Rosary Society will begin taking pierogie orders for November. Your support and donations are always appreciated.



AVONMORE HARVEST FESTIVAL-Once again, St. Ambrose is participating in the Avonmore Festival this year on **Friday, September 20th and Saturday, September 21st.** We will have a chuck-a-luck stand, pasta booth, bake sale, and a Chinese Auction. If you are interested in helping in **ANY** capacity, please contact Angie at 697-4514. If you are interested in donating a basket, or have any connections with businesses that would like to donate, please contact Sue Patrono at (724)697-4453. More details regarding the festival weekend to follow.

Avonmore Festival

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

_____ I/We will donate a basket for the Chinese Auction. Theme _____

_____ I/We will donate an item or items to the Bake Sale

I/We prefer to help at: _____ Chuck-A-Luck _____ Pasta Booth _____ No Preference

_____ I/We can help earlier on Friday Evening _____ I/We can help later on Friday Evening

_____ I/We can help on Saturday Afternoon _____ I/We can help on Saturday Evening

Please return this slip by Sunday, September 15th

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

September 1, 2019 **Website: partnerparishesmas.org** **22nd 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
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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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	August 31	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	For the Parishioners	
Sunday	September 1	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Dan Miller	(Martha Valore)
Sunday	September 1	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	60th Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Noca	(Family)
Monday	September 2	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Frank & Anthony Perfetta	(Family)
Tuesday	September 3	St. Matthew	8:30 AM	+Barbara Belice	(St. Matthew Altar Rosary Society)
Friday	September 6	St. Ambrose	8:30 AM	+Lidia Todarello	(Carl & Dorothy Fontana)
Saturday	September 7	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	+Anice Malefski	(Vic & Karen Sheaffer)
Sunday	September 8	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Cristie Hewitt	(Family)
Sunday	September 8	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	For the Parishioners	

PARTNER PARISHES STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Sunday Offertory: August 24-25		
Weekly collection:	<u>St. Ambrose</u>	<u>St. Matthew</u>	<u>St. Sylvester</u>
	\$ 1,358.80	\$ 2,371.00	\$ 2,096.00

July, 2019—August, 2019 Actual Offertory and Budgeted Offertory Report

Offertory Actual:	\$ 10,798.84	\$ 12,359.30	\$ 14,363.90
Offertory Budget:	\$ 13,463.34	\$ 12,925.34	\$ 16,696.50
Over / (Under):	\$ (2,664.50)	\$ (566.00)	\$ (2,332.60)
Offertory Actual Last Year:	\$ 13,668.10	\$ 11,074.37	\$ 16,429.28

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, W01 Jacob Berg (Afghanistan), Brandon May, Tyler Kunkle (Afghanistan), Martin Novak, Jr.



OUR PRAYER LIST—FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ally Anderson, Janet Canzano, Helen Bozo, Giavanna Christian, Kip DeGlau, Janet Dobrosky, Ronnie Edwards, Donald Gabor, Crysta Hixson, Edith Hollick, George Hollick, Gary Lemmon, Mary Musial, Joanne Neiderhiser, Frank Nemchik, John Nemchik, Kristina Zucca and all who need our prayers.



St. Matthew altar flowers are in honor of Ken and Fran Noca's 60th Wedding Anniversary donated by Ken and Fran Noca.



CONGRATULATIONS TO KEN AND FRAN NOCA ON THEIR 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

PARTNER PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

6:30-8:00 PM—Journey Together, St. Sylvester

Thursday, September 5, 2019

6:00-8:00 PM—Eucharistic Adoration, St. Ambrose

Saturday, September 7, 2019

11:00 AM—Confession, St. Ambrose



Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Thursday from 6:00-8:00 PM at St. Ambrose.

Confession will be held on Saturday at 11:00 AM at St. Ambrose.



Our Sunday morning parish Faith Formation Classes are planned to begin on **Sunday, September 29th this year**. This is a delayed start because we are still looking for volunteers to help with the programs and because of the installation of the new Social Hall floor at St. Ambrose early in September.

Each year on Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil, thousands are baptized into the Catholic Church in the United States. Parishes welcome these new Catholics through the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**. **Now is the time to begin the formation process.** If you or anyone you know is interested in entering into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church, please contact the parish office.



Bible Study will resume for 5 weeks beginning October 1, 2019 at 6:30 PM at St. Ambrose. Please prepare Session 6 (Revelation 12-13). For more information, contact Celine Steinmiller @ 724-216-2313.

Journey Together with Deacon Dan will continue on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM, at St. Sylvester Church. We will break open the scripture readings for the coming Sunday liturgy. Then, we will work together to create prayers of the faithful that reflect both the readings and our community. We will then close with exposition, evening prayer, and benediction. And, of course, we will have refreshments. **All are welcome.** Really, ALL, invite some friends who may not be parishioners, or even Catholic. By the way, each session is independent of the previous sessions. This means you do not have to commit to regular attendance. You may come and go whenever you have time to join us.



Thank you to everyone who helped out with the St. Ambrose Peach Festival last weekend. We are very grateful for such wonderful volunteers and support. We hope everyone who purchased a dinner with us enjoyed their peaches, ice cream, and salads. Congratulations to Carolyn Roccisana, winner of the 50/50!

PENS HOME OPENER—St. Ambrose Church is selling raffle tickets for two Penguin tickets plus \$200 cash for the Pens Home Opener on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 7:00 PM against the Buffalo Sabers. Donation is \$20 with five numbers on a ticket, only 200 tickets sold. Winning number taken from the first 7:00 PM PA Pick-3 lottery on Wednesday, September 25, 2019. If interested in buying a ticket, please call MaryLou at 724-697-4819.

