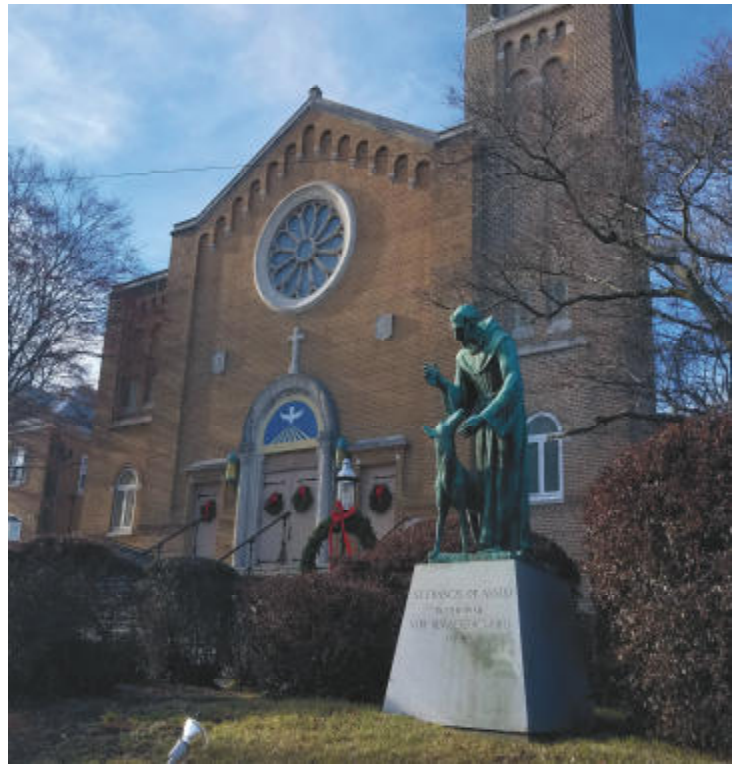


# SAINT EMERY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

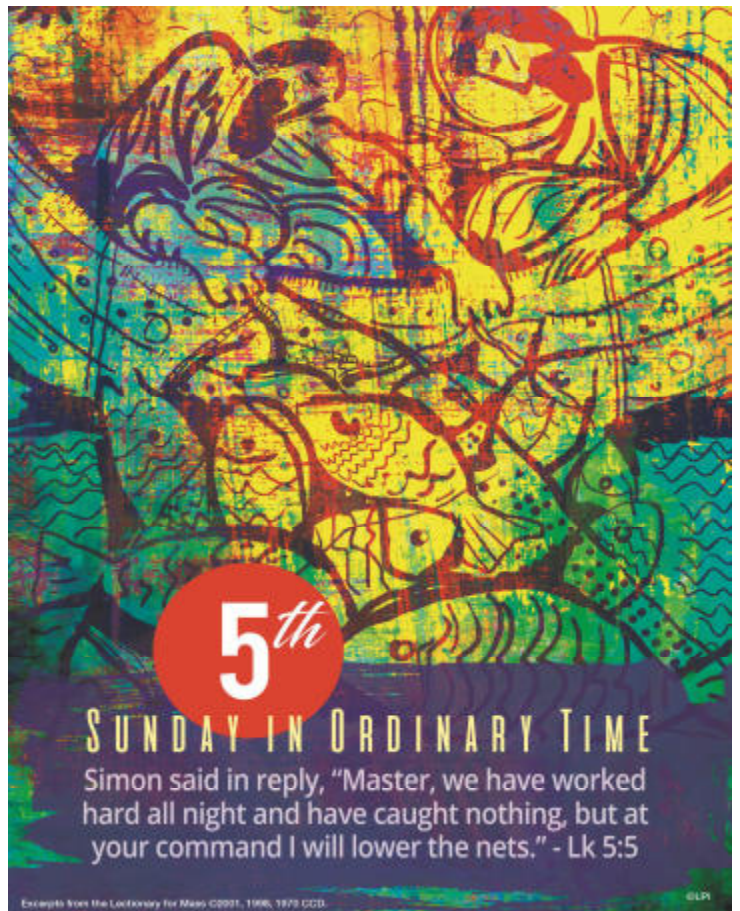
## PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

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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Fax (Office) 203-579-9423

**Email: [stemery@optimum.net](mailto:stemery@optimum.net)**  
Faith Formation Email: [stemery2@optimum.net](mailto:stemery2@optimum.net)  
Website: [www.stemerys.com](http://www.stemerys.com)

LITURGICAL LIFE  
EUCHARISTIC LITURGY (MASS)  
Saturday Evening (Vigil) 4:30PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM  
Daily - Monday to Thursday 8:00 AM



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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 10, 2019**

**Saturday, 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

**Monday, Feb. 11—Ordinary Weekday**

8:00 AM Living & deceased of the Visinski Family

**Tuesday, Feb. 12—Ordinary Weekday**

8:00 AM Special intention for Stefani Psenicnik

**Wednesday, Feb. 13—Ordinary Weekday**

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

**Thursday, Feb. 14—Sts. Cyril & Methodius**

8:00 AM Thomas Kenny rb Terry & Theresa Bell

**Friday, Feb. 15—Ordinary Weekday**

NO MASS

**Saturday, Feb. 16—Ordinary Weekday**

4:30 PM John R. Danko rb David Danko

**Sunday, Feb. 17—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM Debra Topar-Rosenfeld rb sisters Beverly & Marsha

11:00 AM Charles Schaaf, Jr. rb Veronica Adriani & family



**ETERNAL LIGHT**

This week our eternal light burns brightly in memory of Kathy LaCroix as requested by the LaCroix Family.

