

# SAINT EMERY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on a date established ahead of time. Parents are required to attend a pre-Baptism instruction. Sponsors (godparents) must meet church requirements.

### RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance, Confession) will be celebrated on every Saturday 3:30-4:15 PM. Please call St. Emery's at 203-334-0312 to make an appointment for individual confession.

### MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance. Couples must attend a Diocesan Marriage Preparation Conference. No booking for a reception should be finalized until an initial meeting is scheduled with Father Milan Dimic or Deacon Rudy.

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### PARISH REGISTRATION

Families moving into the parish should register at the Parish Office as soon as possible. The celebration of Sacraments and Sponsorship Certificates will only be extended to Registered/Sustaining Parishioners.

### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

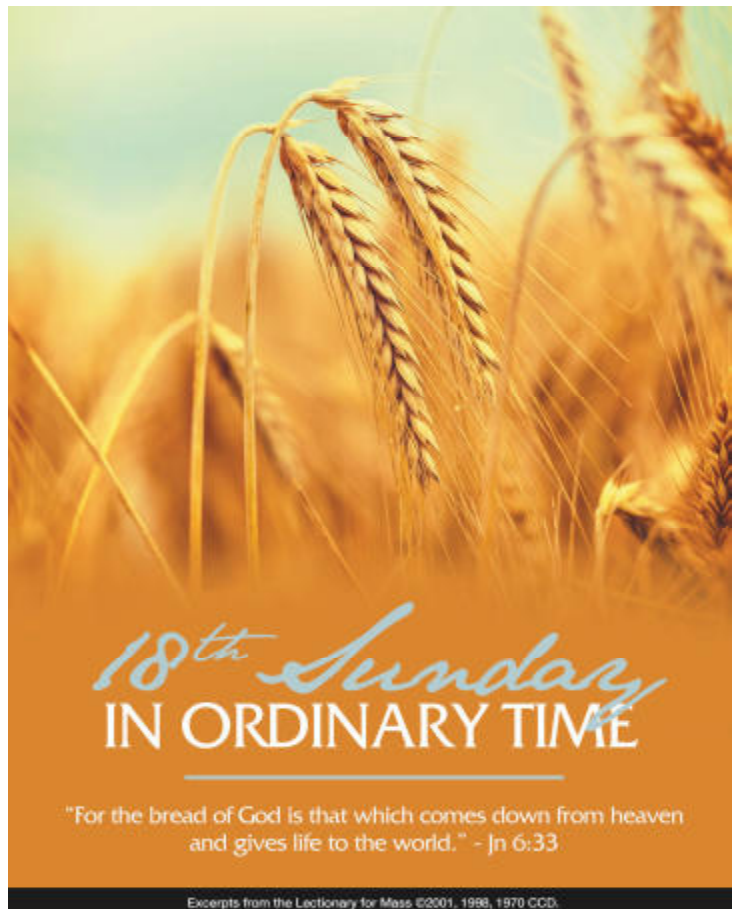
Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for pastoral visits and Communion calls to the sick. Emergency sick calls are made at any time.

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LITURGICAL LIFE  
EUCHARISTIC LITURGY (MASS)  
Saturday Evening (Vigil) 4:30PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM



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**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 5, 2018**

**Saturday, Aug. 4—St. John Vianney**

4:30 PM Jean Trankovich rb Deacon Rudy

**Sunday, Aug. 5—18TH Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM Anna Adams rb Scott & Karen Adams

11:00 AM Pearl Pavel rb Greg & Barbara Chuga

**Monday, Aug. 6—Transfiguration of the Lord**

8:00 AM Justina, Adam, Luke Psenicnik rb J. Psenicnik

**Tuesday, Aug. 7—Ordinary Weekday**

8:00 AM Elsa T. Butler rb Irene T. Olah

**Wednesday, Aug. 8—St. Dominic**

8:00 AM Intentions of Nuska Bizilj rb Justina Psenicnik

**Thursday, Aug. 9—Ordinary Weekday**

8:00 AM For government leaders rb Justina Psenicnik

**Friday, Aug. 10—Ordinary Weekday**

NO MASS

**Saturday, Aug. 11—St. Clare**

4:30 PM Mary McMahon rb Pat McMahon

**Sunday, Aug. 12—19TH Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM NO MASS

11:00 AM Zoly Kassay rb The Kassay Family



**ETERNAL LIGHT**

This week our eternal light burns brightly in memory of MaryAnn Petrone as requested by Faith Formation.

