

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.

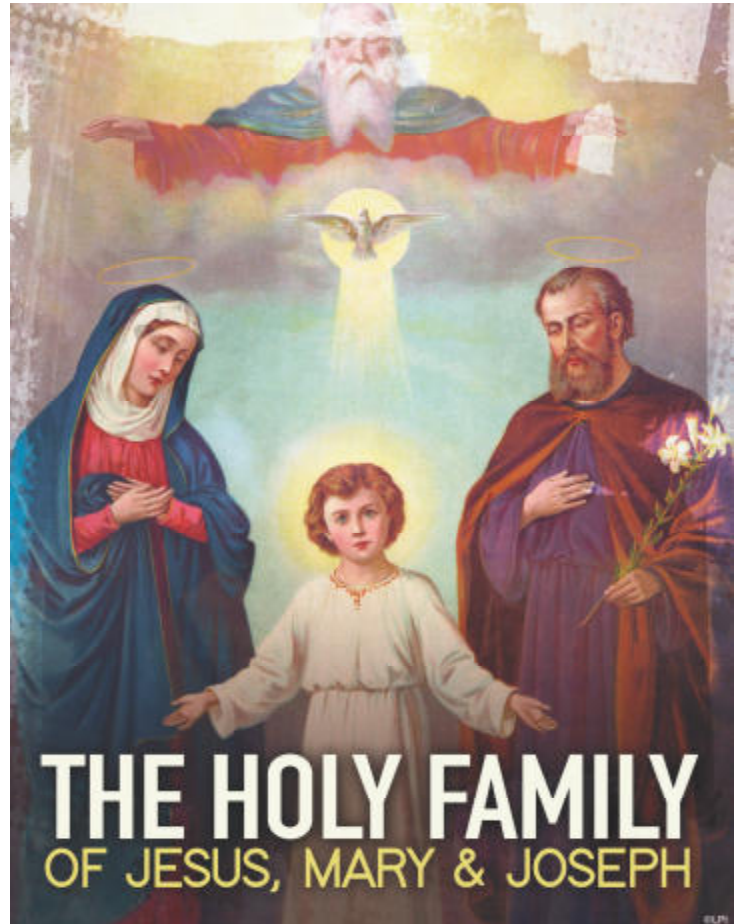
PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

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.

Parish Office 203-334-0312
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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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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 30, 2018

Saturday, Dec. 29—5th Day within the Octave of Christmas

4:30 PM For the parishioners of St. Emery

Sunday, Dec. 30—Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

9:00 AM Moran & Bell Families rb Theresa Bell

11:00 AM For the parishioners of St. Emery

Monday, Dec. 31—7th day within the Octave of Christmas

4:30 PM Living and deceased of the Visinski Family

Tuesday, Jan. 1—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

11:00 AM Janice Laska Henry rb Edward Laska

Wednesday, Jan. 2— Sts. Basil and Gregory

8:00 AM Special intention for Stefani Psenicnik rb mother

Thursday, Jan. 3— Christmas Weekday

8:00 AM Deceased family and friends of Irene Toth

Friday, Jan. 4— St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

NO MASS

Saturday, Jan. 5—St. John Bosco

4:30 PM Fr. Robert Nemeth rb David Danko

Sunday, Jan. 6—The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 AM Fr. Robert Nemeth rb Edward Laska

11:00 AM Lawrence Rybicki rb Zdenka Kraszna



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, Fr. Stephen Balint, Gary Dicso, Suzanne Barnum, Helen Kautzner, Elizabeth Jando, Dorothy Rouleau, 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 15-16, 2018**

Total of All Masses	\$ 918.00
Loose All Masses	\$ 260.00
Via Mail	\$ 205.00
Total Offerings	\$ 1383.00
Other Donations	\$ 75.00
Fuel	\$ 487.00
Annual Appeal	\$ 450.00
Total Other Collections	\$ 1012.00
Total Collections	\$ 2395.00

Thank You for your generosity!



