

# 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

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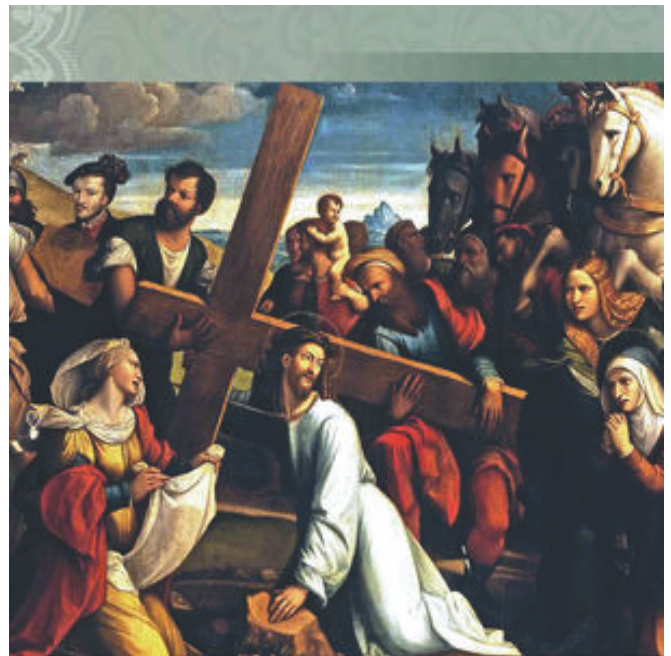
## LITURGICAL LIFE

### EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY (MASS)

Saturday (Vigil) 4:30 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Daily—Monday to Thursday 8:00 AM



23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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**September 8, 2019**  
**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, Sep 7—Ordinary Weekday**

4:30 PM Bess Scisco rb Peter Ungvarski

**Sunday, Sep 8—Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM John Edward Lazowski rb son, John Lazowski

11:00 AM Deceased of the Visinski Family

**Monday, Sep 9—St. Peter Claver**

8:00 AM For improved health rb Justina Psenicnik

**Tuesday, Sep 10—Ordinary Weekday**

8:00 AM For the Parishioners of St. Emery

**Wednesday, Sep 11—Ordinary Weekday**

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Visinski Family

**Thursday, Sep 12—Ordinary Weekday**

8:00 AM For the souls in purgatory rb Justina Psenicnik

**Friday, Sep 13—Ordinary Weekday**

NO MASS

**Saturday, Sep 14—Ordinary Weekday**

4:30 PM For the parishioners of St. Emery Parish

**Sunday, Sep 15—Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM Nick and Albina Pekar rb Nick & Laureen Pekar

11:00 AM Deceased member of the Opredek Family rb  
Lisa Biagiarelli



**ETERNAL LIGHT**

This week our eternal light burns brightly in memory of Victor & Grace Topar as requested by their daughter, Beverly Rotolo.

**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, home-bound 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, Arthur Corcoran, Jr., Todd Burr, Erika Faber, Msgr. Thomas Powers. If you have someone that you would like included in our prayers, please contact the rectory at 203-334-0312.

**Offertory Collection August 31-September 1, 2019**

This information was not available at the time  
the bulletin was transmitted.

Two collections will be reported in next week's bulletin.

**Parish Annual Collection**

Every parish family should have received a letter from Fr. Milan asking for a contribution to our Annual Collection to help with our operating budget and provide our aging buildings with the preventative maintenance and necessary repairs. The participation of ALL parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. Please return your gift card today! Thank you!



**Reader Schedule**

**September 14-15, 2019**

**4:30 PM** Erica Andrassi

**9:00 AM** Jeannie Bisson

**11:00 AM** Jeannie Bisson

Our parish is in need of volunteers to become "Readers" at our 11:00 AM Sunday Mass. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

**September 8, 2019**  
**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, *really* following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device — "*his own cross*" — and for the need even to "*hate*" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments — our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "*This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!*"

For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.

**Readings for the Week of September 8, 2019**

**Monday:** Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab [9]/Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17



**St. Stephen's Parochial School Reunion**

**Sunday, October 6, 2019**

**12:30—4:00 PM**

**Testo's Restaurant**

**1775 Madison Avenue, Bridgeport**

**Contact: Barbara Chuga (203) 286-4535**

**Nancy Legare (203) 259-2944**

**Mary Ann Corcoran (203) 336-0618**

**SAINT EMERY PARISH PASTORAL STAFF**

**Pastor**

Rev. Milan Dimic

**Deacon**

Rudolph P. Trankovich

**Pastoral Associate**

Ms. Jeanne Bisson

**Music Director**

Miss Mary Rose Garych

**Parish Council President**

Mr. Hobert Summers

**Finance Committee Chairperson**

Mr. Carroll Fencil

**Lay Representatives**

Mrs. Karen Adams

Mr. Robert Kavasansky



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### St. Emery Prayer Group

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 18, 7:00 PM. In the rectory or from your home.

