

SAINT EMERY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

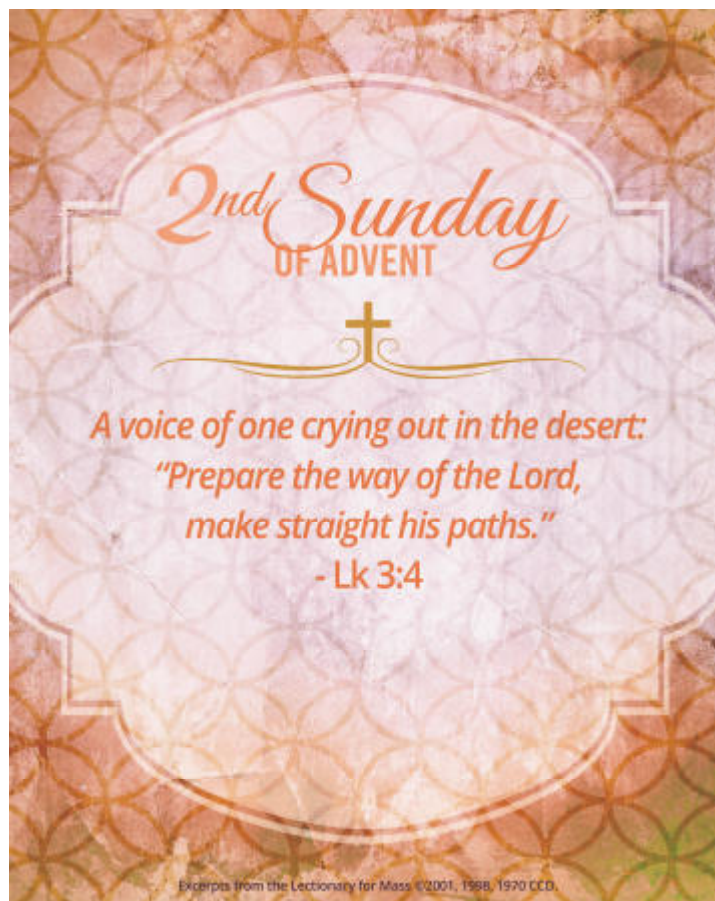
PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

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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Email: stemery@optimum.net
Faith Formation Email: stemery2@optimum.net
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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



Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018

Saturday, Dec. 8—Feast of the Immaculate Conception

10:00 AM For the parishioners of St. Emery (Holy Day)
 4:30 PM Chester Stepkovitch (14th Anniv) rb Bernice Felinski

Sunday, Dec. 9—Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Marion F. Laska rb son, Edward Laska
 11:00 AM Special Intention rb Justina Psenicnik

Monday, Dec. 10—Advent Weekday

8:00 AM Living & deceased of the Visinski Family

Tuesday, Dec. 11—Advent Weekday

8:00 AM Special Intention rb Justina Psenicnik

Wednesday, Dec. 12—Advent Weekday

8:00 AM Judge Dan Caruso rb Dr. Patricia Richard

Thursday, Dec. 13—Advent Weekday

8:00 AM For improved health rb Justina Psenicnik

Friday, Dec. 14—Advent Weekday

NO MASS

Saturday, Dec. 15—Advent Weekday

4:30 PM John (Brent) Tvarzik rb Joan Lasprogatto

Sunday, Dec. 16—Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Julia Ungvarski rb Peter Ungvarski
 11:00 AM Anna Biagiarelli rb Lisa Biagiarelli



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, Terri Wasilewski, Kevin Leary, Maria Santos, Fr. Stephen Balint, Gary Dicso, Suzanne Barnum, Helen Kautzner, Tanner Clavarino, Elizabeth Jando, Doris Estock, Dorothy Rouleau, Sherry DeSabella and Ralph Fisco. If you have someone that you would like included in our prayers, please contact the rectory at 203-334-0312.

Offertory Collection **December 1-2, 2018**

Total of All Masses	\$ 934.00
Loose All Masses	\$ 181.00
Via Mail	\$ 168.00
<u>Total Offerings</u>	<u>\$ 1283.00</u>
Other Donations	\$ 34.00
Memorial donations	\$ 200.00
Monthly	\$ 645.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 381.00
<u>Total Other Collections</u>	<u>\$ 270.00</u>
<u>Total Collections</u>	<u>\$ 2553.00</u>



Reader Schedule
December 15-16

4:30 PM Erica Andrassi—Reader
9:00 AM Kathy Sherwood—Reader
11:00 AM Cathy Pavlowski—Reader

DIOCESAN COLLECTION
 will be taken
 this weekend.



Please be as generous as your means allows.

December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent

"In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar...and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee...and Lysanias was tetrarch of..." Did you need to pinch yourself awake during the first few lines of this Sunday's Gospel? John the Baptist received quite a prelude today as Luke described the religious and political leadership of the time period. Scripture is divinely inspired, and we believe that everything that made it into the Bible is there for a reason. These lines remind us of an important truth. The Christmas story isn't a fairy tale or nursery rhyme. It's not a parable we say to give meaning to the holiday. At Christmas, God's presence is made tangible in a precise moment in time. The birth of Christ is a historical event. As precursor to Jesus' preaching, the ministry of John the Baptist is also a historical event.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John's call to repentance and the forgiveness of sins happened in a particular time and place. But that does not mean it is limited to first century Palestine! God continues to move in our daily lives. What we hear in today's Gospel - and what we anticipate at Christmas - occurs in our daily lives. God works in concrete ways in time and space. He did that 2,000 years ago, and He continues to do so today!

