

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

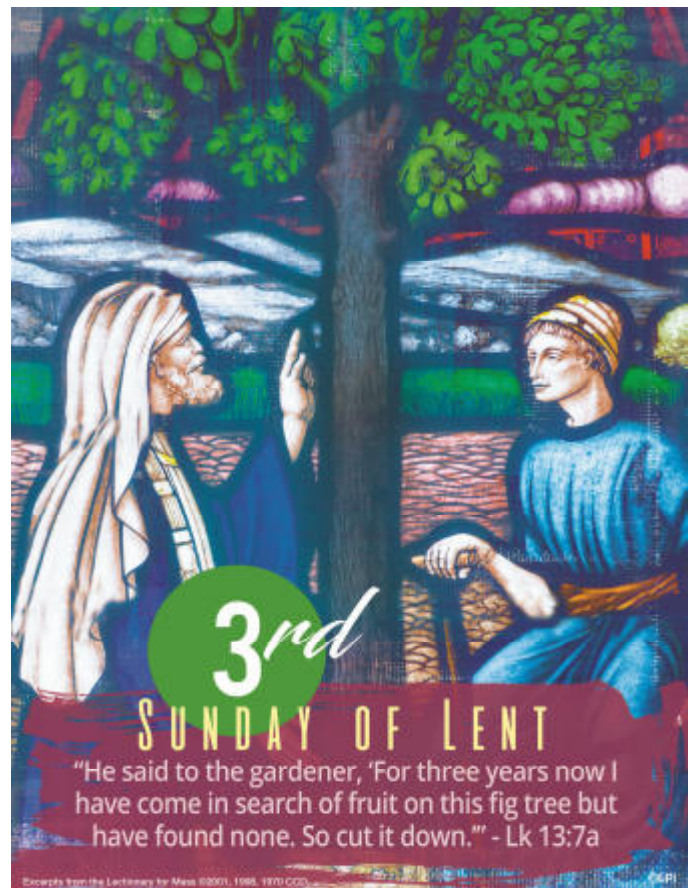
LITURGICAL LIFE

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY (MASS)

Saturday (Vigil) 4:30 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Daily—Monday to Thursday 8:00 AM



838 Kings Highway East
Fairfield, Connecticut 06825



Third Sunday in Lent
March 24, 2019

Saturday, Mar. 23—Lenten Weekday

4:30 PM Peter J. Andradi rb Andradi Family

Sunday, Mar. 24—Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM MaryAnn Petrone rb The Correa Family

11:00 AM John P. Lyons rb Fr. Milan

Monday, Mar. 25—Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 AM Special Intention rb Justina Psenicnik

Tuesday, Mar. 26—Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Deceased of the Psenicnik rb Justina Psenicnik

Wednesday, Mar. 27—Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM In honor of Mother Angelica for Healing rb P. Richard

Thursday, Mar. 28—Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Special Intention rb Justina Psenicnik

Friday, Mar. 29—Lenten Weekday

No Mass

Saturday, Mar. 30—Lenten Weekday

4:30 PM Doris Estock rb Sue Barnum

Sunday, Mar. 31—Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:00 AM Betty Cervone rb Kathy Sherwood

11:00 AM Peter Biagiarelli (29 Anniv.) rb daughter, Lisa Biagiarelli



ETERNAL LIGHT

This week our eternal light burns brightly in memory of Florence McMahon.

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

Offertory Collection **March 16-17, 2019**

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| Total of all Masses | \$ 1112.00 |
| Loose all Masses | \$ 161.00 |
| Via Mail | \$ 353.00 |
| Total Offerings | \$ 1626.00 |
| Ash Wednesday | \$ 10.00 |
| Fuel | \$ 422.00 |
| Parish Appeal | \$ 350.00 |
| Mass Stipends | \$ 100.00 |
| Total Other Collections | \$ 882.00 |
| Total Collections | \$ 2508.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!



Reader Schedule

March 30-31

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 4:30 PM | Erica Andradi |
| 9:00 AM | Ed Laska |
| 11:00 AM | |

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

March 24, 2019
Third Sunday in Lent

"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it [he] found none." We live in a results-driven society. It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed. If we're not keeping up with the perceived "good life" of those around us, we feel anxious and disappointed. Some of the Gospel stories about fruitfulness can seem to play out in this fashion. "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down." The message seems to be clear. Abide in God and bear fruit! Stand apart from God and be barren. But what happens when we're trying, but the growth we wanted doesn't seem to be coming our way? What if it feels like life just isn't bearing fruit?

