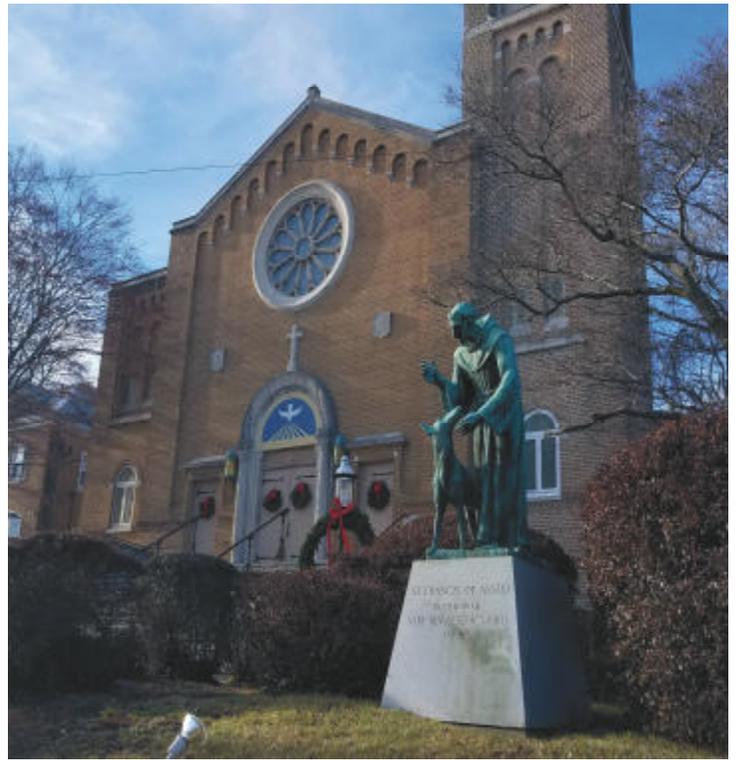


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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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.

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.

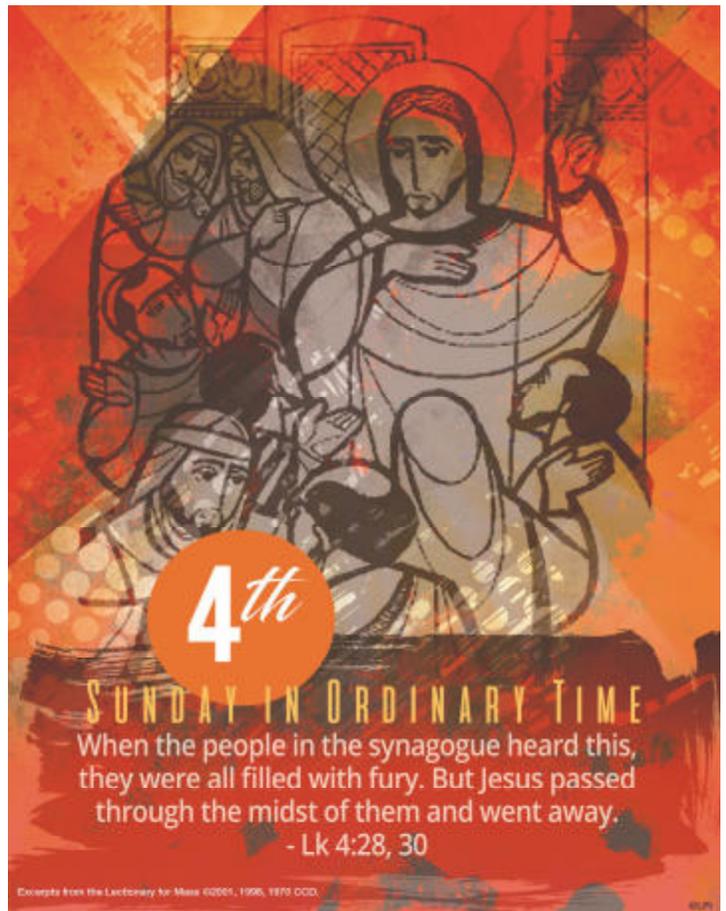
PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

