

SAINT EMERY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

(St. Stephen of Hungary, Bridgeport, CT 1897-1971)
Szent Imre Romai Katolikus Templom

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.

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

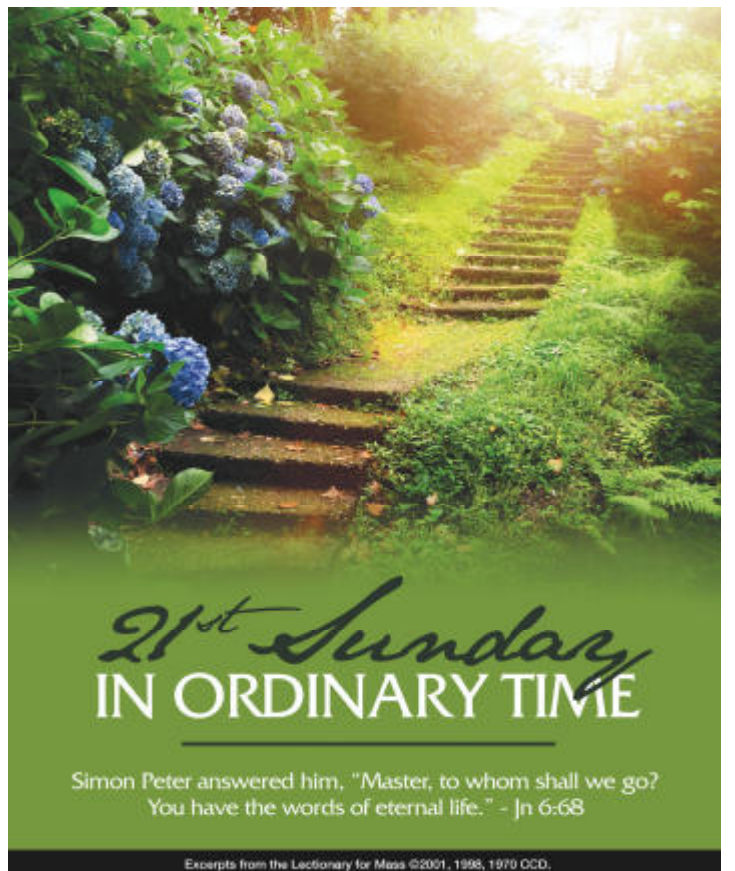
Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for pastoral visits and Communion calls to the sick. Emergency sick calls are made at any time.

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Fax (Office) 203-579-9423

Email: stemery@optimum.net
Faith Formation Email: stemery2@optimum.net
Website: www.stemerys.com



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



838 Kings Highway East
Fairfield, Connecticut 06825-5418

Mass INTENTIONS

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 26, 2018

Saturday, Aug. 25—Ordinary Weekday

4:30 PM Cecilia Stepkovitch (2nd Anniv) rb Bernice Felinski

Sunday, Aug. 26—21ST Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Anthony Zadrovicz rb Janet & Steve Butchko

Monday, Aug. 27—St. Monica

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

Tuesday, Aug. 28—St. Augustine

8:00 AM Bernice Kearney Abergast rb Paul, Ann, Kate & Sara Adriani

Wednesday, Aug. 29—Ordinary Weekday

8:00 AM For government leaders rb Justina Psenicnik

Thursday, Aug. 30—Ordinary Weekday

8:00 AM Intentions of Victoria Lippolis rb Family

Friday, Aug. 31—Ordinary Weekday

NO MASS

Saturday, Sept 1—Ordinary Weekday

4:30 PM Elizabeth Hasak rb husband, James

Sunday, Sep 2—22ND Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Samuel Rotolo rb wife, Beverly

11:00 AM Paula Sacchineli rb Charles & Zdenka Krasznai



ETERNAL LIGHT

This week our eternal light burns brightly in memory of the deceased members of St. Emery Parish.

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.

Offertory Collection August 18-19, 2018

Total of All Masses	\$ 835.00
Loose All Masses	\$ 164.00
Via Mail	\$ 568.00
Total Offerings	\$ 1567.00
Other Collections	\$ 55.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$ 288.00
Faith Formation	\$ 75.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 360.00
Donation from K of C	\$ 400.00
Candles	\$ 210.00
Total Other Collections	\$ 1388.00
Total Collections	\$ 2955.00

Special Collection next weekend

This collection will be for Catholic University of America. Please be as generous as your means allows.



Lector/Eucharistic Minister Schedule September 1/2, 2018

4:30 PM Erika Andrasi—Lector
John Richter/John Lazowski/
Jeannie Bisson—EME

10:00 AM Kathy Sherwood—Lector
John Lazowski/Jeannie Bisson/
Cathy Pavlowski—EME

August 26, 2018
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

"This saying is hard; who can accept it?" The words of Jesus' disciples in today's Gospel must sound familiar. At some point in our lives, you and I have said it about some article of our faith. Christianity makes firm demands on our ethical behavior and gives no easy answers for suffering. Many disciples were confused and dismayed by Jesus' words in the Bread of Life Discourse. Not all of them, however, had the same reaction.

When the disciples question Jesus' teaching, he confirms its truth. "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life." For some, Jesus' reassurance was not enough. These disciples do not question Jesus further or wrestle with their lack of understanding. The mighty deeds Jesus has done fade to the background. "Many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." For them, their doubt proves too much.

Jesus turns to the Twelve, knowing that confusion lives in their hearts as well. Peter answers. "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Notice this is not a confession of perfect understanding. It is a confession of faith in Jesus. The precise words may still confuse them, but they believe the One who said them.