**Welcome to New Members at Saint Emery's**

We have been seeing new faces recently, we are happy to welcome you to our Family in Faith. Please let us know if you have any questions or ideas. Looking forward to seeing you again.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick**

We ask you to remember in prayer and thought those members of our Parish family – the sick, hospitalized, homebound or elderly and nursing home residents who are unable to worship with us. May the Healing Hand of the Lord be upon them and those who care for them. Please pray for others who are ill or weak and those who hide their suffering. Please especially remember in your prayers, Miralia Torres, Helen Borona, Terri Wasilewski, Kevin Leary, Maria Santos, Fr. Stephen Balint, Pat Dicso, Gary Dicso, Suzanne Barnum, Helen Kautzner, Tanner Clavarino, Chick Fulton, Fred Miller.

If you have someone that you would like included in our prayers, please contact the rectory at 203-334-0312.

<b><u>Offertory Collection</u></b>	<b><u>July 28-29, 2018</u></b>
Total of All Masses	\$ 918.00
Loose All Masses	\$ 327.00
Via Mail	\$ 125.00
<b><u>Total Offerings</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1370.00</u></b>
Other Collections	\$ 125.00
Air Conditioning	\$ 375.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 10.00
<b><u>Total Other Collections</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 510.00</u></b>
<b><u>Total Collections</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1880.00</u></b>

**On-line Giving Month of July \$ 1117.00**

*Thank you for your support!*



**Lector/Eucharistic Minister Schedule**  
**August 11-12, 2018**

<b>4:30 PM</b>	Mary Kocsis—Lector Carolyn Miller/John Lazowski—EME
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Jeannie Bisson—Lector Rob Adriani/Colleen Kearney—EME

August 5, 2018  
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In an on-demand society, it's not always easy to imagine life with less. The crowds of Jesus' day depended on the weather and successful growing seasons for their livelihood. For many of Jesus' listeners, even "food that perishes" would have been a welcome relief. Jesus acknowledges this but tries to draw them deeper. "You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled." For people who have just witnessed a miracle, the response is strangely marked by ingratitude. "What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert." Jesus fed them for one day, but Moses interceded with God for 40 years of bread. "Jesus," they seem to say, "can't you just give us more?"

How often do we behave similarly in the spiritual life? "If I only I had more patience, then I could be kind to her." "I could be welcoming if I was more outgoing, but that's just not me." "I know I'd be a better parent if I just had more time." Like the crowds, we want Jesus to give us more. We always don't want him to completely shift our paradigm. Perhaps it's not "more patience" we need, but a deeper sense of our own imperfections for a greater sense of empathy. Maybe God is inviting you not to entertain an entire group, but to seek out the quiet person on the fringe. And time may limit you from family engagement, but could God be asking you to reorder your priorities entirely?

After all, it wasn't more loaves that the people needed. Jesus is "the bread of life," who sustains our most essential needs. This week, are you looking for more or are you looking for God Himself?

Readings for the Week of August 5, 2018

**Monday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

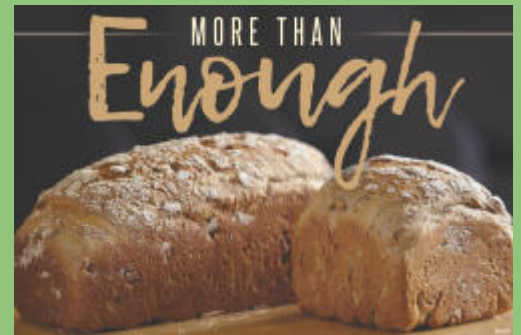
**Tuesday:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29  
and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday:** Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mt 16:13-23

**Friday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

**Saturday:** Hb 1:12--2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt 17:14-20



Saint Emery Parish Pastoral Staff

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Deacon

Rudolph P. Trankovich

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Mr. Carroll Fencil

Pastoral Assistant

Ms. Jeanne Bisson

Bookkeeper

Mrs. Cheryl Camillo

Lay Representatives

Mrs. Karen Adams  
Mr. Robert P. Kavasansky,

Music Director-Organist

Miss Mary Rose Garych

VIRTUS TRAINING

The Diocese of Bridgeport has mandatory training sessions for all parish volunteers. Choir members, catechists, ushers, all liturgical assistants, council members, etc. are required to attend a VIRTUS training session, "**Protecting All God's Children.**" If you volunteer in any parish ministry or group, please register to attend a session offered here at St. Emery on Saturday, September 1 or you can register on-line at VIRTUS.org. For any available sessions. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

**NO 9:00 A.M. MASS**  
**NEXT SUNDAY,**  
**AUGUST 12, 2018**

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### St. Emery Prayer Group

Summer break, will resume in September.