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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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 2, 2019

Saturday, Jan. Feb. 2—Presentation of the Lord

4:30 PM Doris Estock rb John Lazowski

Sunday, Feb. 3—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Victor Topar rb daughters Marsha & Beverly

11:00 AM Arthur Morrison rb Bart Psenicnik

Monday, Feb. 4—Ordinary Weekday

8:00 AM Special Intention for Stefani Psenicnik

Tuesday, Feb. 5—St. Agatha

8:00 AM Living & deceased of the Visinski Family

Wednesday, Feb. 6—St. Paul Miki and Companions

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

Thursday, Feb. 7—Ordinary Weekday

8:00 AM MaryAnn Petrone rb sister, Catherine

Friday, Feb. 8—Ordinary Weekday

NO MASS

Saturday, Jan. Feb. 9—Ordinary Weekday

4:30 PM Mary Krozier rb The Correa Family

Sunday, Feb. 10—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM MaryAnn Petrone rb John Lazowski

11:00 AM Bart Psenicnik, Sr. rb wife, Justina



ETERNAL LIGHT

This week our eternal light burns brightly in honor of the parishioners of St. Emery.

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.

<u>Offertory Collection</u>	<u>January 26-27, 2019</u>
Total of All Masses	\$ 1255.00
Loose All Masses	\$ 206.00
Via Mail	\$ 150.00
<u>Total Offerings</u>	<u>\$ 1611.00</u>
Other Donations	\$ 117.00
Latin America	\$ 213.00
Monthly	\$ 105.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 10.00
<u>Total Other Collections</u>	<u>\$ 445.00</u>
<u>Total Collections</u>	<u>\$ 2056.00</u>

Thank You for your generosity!

PARISH ANNUAL APPEAL

Pledged: \$21,892.00
Expenses: 1,156.25

Net profit: \$20,735.75

Thank you for your generous support!

Reader Schedule
February 9-10

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



February 2, 2019
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel is one of tension and contradiction. We enter the scene at the local synagogue. It is near the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, and he has returned home to Nazareth for a short while. There, in the midst of the men who watched him grow up and who played with him as a boy in the dusty streets, Jesus proclaims that he is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of Isaiah. The response is understandably mixed. "All spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, 'Isn't this the son of Joseph?'"

Jesus reminds them - none too gently - of the Israelites' rejection of the prophets throughout history. Not only did the people ignore Elijah and Elisha, but they worked miracles among the pagans instead. Then comes the rage. "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong."

No one likes to be reminded of their own faults. In the deeply religious Jewish society, nobody wanted to be the unfaithful one. Jesus exposes the sins of the community, and it drives them not to conversion, but to rage. We can consider our own time. How often, when someone is contracted, do they quickly resort to anger, name-calling, and undermining the reputation of the other? How quickly we want to destroy! This Sunday, we ought to consider our own lives. Do we listen to the prophetic voices around us, even when they threaten to upturn our expectations? If we hear something difficult, something that reminds us of our own sin, do we accept the opportunity to prayerfully ponder? If we allow ourselves to be open to the prophetic voices in our own lives, we'll notice that God speaks through the unexpected, if we have ears to hear it.

Readings for the Week of February 2, 2019

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20

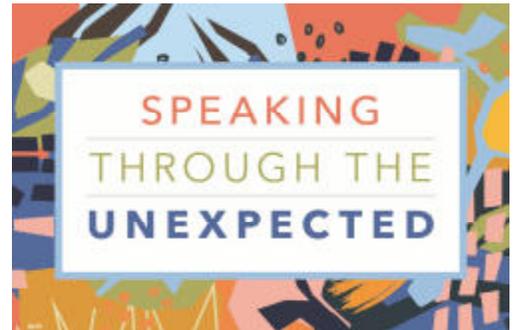
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32 [cf. 27b]/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34



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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, February 6, you can join us in the rectory or contact the parish office to join us from home.