Reader Schedule
January 5-6

4:30 PM	Susan Gulyas—Reader
9:00 AM	Ed Laska—Reader
11:00 AM	Cathy Pavlowski—Reader

*Happy
New Year*

December 30, 2018
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

"After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers." As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, this Gospel exposes us to a strange tension. While this family is one we can look to for an example, they are not quite the same family unit as everyone else. There is an otherness to Jesus, something profound. And yet, perhaps on second thought, are our families so different?

When Mary and Joseph encountered Jesus in the temple, "they were astonished." But at what? Mary's response is surprised. They're not astonished that Jesus is preaching in a place for respected teachers. They're not astonished that their son has captured the attention of the wisest men of the time period. They're astonished at his seemingly disobedient behavior! "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." All our children have an "otherness" about them, something that makes them unique and different. They are distinctly not "me." What will our own children become? What temple will they wander off to? Who will they astound?

Readings for the Week of December 30, 2018

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34
Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51



Saint Emery Parish Pastoral Staff

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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, January 9, you can join us in the rectory or contact the parish office to join us from home.

Benediction and Adoration

January 5, 4:30 PM

January 13, 9:00 AM

January 20, 11:00 AM



Day

1 John Correa

May God bless you on your special day!

If your birthday has not been listed, please contact the parish office to update your records.

ST. EMERY WEEKLY BULLETIN December 30, 2018

THE PARISH WEBSITE (www.stemerys.com) News/Events

- Christmas Cookie Walk photos posted, Dec. 8-9
- Advent celebration photos posted, Dec. 2
- St. Emery Feast Day photos posted, Nov. 4

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.



To all who gave to our Christmas Giving Tree.

To the ladies and Fr. Milan who helped assemble the bags for Blessed Sacrament Church.

To Colleen Kearney who delivered all the gifts to Blessed Sacrament.



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THEME FOR OUR CATECHETICAL YEAR



Faith Formation at Home
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Christmas is an exciting time! We celebrate the birth of Jesus, and imagine how happy Mary and Joseph were to have a new baby in their family!

In church

Spend some time in front of the Nativity scene. Do you see Mary, Joseph and Jesus? Imagine that you were there. How happy would you be for this new little family?

Question of the week

How can you share Mary and Joseph's happiness with others?

Family Prayer

Lord, help us to be as loving to you as Mary and Joseph were. Not only at Christmas, but every day. Amen.

After Christmas.....

keep Jesus in your heart.....

Feed the hungry,
Clothe the naked,
Forgive those who have hurt you,
Welcome the unwanted,
Care for the ill,
Love your enemies,
And do to others
as you would have done to you.

~Steve Maraboli

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

New Year's Eve

Monday, December 31
4:30 P.M.

New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 1, 2019
11:00 AM



Everyday Stewardship

Do you practice good stewardship with your family? Stewardship is about more than offerings to a church or charity. It is about continually giving of ourselves in a way that gives glory to God. Sharing our gifts with those in our immediate family honors God and is evidence of your gratitude for these people in your life.

How can we effectively accomplish this? One way is to reflect on how the 6 characteristics of an Everyday Steward are present in our family relationships. Are we mindful when we are with our family members? Do we focus on them and their needs rather than our phone or TV? Do we hold up our family in prayer? Their concerns should be our concerns. Do we find ways to show how grateful we are for having them in our lives?

When we find ourselves lacking in gratitude, we should reflect on what life would be like without them. Do we help one another without being asked because we have a gracious heart? It is easy to take for granted those we see all the time. Hospitality is not just for the stranger or guest. Are we committed to a life of stewardship that not only serves as a good example, but also helps our relatives thrive? Using our gifts without wisdom might mean we have little to give to those we love. Finally, do we hold each other accountable for our decisions and shortcomings?

We are on the journey of life together, and no one exists in the Body of Christ alone. Stewardship is about the entirety of our lives. Our faith life is not reserved to Mass on a Sunday. It all begins and ends with those we love.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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