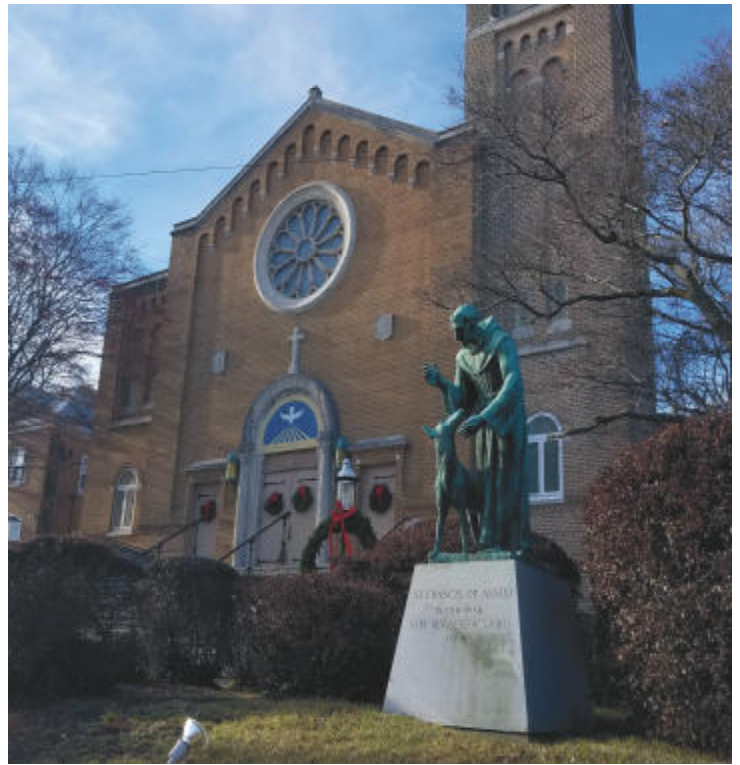


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RECONCILIATION

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.

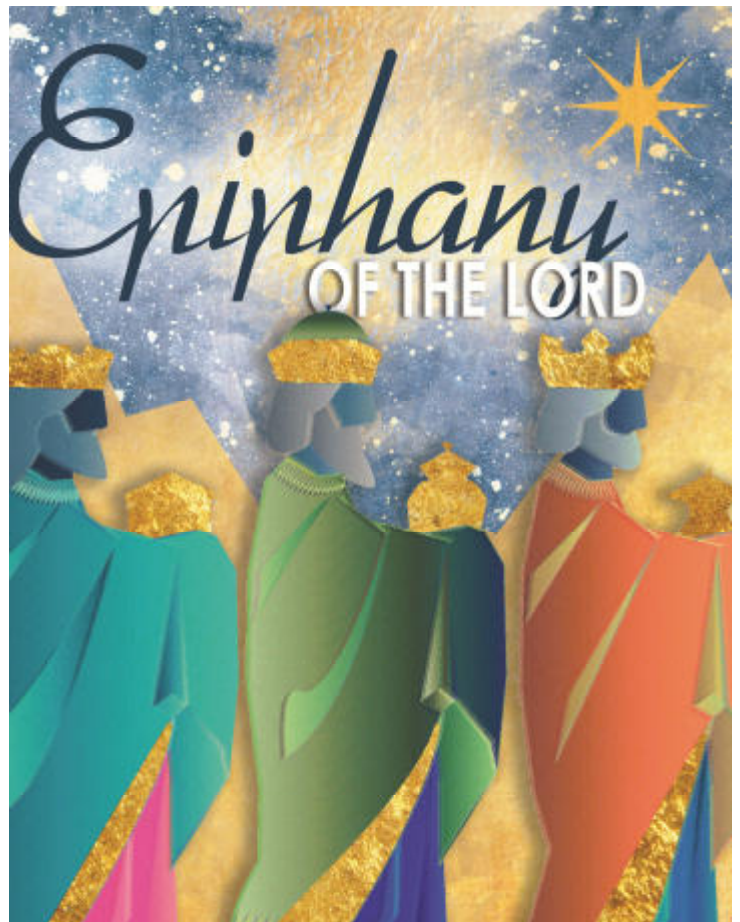
PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

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



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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2019

Saturday, Jan. 5—St. John Neumann, Bishop

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 Krasznaï

Monday, Jan. 7—Christmas Weekday

4:30 PM Lawrence Rybicki rb Zdenka Krasznaï

Tuesday, Jan. 8—Christmas Weekday

11:00 AM Lawrence Rybicki rb Zdenka Krasznaï

Wednesday, Jan. 9—Christmas Weekday

8:00 AM Lawrence Rybicki rb Zdenka Krasznaï

Thursday, Jan. 10—Christmas Weekday

8:00 AM Lawrence Rybicki rb Zdenka Krasznaï

Friday, Jan. 11—Christmas Weekday

NO MASS

Saturday, Jan. 12—Christmas Weekday

4:30 PM Roger Legare rb Nick & Lauren Pekar

Sunday, Jan. 13—

9:00 AM Fr. Robert Nemeth rb John Lazowski

11:00 AM Deceased family and friends of Irene Toth



ETERNAL LIGHT

This week our eternal light burns brightly in memory of Phillip Felinski & Charlene Duckworth as requested by Bernice Felinski.