Benediction and Adoration

February 2, 4:30 PM

February 10, 11:00 AM

February 17, 9:00 AM



ST. EMERY PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

Pick up a Parish Rosary Program card at one of the church doors, pray the rosary during the week, fill out the back of the card, and drop the card in the collection basket the following weekend. We will keep a tally of all the rosaries prayed in our parish.

Together, as a community, let us pray for peace in our world, in our loves, and for whatever special intentions we hold in our hearts.



St. Philomena, Patroness of the Living Rosary,

ST. EMERY FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Our Parish Council has voted to initiate a new parish ministry. We are looking for volunteers to help set up coffee and pastry on the third Sunday of every month following the 9:00 AM Mass, If we can get six teams of two people you will have a commitment of twice a year.

Our first event is scheduled for Sunday, February 17. If you are willing to help with this new parish endeavor to help promote our fellowship ministry, please sign the sheet in the church vestibule and let us know which month(s) you would like to volunteer to host.

Cost of coffee and pastry will be covered by the parish.

ST. EMERY WEEKLY BULLETIN

February 2, 2019

THE PARISH WEBSITE (www.stemerys.com)

News/Events

- Epiphany Mass photos posted, Jan. 6
- Christmas Cookie Walk photos posted, Dec. 8-9
- Advent celebration photos posted, Dec. 2
- St. Emery receives St. John Paul II Grant

Outreach

- St. Emery 2018 Annual Collection details posted
- 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.



Day

- 3 Anne Polke**
- 4 Domenick Mendez**
- 5 Vjollca Krasniqui**
- 6 A.J. Funicellio**

May God bless you on your special day!

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



THEME FOR OUR CATECHETICAL YEAR



Faith Formation at Home
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus is visiting his hometown. Although everyone is amazed at his teaching, they don't take him seriously because they have known him since he was a boy. When Jesus confronts them about what they are thinking, they become so angry that they force him to leave town.

In church

Listen carefully to the Homily during Mass. Practice praying attention to your priest or deacon as he speaks.

Question of the week

How difficult is it to listen to those closest to you, especially if they are trying to inform or correct you?

Family Prayer

Jesus, help us to be humble enough to listen when we are corrected by people who care about us. Help us to remember that they are looking out for our good. Amen

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

WEEKS 1 & 2

298 ROSARIES

HAVE BEEN OFFERED

Everyday Stewardship

Remember that time when you arrived at school to take a test or quiz on material you failed to read? Maybe it was on a classic book or a chapter in a science textbook. Did your blood pressure go sky high and the sweat start to show on your forehead? Squirming in the seat, you wondered what you could have done to avoid feeling this way. Then it came to you: you should have read what you were supposed to read!

Procrastination, indifference, poor scheduling of time, and stubbornness are all reasons why we fail to be prepared for a situation that arises in our lives. We lack commitment in doing what we are asked to do or what we know we should do. This is certainly true in our spiritual lives as well. We may choose to bear the label of disciple or good steward, but we don't really prepare ourselves for the daily journey of life.

Sacred Scripture can prepare us more fully for the circumstances of life, but not if we fail to read it. The words contained there are Spirit and life for us. They help us to understand where we fit into the Body of Christ and how we are to respond to the daily call of Christ. Everyday Stewards should be committed to reading and reflection of the Word of God. We know we should spend time with God's Word, but too often we fail to do so due to the same reasons already mentioned. When we failed to read in school, perhaps we failed the test and it hurt our grade. When we fail in life due to lack of preparedness, sometimes the consequences are more severe.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES
AND
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019**

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH
UNION AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT**

All, especially the sick, the frail and the handicapped are invited to celebrate this special day.

Mass will be celebrated and the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered. Refreshments will follow.

Welcome begins at 2:30 PM
Mass celebrated at 3:00 PM

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