St. Emery’s Parish reached their 80-year Anniversary this year of 2012 celebrating the milestone with an elegant Hungarian luncheon tribute to St. Emery’s rich and remarkable history.

St. Emery’s Parish has enriched the lives of multiple generations of men, women, children, grandchildren, dedicated Franciscan Friars and Priests over the years and to this we are truly grateful.

The annual St. Emery’s Feast Day was also celebrated on this day.

The luncheon featured fine traditional Hungarian food, live music and an 80-year ‘Trip Through History’ slide show.

The Knights of Columbus Honor Guard attended both Sunday Masses adding an elegant recognition of St. Emery’s 80-year history, which has crossed-the-path of many lives over 8-decades.

Enjoy the following photo gallery covering both Sunday Masses and the Luncheon. Intermingled among the gallery are photographs ‘from yesterday’ taken from St. Emery archive files.

(Click-on photos to enlarge)

The Mass
9:00 AM Sunday Mass

The St. Emery 9:00 AM 80th Anniversary Sunday Mass was celebrated by Father Paul Long and Deacon Rudy.
The Knights of Columbus Honor Guards were present during the 9:00 AM Mass.

The St. Emery 11:00 AM Hungarian 80th Anniversary Sunday Mass was celebrated by Father Stephen Balint, Hungarian Ministry.

The Knights of Columbus Honor Guards were also present during the 11:00 AM Hungarian Mass.

Looking back 30 years!

*St. Emery’s 50th Anniversary celebration (left) in 1982 during Father Robert Nemeth’s era as Pastor of St. Emery’s.*

*Bishop Walter Curtis, Diocese of Bridgeport, presided over the Anniversary Mass.*
The Knights of Columbus.
The Knights were founded in New Haven, Connecticut in 1882 130 years ago and became a World Wide Catholic Organization.

Looking back 60 years!
Knights (left) leading entrance procession on occasion of Father Idanyi’s first Mass.

The 80-Year Anniversary Luncheon
St. Emery Church Hall

The 1:00 PM luncheon in the Church hall was sold out and a very successful affair. It featured fine traditional Hungarian food and live music. A 80-year ‘Trip Through History’ slide show was created from St. Emery’s photo achieves for this special occasion.

A door prize and numerous raffle prizes were donated by generous Parishioners for the Luncheon.

The Hungarian stuffed cabbage luncheon included bread and butter, kielbassa, mashed potatoes, ending with honey cookies, tea, coffee and other beverages.

Father Long opened the luncheon offering Grace in English. Father Balint followed offering Grace in native Hungarian.
Looking back 80 years!

Father Biro (left photo, upper center) first Pastor and Founder of St. Emery's Parish. First Communion class and Crowning of Blessed Virgin (below) Mary 1932 – .

The 80th Anniversary Luncheon coincided with the official Veterans Day Celebration November 11.

Looking back 30 years!
The St. Emery Lay Board 1980’s.

Maureen Laska (seated – third from left), who was a devoted parishioner, was also President of the Ladies Guild for over 30 years.

Looking back 28 years!

Looking back 30 years!
Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary (below) in 1952. Father Deesy era.
Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1952

Enjoying the Luncheon. 80th Anniversary

First Communion Class 1946

Enjoying the Luncheon. 80th Anniversary

Looking back 66 Years!
First Communion Class (photo left). Father Biro era.

Looking back 23 years!
Father Emeric Szlezak’s 25th Anniversary (left photo) as a Franciscan 1989

Father Emeric celebrating his 25th Anniversary as a Friar

Enjoying the Luncheon. Volunteers. 80th Anniversary

A Door Prize and Numerous Prizes were Raffled. 80th Anniversary

Live Music by Stan Danielczuk. 80th Anniversary

Looking back 30 years!
Andrew Kish (far left photo). St. Emery’s C.Y.O. group in 1980’s.
**Acknowledging the St. Emery Volunteers**

A sizable effort went into making this 80th Anniversary celebration special. Our sincere thank you to all our volunteering parishioners for their dedication and very hard work.
Sooner or later it must Work.
80th Anniversary

Beverages
80th Anniversary

Much help with the Beverages.
80th Anniversary

Happy Volunteers.
80th Anniversary

Encore
Looking Back!

65 Years back! St. Emery Ladies Guild. 25th Jubilee

23 years back! Cardinal Laszlo Paskai visit from Hungary in 1989

65 years back! Father Biro with Altar Boys

Cardinal Mendszenty’s (lower left seated) visit to St. Emery in 1974.

In the photo is Fairfield Selectman John Sullivan (far left), Mary Katona (speaking-center) long time Parishioner of St. Emery and Father Nemeth (far right).

55 years back! Father Biro with St. Emery Ushers

38 years back! Cardinal Mendszenty visit from Hungary to St. Emery’s in 1974

10 years back! Ladies
The Volunteers – Thank You!

80th Anniversary Celebration

Main Coordinators
Henry Kutush – Social Committee Chair
Barbara Chuga – Social Committee Co-Chairperson
Mary Ann Corcoran – Social Committee Co-Chairperson
Carroll Fencil – Slide Show

Food Preparation, Serving Food and Room Set-up
Barbara & Greg Chuga
Art Corcoran
Caroline & Herb Ramirez
Betty and Jim Hasak
Irene Olah
Helen Norton
Maggie Gagyi
Gary, Pat and Veronica Dicso
Chris, Wendy and Nikki Bleggi
Laureen Pekar
Kimberly Scinto
Marie and May Kassay
Barbara and Jeff Fencil
Carol Gladstone
Joe Ull
Mark Montgomery
Karen and Scott Adams
Kathy Sherwood – Church Advisory Council President

Photography
Chris Bleggi

A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus and to all those who donated the door prize and several raffle prizes.
Start of the **Fifty Day Easter Season** ending on the Feast of Pentecost Sunday.

Father Paul Long led the beautiful 9:00 AM Easter Sunday mass service complimented by Deacon Rudy’s thoughtful Easter Homily.

**ST. EMERY PARISHIONERS**

Members of the Church Choir at the 9:00 AM Mass. From left, Nikki Bleggi, Bob Rouse, Louise Miller, Sandra McCarthy, Barbara Fencil, Veronica Dicso and Gary Dicso.
Altar Servers (from left) Erica Andrassy, Chris Bleggi and Tommy Bleggi (left photo)

Lector Wendy Bleggi, Father Paul Long, Deacon Rudy, and Altar Server Joey Andrassy (right photo)
Easter Greetings

Franciscan Family Shrine during Easter

Easter Greetings

Easter Greetings from Deacon Rudy

Easter Greetings

Easter Greeting to Nikki Bleggi

Easter Greetings

Our Holy Family Shrine at Easter

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Welcome to our Parish