

# 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.

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Email: [Office@stemerys.org](mailto:Office@stemerys.org)

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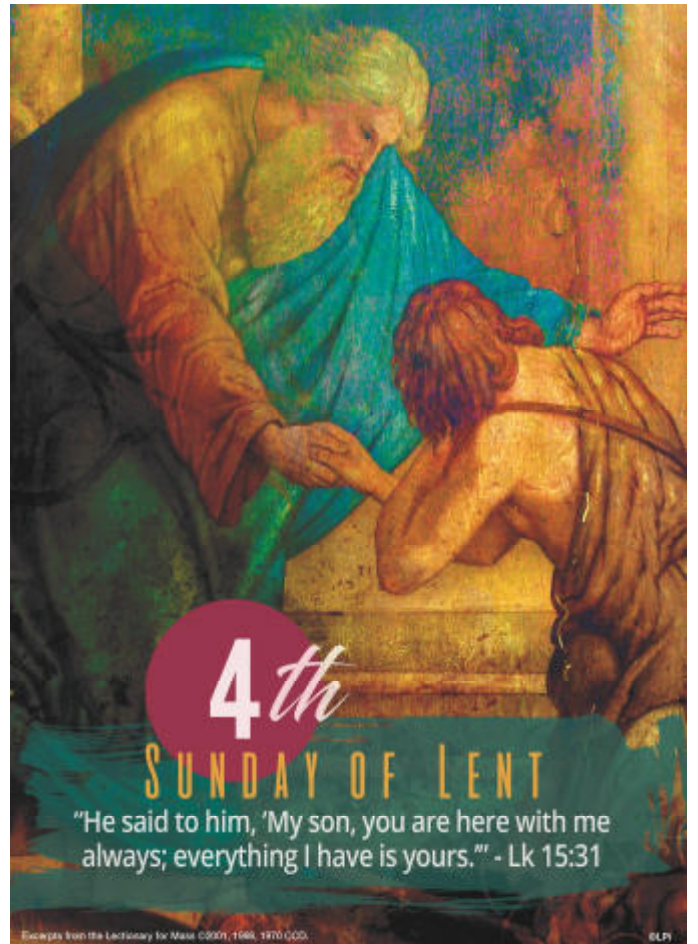
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## LITURGICAL LIFE

### EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY (MASS)

Saturday (Vigil) 4:30 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM



838 Kings Highway East  
Fairfield, Connecticut 06825



**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 31, 2019**

**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

**Monday, April 1—Lenten Weekday**

8:00 AM Special Intention rb Justina Psenicnik

**Tuesday, April 2—Lenten Weekday**

8:00 AM Living & deceased of the Visinski Family

**Wednesday, April 3—Lenten Weekday**

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

**Thursday, April 4—Lenten Weekday**

8:00 AM Special Intention rb Justina Psenicnik

**Friday, April 5—Lenten Weekday**

No Mass

**Saturday, April 6—Lenten Weekday**

4:30 PM Josie Lasko rb Robert E. Lasko

**Sunday, April 7—Fifth Sunday in Lent**

9:00 AM Peter Gagyi rb Kathy Sherwood

11:00 AM Anna Biagiarelli rb daughter, Lisa Biagiarelli

**ETERNAL LIGHT**



This week our eternal light burns brightly in memory of Fr. Emeric Szlezak.

**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 23-24, 2019**

Total of all Masses	\$ 1357.00
Loose all Masses	\$ 294.00
Via Mail	\$ 400.00
<b>Total Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 2051.00</b>
Snow Removal	\$ 360.00
Fuel	\$ 65.00
Other Doantions	\$ 110.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 10.00
<b>Total Other Collections</b>	<b>\$ 555.00</b>
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$ 2596.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*



**Reader Schedule**

**April 6-7**

<b>4:30 PM</b>	Erica Andrasi
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Laureen Pekar
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Cathy Pavlowski

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Special Collection this weekend for Catholic Relief Services and Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.**

**Please be as generous as your means allows.**

**March 31, 2019**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today's Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal Son.

"I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father's trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you've squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there.

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." The father in the parable sees his son's selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son's departure, the father waits with hope for his son's eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful!

Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours." Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you've been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing.

We are all called to repentance. Open your heart to God's personal invitation to growth!

**Readings for the Week of March 31, 2019**

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53



**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

Finance Committee Chairperson

Mr. Carrol Fencil

Lay Representatives

Mrs. Karen Adams

Mr. Robert Kavasansky



ST. EMERY FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

FOLLOWING THE 9:00 AM MASS

IN THE PARISH HALL

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND.....

## 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 10

1361 ROSARIES HAVE BEEN OFFERED



ST. EMERY CHURCH HALL

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

1:00-6:00 PM

AND

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Selections will include pastries, cakes and cookies

If you can help us by providing baked good, please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the church door.

## ST. EMERY PARISH WEBSITE

March 31, 2019

WWW.STEMERYS.COM

### News/Events

- ◆ St. Patrick/St. Joseph Feast Day photos posted
- ◆ Schedule for 2019 Upcoming Events posted
- ◆ Church Ceiling Painting Restoration Project posted
- ◆ Faith Formation news posted

### Outreach

- ◆ Easter Bake Sale posted, April 13-14
- ◆ 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.



### DAY

1 Jefferson Scinto

4 Joselyn Diaz, Daniel Leszay

Enjoy your special day!

## LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION

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YOUR GENEROUS  
DONATIONS**



THEME FOR OUR CATECHETICAL YEAR



### Faith Formation at Home Fourth Sunday in Lent



This Sunday is sometimes called "Joy Sunday." It is a time to remember the joy that Easter brings after the time of repentance of Lent. The prodigal son is a reminder that we also stray from our Father through our sins and can return to the joy of his forgiveness.

#### In church

Notice that the priest may be wearing rose-colored vestments this Sunday as a sign that we are getting closer to the joyful celebration of Easter.

#### Question of the week

How can you find joy even when you are struggling?

#### Family Prayer

Lord, open our hearts to ask for forgiveness and to forgive others. Show us your mercy. 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](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.



### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL "JOY IN CHRIST, OUR GIFT TO SHARE"

Supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal makes it possible to continue promoting vocations to the priesthood that are so vital to the future of our local Church. The indispensable role that our 29 seminarians will perform in the life of the Church necessitates that they receive an unparalleled formation in the spiritual, pastoral, and academic disciplines. The formation and preparation our seminarians receive at St. John Fisher, Redemptoris Mater, and in major seminary spans five to eight years. This year Bishop Caggiano will ordain one seminarian to the priesthood and three to the transitional diaconate. At an annual cost of more than \$21,000, your ACA gift will help underwrite this worthwhile investment and help promote and foster vocations to the priesthood throughout our diocese.

"John Fisher Seminary is a real blessing, and to have that within the diocese is phenomenal. I can't say enough about it. Because we all come there to discern our vocation and get to know each other, and fraternity with others builds. Ultimately, we're all going to work in the diocese and serve the people of God."



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Stations of the Cross followed by luncheon:

Friday, April 5, 12:00 noon

Friday, April 12, 12:00 noon

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

Sunday, April 13/14, Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 18, Holy Thursday

Friday, April 19, Good Friday - Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 20, Holy Saturday

Sunday, April 21, Easter

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