

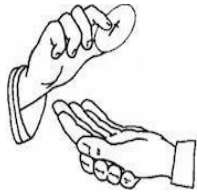


Pierogi Making—continues every Monday in the social hall at St. Matthew. Cooking potatoes will begin at 6:00 AM. Making and assembling pierogis will begin at 9:00 AM. Thank you for all your help!

Mobile Market—will be held on Thursday, April 3rd from 11:00 AM-12 Noon in the parking lot at St. Sylvester.



Attention all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who are visiting the Homebound



Deacon Craig Gilbert will be conducting a training session on March 26th at 6:00 PM in the St. Sylvester conference room. **This is a mandatory training.** If you cannot attend, please make arrangements with Deacon Craig for a makeup session. Ministers who do not attend will not be able to take Holy Communion to the homebound.

Since we are giving birthday and anniversary blessings every month at each parish, we will no longer be publishing birthdays and anniversaries in the bulletin. The exception will be for 50th anniversary and 100th birthday. (If we are given that information ahead of time.)
Deacon Dan.

UNDERGROUND Youth Ministry NEWS FROM Faith Formation

HIGH SCHOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL ADULTS & CATECHISTS 5/16, 17, 18, 2025 (Register on Diocesan website)



The Parent/child Workshop will be Sat. April 12, 9 am—Noon at St. Matthew.

JUBILEE YEAR ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISHES

First Monday of each month.

Mass – exposition – adoration – confessions – benediction – from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM
St. Sylvester Church

First Wednesday of each month.

Exposition – adoration – evening prayer – benediction starting at 7:00 PM
St. Ambrose Church

Second Sunday of each month.

Rosary starting at 10:30 AM
St. Matthew Church

Every Tuesday

Scripture sharing for coming Sunday readings beginning at 9:30 AM
St. Sylvester Meeting Room

Clearance Help

Betsy will be in the office on 23rd, 29th from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM.

Please feel free to email her at: byaklich@dioceseofgreensburg.org if you have any questions.

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 families, we encourage Evangelization, Service, Worship, Stewardship, & Leadership.

St. Ambrose (Avonmore) St. Matthew (Saltsburg) St. Sylvester (Slickville)
PARTNER PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG
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March 23, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil:

5:00 PM—St. Ambrose
Confessions 4:15

Sunday Masses:

8:30 AM—St. Sylvester
Confessions 7:45
11:00 AM—St. Matthew
Confessions 10:15

Weekday Masses:

Mon.—8:30 AM,
St. Sylvester
Tues.— 8:30 AM,
St. Matthew
Wed.—6:00 PM &
Fri.— 8:30 AM,
St. Ambrose

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday
9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Closed Wednesdays
St. Ambrose Church & Main Office
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Avonmore, PA 15618
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703 Indiana Ave
Saltsburg, PA 15681

St. Matthew Church Hall

724-639-9338

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3rd Sunday of Lent



Diocesan Coat of Arms

Confessions: 45 minutes prior to the weekend Mass start times or by appointment with the priest.

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 Wednesday of the month, 7:00-8:00 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 de Paul 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 **Tuesday at noon.**



Use this code to make an Online Donation to St. Ambrose Parish



Use this code to make an Online Donation to St. Matthew Parish



Use this code to make an Online Donation to St. Sylvester Parish

Mass Intentions for the Week

DAY	MONTH	DATE	PLACE	TIME	INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Saturday	March	22	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	For the Parishioners	
Sunday	March	23	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Al Novak	(David Hancock)
Sunday	March	23	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	+Helen Cup	(Family)
Monday	March	24	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Charles Mark Angel	(Mike & Melissa Beblo)
Tuesday	March	25	St. Matthew	8:30 AM	+Carlo & Mary Versino	(Glenn & Tracy Richards)
Wednesday	March	26	St. Ambrose	6:00 PM	+Joe Palmiscno	(Ed & Donna Stemplinski)
Friday	March	28	St. Ambrose	8:30 AM	+Valerie Shaffer-Leda	(Ed Shaffer Family)
Saturday	March	29	St. Ambrose	5:00 PM	+Ed Seben	(Mike Sharek)
Sunday	March	30	St. Sylvester	8:30 AM	+Tony Paci	(George Yedlicka)
Sunday	March	30	St. Matthew	11:00 AM	For the Parishioners	