This Sunday, Jesus gives us a sign of hope. "[The gardener] said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also ? it may bear fruit in the future.'" How quick we can be to judge! Perhaps you started out Lent with high hopes and big ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven't gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn't be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn't.

The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we're the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and they just aren't measuring up. Let today's Gospel be a gentle nudge for mercy. As Lent continues to unfold, be patient with yourself and those around you. Wait for God to provide the growth.

Readings for the Week of March 24, 2019

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

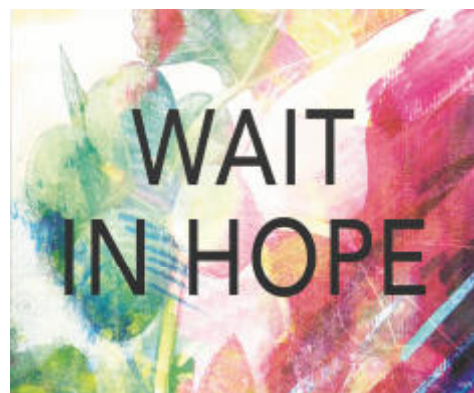
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14



SAINT EMERY PARISH PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Milan Dimic

Deacon

Rudolph P. Trankovich

Pastoral Assistant

Ms. Jeanne Bisson

Music Director

Miss Mary Rose Garych

Parish Council President

Mr. Hobert Summers

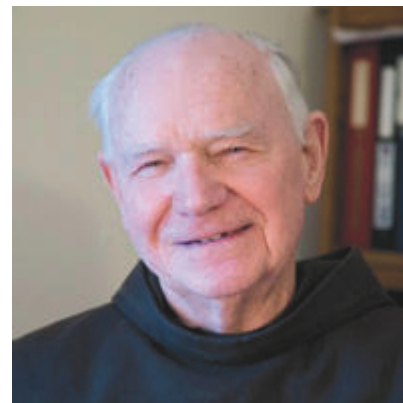
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Mrs. Karen Adams

Mr. Robert Kavasansky



Rest in Peace

Father Emeric Szlezak, OFM

December 17, 1917

March 16, 2019

You will fondly be remembered always

PARISH ACTIVITIES

St. Emery Prayer Group

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 27, you can join us in the rectory or contact the parish office to join us from home.

Benediction and Adoration

March 31, 11:00 AM

April 6, 4:30 PM

April 7, 11:00 AM



PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

WEEKS 1 through 9

1248 ROSARIES HAVE BEEN OFFERED



25 Sophie Petrone and Hobie Summers

28 Charles McMahon and Andrew Repasi

29 Eric Adams

30 Kathleen Aquila

BIBLICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

2:00 PM

IN THE CHURCH

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

MUSIC BY OUR CHOIR, SCRIPTURE,

REFLECTION

ST. EMERY PARISH WEBSITE

March 24, 2019

WWW.STEMERYS.COM

News/Events

- ◆ Schedule for 2019 Upcoming Events posted
- ◆ Church Ceiling Painting Restoration Project posted
- ◆ Faith Formation News, March

Outreach

- ◆ St. Emery 2019 Annual Collection details posted
- ◆ Lenten Season Schedule posted March 8-April 12
- ◆ 2019 Catholic Annual Appeal (ACA) 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 Office or Carroll Fencil.



The Parish of St. Emery's asks God for special blessings for:

Melissa **Cecilia** Silva-Hernandez

Amelia **Catherine** Plaza

Emily **Elizabeth Ann** Seanor

Genevieve **Clare** Seanor

Who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on

Saturday, March 30, 2019

at St. Augustine Cathedral

with Bishop Frank Caggiano.



THEME FOR OUR CATECHETICAL YEAR



**Faith Formation at Home
Third Sunday in Lent**



Jesus wants us to understand that we must turn from bad things and practice doing good things. Our deeds are our fruit! God is the gardener who gives us more time to turn back to him and increase our good deeds of mercy and love.

In church

Notice the wine brought forward during the Presentation of the Gifts. Consider the good fruit that went into making it. Ask God to help your actions also reflect his goodness.

Question of the week

How can you bear good fruit with your life?

Family Prayer

Lord, increase your love in us so that we may increase the fruits of your love. Amen.

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 Leadership Institute provides formation for those who serve in liturgical and catechetical ministries in the diocese. Through online courses and face-to-face gatherings, the Institute offers opportunities for support, formation and mentoring for parish leaders and parents. When you make a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal you support the ministries that continue faith formation. Thank you for your gift.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Stations of the Cross followed by luncheon:

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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