**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**

**February 2-3, 2019**

Total of All Masses	\$ 1045.00
Loose All Masses	\$ 185.00
Via Mail	\$ 360.00
<b>Total Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 1590.00</b>
Other Donations	\$ 33.00
Monthly	\$ 716.00
<b>Total Other Collections</b>	<b>\$ 749.00</b>
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$ 2339.00</b>

*Thank You for your generosity!*

**PARISH ANNUAL APPEAL**

<b>Pledged:</b>	<b>\$21,892.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>1,156.25</b>
<b>Net profit:</b>	<b>\$20,735.75</b>

*Thank you for your generous support!*

**Reader Schedule**

**February 16-17**

<b>4:30 PM</b>	Erica Andrasi—Reader
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Kathy Sherwood —Reader
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Jeannie Bisson—Reader



**February 10, 2019**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Do you have enough? Many of us come from a nation of material abundance. We have all the things we could possibly need not only to survive, but to thrive - food, shelter, mental ability, income, access to medical care. Most people in human history lived with far less than we. So why are we so dissatisfied? Some Christians can be drawn to the "prosperity Gospel." This is the idea that following God will bring us material abundance in this life.

That surely seems to be the story of today's Gospel! Peter and his friends chose - with some faith - to put out their nets a final time at Jesus' command. "They caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking." What gift! What abundance! What prosperity! Peter and his friends caught more fish than they'd ever seen. Yet what is their response to this material abundance, this gift from God? They leave it behind. "When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him."

Praying for God to meet our physical, material needs is not a bad thing! Jesus himself includes "give us this day our daily bread" in the prayer he teaches his disciples. The question is, how do we respond when our prayers are answered? Do we thank God briefly, or perhaps ignore Him completely and move on with our lives? Or do we respond as Peter did? "God? You showed up in an area that has no bearing on my eternal salvation. You gave me a gift I didn't even really need. You love me! You really do love me." Is our gratitude only surface level? Or do we allow ourselves, like Peter did, to respond with wonder, awe, and deeper discipleship?

**Readings for the Week of February 10, 2019**

**Monday:** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10



**Saint Emery Parish Pastoral Staff**

Pastor

Rev. Milan Dimic

Deacon

Rudolph P. Trankovich

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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

**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](mailto: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 20, you can join us in the rectory or contact the parish office to join us from home.

### Benediction and Adoration

February 9, 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,

## PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

WEEKS 1 through 3

441 ROSARIES HAVE BEEN OFFERED

### St. Rose Women's Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 9, 2019. 8:00 AM—4:00 PM. Registration fee \$25. Please contact Cate Gosselin 203-426-2333, Ext 1 to register or for more details. Make checks payable to St. Rose Church, attention Women's Retreat, 38 Church Hill Road, Newtown, CT 06470.

## ST. EMERY WEEKLY BULLETIN

February 10, 2019

### THE PARISH WEBSITE ([www.stemerys.com](http://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

- 11 Sandra Bellitto
- 13 Vincenzo Cianci
- 14 Monika Hedai-Toth
- 14 Deacon Perugini
- 15 Tina DeSabella
- 16 Anthony Aquila



*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**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks to the crowd from Simon Peter's boat. Then he encourages Simon to cast his net into the water. Simon questions why Jesus tells him to do this but does as he is instructed—and catches many fish! Jesus tells him not to be afraid and that from now on, he will be "catching men."

**In church**

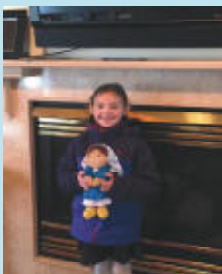
Search for symbols of fish around your church. Share ideas about why the fish was used as an early sign of Jesus' followers.

**Question of the week**

What did Jesus mean when he told Simon Peter and the others that they would be "catching men?"

**Family Prayer**

Jesus, you remind us that we shouldn't be afraid and that you have a mission for us too. Help us to be open to sharing our faith with others. Amen.



Thank you, Maddy, for sharing time with Mary!

**Bulletin Advertising**

Our weekly bulletin is published by LPI. We depend on the income of bulletin ads to pay for the printing of our weekly publication. If you know of anyone in our area who would be willing to advertise on the back cover of our bulletin, please contact Laurie Krysiak, 203-331-4961. Please pass on this information, if we do not have enough sponsors to cover our printing costs for the year, our par-

**Everyday Stewardship**  
**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Have you ever participated in various trust exercises, where you have to place your faith in others around you? Maybe it was falling backwards with your eyes closed while the person's voice speaking to you seemed to drift further away. Maybe it was jumping from a height into people's arms that didn't seem strong enough to catch you. These activities were supposed to show you the meaning of trust and help grow that trust in you for your comrades. Sometimes it worked. Other times, some prankster would actually let you fall, and then you learned to trust no one. So much for building up our ability to trust.

Trust is important, especially in our relationship with Jesus. He calls us all the time and asks for us to trust. However, because of doubt or a desire to follow our own will, we choose to disregard his request. After objecting to Jesus' request to lower his net into the water, Peter was humbled when he caught so much fish that the net began to tear. Peter was a fisherman by trade. Surely he knew what the catch was probably going to be that day. But Jesus asked him to follow his will. Peter wanted to follow his own. Peter realized that his trust from then on should be in the Lord.

Do you sometimes think your generosity will bear little fruit? Do you wonder if your surrender to God in stewardship living *really amounts to much at all?* *Trust in Jesus, the one who calls you to this life. His word is truth, and he would never let you fall.*

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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