CONFESSION WILL NOW BE AVAILABLE 45 MINUTES BEFORE EVERY WEEKEND MASS OR BY APPOINTMENT.

WE CULTIVATE AND FERTILIZE OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES THROUGH PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING TO THE POOR.

CONVERSATIONS WITH DEACON CRAIG

This year, our parishes are supporting a man preparing for the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. At St. Ambrose and St. Sylvester, parishioners will hear Luke 13:1-9, where Jesus tells the parable of the barren fig tree. The vineyard owner wants to cut it down, but the gardener asks for more time to help it grow. This reveals to us God's patience and mercy, giving us time to repent and grow in faith. At St. Matthew, parishioners will hear John 4:5-42, where Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well. Despite her past, He offers her "living water" and calls her to deeper faith. Her encounter with Jesus transforms her into a witness, leading others to believe in Him. Both passages show God's mercy and the opportunity for growth in faith. Like the fig tree, we have time to bear fruit. Like the Samaritan woman, we are called to encounter Christ and share His truth and love.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (MARCH 25TH)

Whether or not she understands, Mary yields to divine action, placing herself at God's disposal. The virgin presents herself to God as "servant of the Lord." Luke uses a specific Greek word that does not mean "handmaid," but "servant of the Lord." The faithful, obedient servant seems to embody what God has called and intended Israel to be. Jesus himself will be revealed as the final fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, but his mother also bears many of the servant's qualities. Her surrender to God's will foreshadows the prayer of her son on the Mount of Olives: "Not my will but yours be done" (Lk 22:42). Mary is not submissive and weak; her yes denotes strength and courage.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Bingo at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift- Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Vandergrift, will hold bingo April 6 and 27, and May 4. Doors open at 1 p.m. with bingo at 2 p.m. For information, call 724-478-4958.

Rummage sale April 4-6 at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift - Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift, will hold a rummage sale Friday and Saturday, April 4 and 5, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and Sunday, April 6, from noon-1 p.m. There will be many new items and monthly specials. For information, call 724-478-4958.

PARTNER PARISHES STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offertory: March 15-16

	<u>St. Ambrose</u>	<u>St. Matthew</u>	<u>St. Sylvester</u>
Offertory Collection:	\$ 896.00	\$ 1,722.00	\$ 2,788.00
Mass Attendance:	74	86	76
Average	\$ 12.11	\$ 20.03	\$ 36.69



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

OUR PRAYER LIST—FRIENDS AND FAMILY—Bill, James, Michael Berardesco, Lynette Bevilacqua, Robert Bortz, Shirley Bredja, Mary Burris, Catherine Campagna, Bob Carney, Denise Elliott, George Elliott, Sr., Leslie Elliott, John & Diana Galo, John Gordish, Barb Hill, Daniel Karp, Marie Kuzmin, Joe Maruca, Nancy Matlack, Ken & Carol Nath, Chris Nemchick, Fran Noca, Butch Noonan, Franceska Norwich, Valerie Povanda, Steve Rado, John Roland, Luke Sebek, Ed Shaffer, Mikie Shannon, Gary Skovenski, Ed Stemplinski, Barb Stramaski, Judy Valore, and for all in need of our prayers.



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

***THE SANCTUARY CANDLE AT ST. AMBROSE BURNS
IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOE PALMISCNO BY
SONNY AND DIANA GALO***



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR:

March 30th—4th Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 at St. Ambrose and St. Sylvester
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 at St. Matthew