### Benediction and Adoration

September 14, 2019 4:30 PM

September 15, 2019 11:00 AM

September 29, 2019 9:00 AM

October 5, 2019 4:30 PM



PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

WEEKS 1 through 33

3832 ROSARIES HAVE BEEN OFFERED

### ALL READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Next Weekend, September 14-15, the Diocesan mandates for those who have completed their training at the Leadership Institute will be presented.

### ALL FAITH FORMATION CATECHISTS

Next Sunday, September 15 is Catechetical Sunday and you will be blessed and commissioned at the 9:00 AM Mass.



**SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER 6, 2019**

**1:00 PM**

**ON THE RECTORY LAWN**

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Donations of pet food will be collected and taken to the local animal shelter.**

## ST. EMERY PARISH WEBSITE

September 8, 2019

WWW.STEMERYS.ORG

### **News/Events**

- ◆ Family Movie Night pictures posted
- ◆ Parish Raffle posted
- ◆ Annual Choir fundraiser pictures posted
- ◆ Ladies Tea pictures posted
- ◆ May Crowning pictures posted
- ◆ First Holy Eucharist pictures posted
- ◆ Schedule for 2019 Upcoming Events posted

### **Outreach**

- ◆ 2019 Catholic Annual Appeal (ACA) posted
- ◆ 2019 Outreach Projects posted

### **Home Page—Website links**

- ◆ 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.**

### 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.



**CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

**7:00 PM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



### SAINT EMERY PARISH RAFFLE

Tickets on sale now at all Masses

or call the Parish Office

Cash Prizes!!!!

Price: \$20 per ticket

Drawing: September 6, 2019

St. Emery Parish Hall

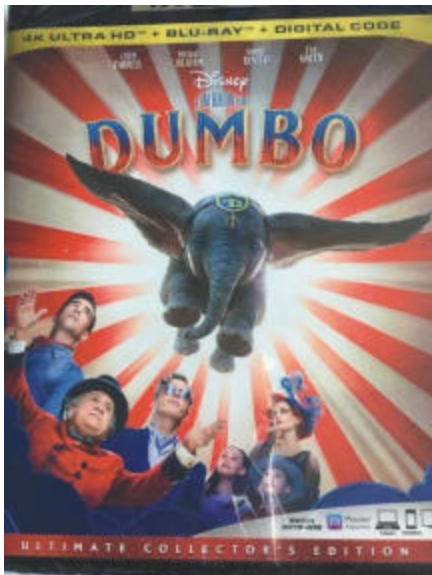
**You can now pay with your credit/debit card!!!**

**Final week!**

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Holy Cross Church

Annual Picnic, Sunday, September 15, 12:00-6:00 PM,  
On the parish grounds, 750 Tahmore Drive, Fairfield.  
Food, music, activities. Free admission, rain or shine!



#### **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 7:00 PM, CHURCH HALL**

**Sign the reservation sheet in  
the church vestibule if you will be  
joining us!**

**POPCORN FOR EVERYONE!**



Catechetical Theme for 2019-2020

### FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

#### In this week's Gospel:

Jesus knows that following him may come at a great cost to us. People may reject us or make fun of us. Yet we can't live our lives like eternity doesn't matter. In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of what we may have to give up in order to follow him.

#### In Church:

Think about what you might be doing today if you didn't go to Mass. Then look at the crucifix and reflect on what Jesus has give up for you.

#### Question of the week:

What sacrifices to you make to be a follower of Jesus?

#### Family Prayer:

Jesus, when it is difficult to follow you, help us to remember what you sacrificed to save us. Amen

NEXT SUNDAY: CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

#### Fr. Coleman Council Columbiette Auxiliary

All ladies are invited to attend a meet and greet on Monday, September 23, 7:00-9:00 PM, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church Chapel, on the corner of the Post Road and Ruane Street. The chapel is located in the back of the Parish where ample off street parking is available. Entrance is Handicapped Accessible. Refreshments will be served.

For more information please contact Jeannie in the parish office.

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