

SAINT EMERY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

(St. Stephen of Hungary, Bridgeport, CT 1897-1971)

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 from 3:30-4:15 PM. Please call St. Emery Parish Office 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 Session. No booking for a reception should be finalized until an initial meeting is scheduled with Father Milan 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 Sponsor 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

Fax (Office) 203-579-9423

Email: Office@stemerys.org

Faith Formation Email: Jeannie@stemerys.org

Website: www.stemerys.com

LITURGICAL LIFE

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY (MASS)

Saturday (Vigil) 4:30 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Daily—Monday to Thursday 8:00 AM

First Sunday of Lent

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:

*You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."*

Lk 4:6a, 7-8



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Fairfield, Connecticut 06825



First Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2019

Saturday, Mar. 9—Saturday after Ash Wednesday

4:30 PM Mary Danko rb David Danko

Sunday, Mar. 10—First Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Octavio Torres rb daughter, Consuelo

11:00 AM Brendan Looman rb Terry & Theresa Bell

Monday, Mar. 11—Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Edmund & Margaret Stumbris rb Lou & Mary Kocsis

Tuesday, Mar. 12—Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Special Intention rb Justina Psenicnik

Wednesday, Mar. 13—Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Deceased of the Psenicnik Family rb J. Psenicnik

Thursday, Mar. 14—Lenten Weekday

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

Friday, Mar. 15—Lenten Weekday

No Mass

Saturday, Mar. 16—Lenten Weekday

4:30 PM Florence McMahon rb Pat McMahon

Sunday, Mar. 17—Second Sunday of Lent

10:00 AM Irene Szaszak Olah rb The Kazzi Family

ETERNAL LIGHT

This week our eternal light burns brightly in memory of Msgr. Ernest Esposito.



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, Arthur Corcoran, Jr. If you have someone that you would like included in our prayers, please contact the rectory at 203-334-0312.

Offertory Collection **March 2, 3, 2019**

Total of all Masses	\$ 938.00
Loose all Masses	\$ 162.00
Via Mail	\$ 285.00
Total Offerings	\$ 1385.00
Monthly	\$ 628.00
Other	\$ 110.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 100.00
Total Other Collections	\$ 838.00
Total Collections	\$ 2223.00
February On-line	\$ 995.00

Thank you for your generosity!

PLEASE NOTE

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

THERE WILL BE ONE SUNDAY MASS AT 10:00 AM

NO 9:00 OR 11:00 AM MASS

Reader Schedule

March 16-17

4:30 PM	Susan Gulyas
10:00 AM	Kathy Sherwood

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Our parish email has been changed to: Office@stemerys.org

Faith Formation email has been changed to: Jeannie@stemerys.org

March 10, 2019
First Sunday in Lent

As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life (cf. 1 John 2:16). Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom (cf. Genesis 3:6). The temptations of Jesus are our own.

"Turn these stones to bread." Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It's the simplest of temptations because it's instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap "from the temple parapet" would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God?

When we consider areas of temptation and sin, it's not to feel ashamed. The temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too.

Readings for the Week of March 10, 2019

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48



SAINT EMERY PARISH PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Milan Dimic

Deacon

Rudolph P. Trankovich

Pastoral Assistant

Ms. Jeanne Bisson

Music Director

Miss Mary Rose Garych

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PARISH SOCIAL EVENT

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Breakfast following the 10:00 AM

In Honor of St. Patrick and St. Joseph



PARISH ACTIVITIES

St. Emery Prayer Group

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 13, you can join us in the rectory or contact the parish office to join us from home.

Benediction and Adoration

March 10, 11:00 AM

March 23, 4:30 PM

March 31, 11:00 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 7

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ST. EMERY PARISH WEBSITE

March 10, 2019

WWW.STEMERYS.COM

News/Events

- ◆ Schedule for 2019 Upcoming Events posted
- ◆ Church Ceiling Painting Restoration Project posted
- ◆ Faith Formation news posted

Outreach

- ◆ St. Emery 2019 Annual Collection details posted
- ◆ Lenten Food Drive March 3-24 posted

Home Page—Website links

- ◆ GoFundMe page Church Painting Fundraiser
- ◆ Parish Facebook page
- ◆ On-Line Giving through OSV
- ◆ Diocese of Bridgeport Website
- ◆ Religious Education Facebook
- ◆ Weekly Bulletin posted

If there is an article you would like to include on our parish website, please contact the Parish



Day

- 10 Wendy Bleggi
- 11 Herb Ramirez
- 12 Kenneth Corcoran
- 13 Anna Flockhart
- 13 Madailein Howley
- 15 Fausto Plaza

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 YEA



Faith Formation at Home First Sunday of Lent

Sunday's Gospel reveals Jesus as fully human and fully divine. The devil tempts Jesus in the desert, promising him human power and earthly goods. Jesus shows us how to resist temptation by holding tightly to the promises of God found in Sacred Scripture.

In church

Locate the Stations of the Cross at your church. Spend some time looking at each one and imagining being there with Jesus.

Question of the week

What are some temptations you experience? How does the Church help you to strengthen yourself against them?

Family Prayer

Pray the Lord's Prayer together. Focus on the words "lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil."

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](tel: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.



LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION

March 3-March 24

Please place all non-perishable food items

In the boxes in the vestibule.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

"JOY IN CHRIST, OUR GIFT TO SHARE"

The Bishop's Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to families who attend our Diocesan elementary schools. On average, over \$2,500,00 in scholarships are awarded each year to students who demonstrate financial need.

Gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal support this fund. Thank you for your gift.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Stations of the Cross followed by luncheon:

Friday, March 15, 12:00 noon Special Stations of the Cross for Seniors

Friday, March 22, 12:00 noon

Friday, March 29, 12:00 noon

Friday, April 5, 12:00 noon

Friday, April 12, 12:00 noon

Sunday, March 24, 2:00 PM "Biblical Stations of the Cross" (scripture, music)

Sunday, April 7, 4:30 PM Presentation of "The Greatest Gift"

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