In our own lives, we face doubt, confusion, and disillusionment in our Christian faith. The same choice available to the disciples is available to us. Do you have faith in Jesus, even when you lack perfect understanding? Will you stay or will you go? What do you do with your doubt?

Readings for the Week of August 26, 2018

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5 [3]/Mt 23:13-22

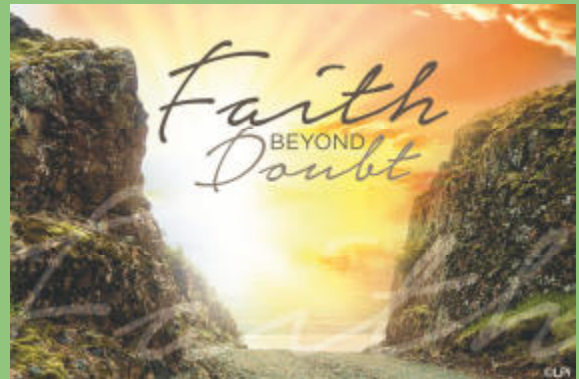
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mk 6:17-29

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 [12]/Mt 25:14-30



Saint Emery Parish Pastoral Staff

Pastor

Rev. Milan Dimic

Deacon

Rudolph P. Trankovich

Parish Council President

Mr. Hobert Summers

Finance Committee Chairperson

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

ANNOUNCEMENT 

We are happy to announce that St. Emery Parish has received a grant from the Saint John Paul II Fund for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry. This is the first time that the Diocese has offered this grant program which must be used to enhance parish Faith Formation programs and Youth Ministry.

Our parish received \$2,400 which will be used to purchase and install a media center in our Parish Hall. This media center will be used to present special programs for Adult Formation, Family Faith Formation, as well as for our weekly program for the children in our parish.

As soon as the equipment has been installed, our first Adult Formation event will be scheduled.

We are grateful to the Diocesan committee for considering our parish proposal and including St. Emery's as one of the first parishes to receive this grant.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

St. Emery Prayer Group

Summer break, will resume in September.

Benediction and Adoration

September 2, 11:00 AM

September 8, 4:30 PM

September 16, 9:00 AM



St. Emery's School Supply Drive

Thank you to all who so generously donated to this outreach project. All your donations will be delivered to St. Ann's Academy in Bridgeport.



Parish Council Meeting

Monday, September 10, 2018

In the Church Hall



SAVE THE DATE!

Pasta Dinner

Saturday, September 29

after the 4:30 PM Mass

More information to follow!

ST. EMERY WEEKLY BULLETIN

August 26, 2018

THE PARISH WEBSITE (www.stemerys.com)

News/Events

- ◆ St. Emery Annual Concert video and photographs posted
- ◆ Parish Project Update Newsletter posted, July 2018
- ◆ The schedule for 2018 Upcoming Events posted

Outreach

- ◆ St. Emery School Supply Drive underway
- ◆ 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
- ◆ A link to the Religious Education Facebook
- ◆ 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.

discovering Christ

a seven-week experience

Mondays 6:30pm, September 24,

October 1, 8, 15, 29, November 5

Retreat Day Saturday, October 20

St. Pius Parish

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ask.

seek.

knock.

**Curious About the Meaning of Your Life?
Seek Answers at Discovering Christ**

Registration is for the six Monday night sessions and the Saturday retreat. It is important to attend the whole program. There is no charge.

Please Register at holyfamilysrc.com/christlife

For information please email ChristLifeffd@gmail.com



"Blessing of the Backpacks"
Sunday, September 9
9:00 AM Mass

Religious Education classes will begin on Sunday, September 9, 2018. We will begin at the 9:00 AM Mass with the "Blessing of the Backpacks!"

All students are invited to bring their backpacks to Mass and place them in front of the altar. Father Milan will bless the backpacks following the homily and each Student will be given a tag to attach to their backpack along with a special back to school gift.

Please join us for this special event!

Register now for Faith Formation Class!

All children grades Kindergarten through eight are invited to register for Religious Education classes. Our classes take place on Sunday morning, beginning September 9, following the 9:00 AM Mass. Books and supplies need to be ordered, so please register as soon as possible so that your child is able to begin on the first day of this year's program.

If you would like to register, please contact the parish office.

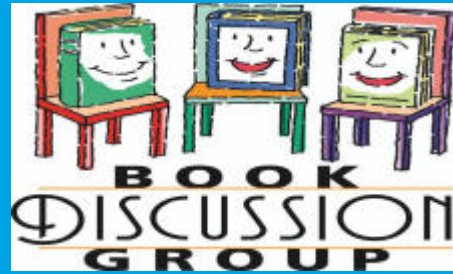
Our Parish has an App for your phone!

This App is updated weekly with all upcoming events, Scripture readings for the week, Sunday Gospel reflections and Faith Formation information. Cards on how to get this free App are at the church entrances.

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**. 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!



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.

Refreshments will be served

***Come Celebrate
our 100th Year Anniversary!***

The Wallingford Hungarian Club's

**Sunday, September 16, 2018
12 to 5 PM,**

*Enjoy authentic Hungarian food:
Gulyas, Pecsénye, Kolbasz, Fish
Soup, Bacon on Skewers, Fried Dough
and Hot Dogs.*

***Good Food....
Good Company!***

More to come....

**Saturday, October 6, 2018
Join us for our 100th Year Anniversary Festive Gala!**

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