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 22-23,25, 2018

Total of All Masses	\$ 1478.00
Loose All Masses	\$ 317.00
Via Mail	\$ 494.00
Total Offerings	\$ 2289.00
Other Donations	\$ 155.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 160.00
Annual Appeal	\$ 200.00
Christmas	\$ 3564.00
Total Other Collections	\$ 4079.00
Total Collections	\$ 6368.00

Offertory Collection December 29-30, 2018

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Thank You for your generosity!

Reader Schedule

January 12-13

4:30 PM	Erica Andrassy—Reader
9:00 AM	Lauren Pekar —Reader
11:00 AM	Cathy Pavlowski—Reader



January 6, 2019
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

"Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." How strange to journey so far for perhaps so little. Of course the magi go to the capitol city. Of course they entreat with King Herod. Of course this is where they expect newborn royalty to be. But where is the child? "In Bethlehem of Judea," the scribes say. And so the magi go on to what is yet another Christmas miracle.

We don't know where the magi met the Christ Child, but it cannot have been lavish. Perhaps it was the stable. Perhaps it was a small hovel Joseph had found to wait out the census. But it would have been the home of a laborer, worn and threadbare. Here, in this unassuming abode, the magi are still "overjoyed...they prostrated themselves and did him homage."

Have you ever gotten to the end of a great work and found the results to be underwhelming? How did you respond? Were you disappointed or elated at God's providence and your upended expectations? The magi journeyed hundreds of miles over treacherous terrain to pay homage to royalty they have seen prophesied in the stars. They encountered an ordinary family displaced from their home. This Sunday, the magi are an example for us. Can we see God in the unexpected? Do we encounter Him in the person who doesn't fit our expectations of propriety? Do we revere Christ's presence in the poor? Or do we expect to meet God only in places of honor and esteem? This week, ask God for the grace to honor Him in the unexpected places and unassuming people. He is waiting for you!

Readings for the Week of January 6, 2019

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

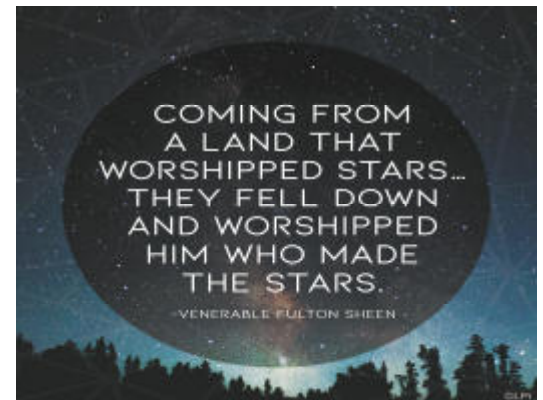
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30



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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

January 6, 2019

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

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THEME FOR OUR CATECHETICAL YEAR



Faith Formation at Home
The Epiphany of the Lord

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.

Everyday Stewardship

"The Story of the Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke was first published in 1895. It tells the fictional story of Artaban, a fourth wise man who began a journey to visit Jesus, the newborn King. Unlike his fellow Magi, he failed to make it there for the birth of Jesus because he kept pausing to help various people in need. In fact, it took him about 33 years of searching before his quest comes to an abrupt end when he is hit in the head with a falling roof shingle. His final breath takes place in Jerusalem near the place where Jesus is being crucified. As he lies dying, he hears the voice of Jesus telling him that the gifts he has given all along the way to "the least of these" he has actually given to Jesus himself.

If you have never read this story or seen the made-for-television movie based on the tale, you really should seek it out. It is a story that reminds us of a profound truth: Jesus himself rests in the lives of all those around us in need. In the story, it was the wise man's constant response to a stewardship call that prevented him from getting where he wanted to go. In the end, where he needed to go was more significant than where he thought he should go.

If we live lives of generosity and graciousness, we may find ourselves on constant detours from the road on which we are traveling. It is in the detours and the unexpected circumstances of our journey that often times we find our true purpose in life. We think God is somewhere we must travel to, when in reality, God is closer than we think in the least likely of places.

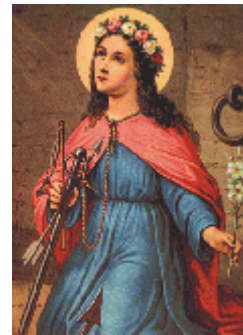
-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

BEGINNING SOON

ST. EMERY PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

The Rosary is a very powerful prayer and never in our world has there been a greater need for prayer. Our Blessed Mother begs us, particularly those with the knowledge and appreciation of the power of the Rosary, to pray everyday for peace, souls in purgatory, the intentions of the Holy Father, and for all those in need of God's mercy.

Each week our parishioners are invited to pray the rosary. A weekly calendar will be available for you to keep track of each rosary prayed. Pick a calendar up in the vestibule of the church and drop it in the collection basket the following weekend. We will keep a tally of all the rosaries prayed in our parish. Let's pray together as a parish to ask Mary to intercede for us.



St. Philomena, Patroness of the Living Rosary, pray for us!

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