### Benediction and Adoration

August 11, 4:30 PM

August 19, 9:00 AM

September 2, 11:00 Mass



## **RAFFLE DRAWING SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 4:00 PM IN THE PARISH HALL**

*Join us for this event.*

*Winners need not be present and will be notified by phone.*

## **St. Emery's School Supply Drive**

St. Emery's will be hosting a School Supply Drive to benefit St. Ann's Academy that runs from July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be collecting the following items:

- **Paper:** lined paper, copy paper, construction paper, spiral notebooks, composition books, index cards
- **Pencils & Pens:** blue or black pens, #2 pencils, colored pencils, erasers, pencil sharpener, pencil case, colored markers, crayons, highlighters, dry-erase markers
- **General Supplies:** dry-erase boards, paper clips, 3-ring 2" binders, pocket folders, report covers
- **Classroom staples:** stapler, staples, rulers, protractors, glue sticks, kid-friendly scissors, tape, calculators
- **Things you can never have too much of:** tissues, sanitizing wipes, hand sanitizer



## ST. EMERY WEEKLY BULLETIN

August 5, 2018

### THE PARISH WEBSITE ([www.stemerys.com](http://www.stemerys.com))

#### **News/Events**

- ◆ St. Emery Annual Concert video and photographs posted, June 10
- ◆ Parish Project Update Newsletter posted, July 2018
- ◆ Annual Church Raffle to fund Bell Tower critical repairs underway, June 3
- ◆ The schedule for 2018 Upcoming Events posted

#### **Outreach**

- ◆ **Annual School Supply Drive begins this week**
- ◆ St. Emery meets Bishop's 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) goals
- ◆ The schedule for 2018 Outreach projects posted

#### **Home Page - Website links**

- ◆ A link to the Parish Facebook page
- ◆ A link to On-Line Giving through OSV
- ◆ A link to the Diocesan website
- ◆ Weekly Bulletin postings

#### **Parish Facebook - Daily Mass**

Mass is recorded and streams daily on our Parish Facebook Page in addition to many other Church events and postings. Click-on the **Facebook** icon on the website *Home Page* sidebar

#### **Volunteers Needed**

Our parish is in need of volunteers to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at the 4:30 PM Mass on Saturdays. Training will be provided. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office.

We are also in need of a few volunteers to be Lector at the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

The Faith Formation program needs one more catechist to begin our sessions this Fall. If you can help us out from 10:00—11:00 AM on Sunday mornings, please contact the parish office. All materials and training will be provided.





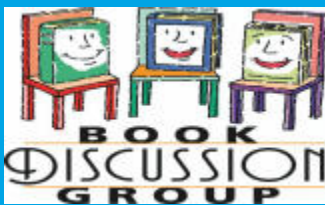
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**This week's Gospel in the home**

In today's Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd's blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as "I am," as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself.



We will gather on **Saturday, September 15, 10:30 AM** in the rectory for our discussion on "*Apostle to the Exiled: St. Damien of Molokai.*"

Please RSVP to the parish office by September 10 to let us know if you will join us.



RCIA  
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you have:

- ◇ Never been baptized
- ◇ Been baptized but never received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist or Confirmation

This is the process for you.

Weekly reading plus a few meetings

Contact the Parish Office for more information



Please consider supporting our parish by joining one of our many ministries.....

- \* Music Ministry
- \* Faith Formation
- \* Ladies Guild
- \* Men's Group
- \* Parish Outreach
- \* Social Committee
- \* Liturgical Ministry
- \* Parish Council
- \* Prayer Group

It takes many hands to help our parish grow.

Contact the parish office to see how you can volunteer.

**VIRTUS Training required for all volunteers.**

**Choir News**

Choir is on Summer break and will gather again in September. All voices high school age and older are welcome to join, and anyone interested should contact Music Director Mary Rose Garych after Mass or at **203-981-4790** or **[mriwg@optonline.net](mailto:mriwg@optonline.net)**. No musical training required but all must have a love of singing! We are looking to expand the music ministry and always welcome new members.

***Please contact Mary Rose about our new children's choir!***



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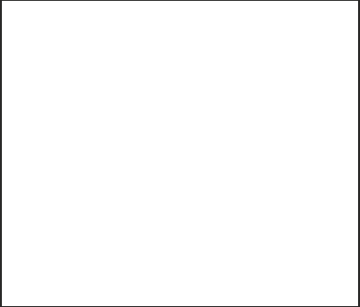
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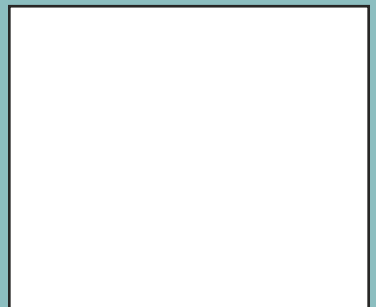


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