This Sunday, examine your own Christmas preparations. Is there anything you need to repent of before the Christmas season? Are there low points in your life, valleys to "be filled" by the love of God? Are their mountainous obstacles in your spiritual life? How can they be "made low"? Are you making decisions that have moved you away from God? This Advent season is the time for them to "be made straight and ? made smooth." Prepare the way in your heart for Christ today!

Readings for the Week of December 9, 2018

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13



Saint Emery Parish Pastoral Staff

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Rev. Milan Dimic

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Mr. Carroll Fencil

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Ms. Jeanne Bisson

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Mrs. Cheryl Camillo

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Mrs. Karen Adams
Mr. Robert P. Kavasansky,

Music Director-Organist
Miss Mary Rose Garych

Choir News

Our choir is looking for new members. 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.



***Adult choir rehearsals are held
Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM please join us!***

PARISH ACTIVITIES

St. Emery Prayer Group

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 12, you can join us in the rectory or contact the parish office to join us from home.

Benediction and Adoration

December 9, 9:00 AM
December 16, 11:00 AM
January 5, 4:30 PM



DECEMBER



Birthdays

Day

9 Frank Polke
10 Margot Goana
10 Zolton Toth
11 Karen Adams

May God bless you on your special day!

NEW LITURGICAL NORMS

Congregation

Genuflect or bow before you enter the pew. We acknowledge the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle when we make this gesture.

Altar Servers

When you move from one side of the altar to the other, bow in front of the altar. We no longer walk behind the altar.

Readers

When it is time for you to approach the ambo for the readings, walk directly to the ambo. We no longer bow toward the tabernacle before the readings.

Eucharistic Ministers

When we resume the sharing of the cup, all ministers should sit in the first pew directly in front of the ambo.

ST. EMERY WEEKLY BULLETIN

December 9, 2018

THE PARISH WEBSITE (www.stemerys.com)

News/Events

- Diocese Revised Liturgical Norms posted, Dec. 2
- Christmas Cookie Walk posted, Dec. 8-9
- Ziti and Meatball Dinner photos posted, Sept. 29
- St. Emery Feast Day photos posted, Nov. 4
- St. Emery receives Saint John Paul II Award announcement
- Financial Report for Fiscal-year 2018 posted
- The schedule for 2018 Upcoming Events posted

Outreach

- Christmas Giving Tree posted, Dec. 1-14
- St. Emery 2018 Annual Collection details posted
- The schedule for 2018 Outreach projects posted

Home Page - Website links

- Invitation to sign up to: BestAdventEver.com
- 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.



COOKIE WALK

This weekend in the parish hall

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1:00-6:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 10:00 PM—12:00 PM

Raffle tickets will be available for some beautiful handmade items.



THEME FOR OUR CATECHETICAL YEAR



Faith Formation at Home

Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist told people Jesus was coming to save them. He shared the Good News of Jesus, and we should, too. John gave hope to people. He was not afraid to talk about Jesus' coming and to encourage people to turn away from sin.

Question of the week

In what ways can you share Jesus with others?

In Church....

Share the Sign of Peace or a smile with someone you don't know.

Family Prayer

Lord, help us to recognize what hurts your heart and have the courage to change it. Amen



Light two candles on your Advent wreath this week!



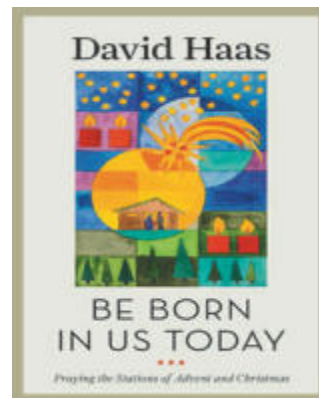
Please place your donation under the tree in the church vestibule by December 16, 2018.

We will gather on Monday, December 17, 10:30 AM in the rectory to assemble the bags for Blessed Sacrament Church. Please call the parish office if you can volunteer to help with this project.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM

The museum is displaying artistic representations of the birth of Jesus at the center of its Christmas exhibition. The show, *Christmas in Poland*, will be on view until February 3, 2019. The exhibition features more than 100 items, some from the museum's own collection. Highlights include: Szopki from Krakow, hand carved wooden creches and traditional Polish clothing.

The KofC museum is open daily, 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM with free admission and parking, and is located at 1 State Street, New Haven, CT.



Thank You

To:

Our Readers: Laureen Pekar, Sue Gulyas and Rob Adriani

Our Music Ministry: Mary Rose Garych, the St. Emery Choir, and our guest choir members

Fr. Milan for operating the power point and Michael Kender who maintained our candle light display.

To all who joined us for this prayerful event, we are grateful for your support of our parish. We welcomed the Advent season with prayer and reflection.

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