

The 40 Days OF LENT

THIRD SUNDAY

HOLY FAMILY & ST. EMERY PARISH

BEING LIKE MINDED... BEING ONE IN SPIRIT AND PURPOSE (PHIL. 2:2)

Jesus Offers Living Water



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March 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, Mar 14—Lenten Weekday

4:00 PM Donald Provolo (Holy Family)

5:15 PM Glicinia de Sousa (St. Emery)

Sunday, Mar 15—Third Sunday of Lent

8:15 AM All Parishioners (Holy Family)

9:30 AM Norman Walter Domozych (St. Emery)

11:15 AM Susan Thurkettle (Holy Family)

Monday, Mar 16—Lenten Weekday

7:45 AM Bea Thompson (Holy Family)

Tuesday, Mar 17—St. Patrick

7:45 AM Lois Walsh (Holy Family)

Wednesday, Mar 18—Lenten Weekday

7:45 AM Joseph & Pauline Markowski (Holy Family)

Thursday, Mar 19—St. Joseph

7:45 AM Special Intention (Holy Family)

Friday, Mar 20—Lenten Weekday

7:45 AM Brian Arnau (Holy Family)

Saturday, Mar 21—Lenten Weekday

4:00 PM Lou & Irene Pisani (Holy Family)

5:15 PM Jean Trankovich (St. Emery)

Sunday, Mar 22—Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:15 AM All Parishioners (Holy Family)

9:30 AM Glicinia de Sousa (St. Emery)

11:15 AM Gina Ciotti (Holy Family)



ETERNAL LIGHT

This week our eternal light burns brightly in honor of the parishioners of Holy Family and St. Emery Parish.

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, Todd Burr, Erika Faber, Nina DeBenedetto. If you have someone that you would like included in our prayers, please contact the rectory at 203-334-0312.

Offertory

March 8, 2020

**Combined Totals
Holy Family and St. Emery Parish**

Offertory \$5489.00

Weekly operating expense goal: \$10,500.00

Thank you for your generosity!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Lenten Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 20

12:00 PM

St. Emery Church Hall

Followed by luncheon

7:00 PM

Holy Family Church



March 15, 2020
Third Sunday of Lent

We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life!

Readings for the week of March 15, 2020

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. Ps 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

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: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

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

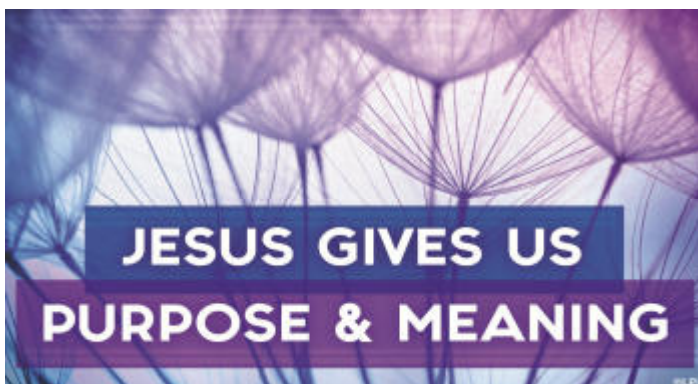
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14



This event has been postponed.
It will be rescheduled in April.

LENTEN ABSTINENCE REMINDER

Age 14 until your time to go home to the Lord -
Abstain from meat on Fridays



HOLY FAMILY AND ST. EMERY PARISH
CLERGY AND LAY LEADERSHIP

Rev. Sean Kulacz, Parochial Administrator
Rev. Dious Joseph, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Joseph DeBiase
Deacon Rudolph P. Trankovich

Jeannie Bisson, Director of Faith Formation

Cheryl Camillo, Business Manager

Mary Rose Garych, Director of Music, St. Emery
John Swingler, Director of Music, Holy Family

Gail Young, Administrative Assistant

Karen Adams, Trustee
Maurice Magnotta, Trustee



Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY EVENINGS

7:00

St. Emery Church Choir Loft

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Retire your worn American Flags with respect and dignity. Old and tattered American Flags are being collected by The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly 118. Boxes are in the Vestibule so flags may be disposed of in the proper manner. The collection is taking place through the end of April.

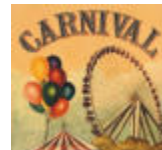


Reader Schedule

March 21-22

5:15 PM Erica Andrasi
9:30 AM Jeannie Bisson

HOLY FAMILY AND ST. EMERY CARNIVAL



May 15, 16, 17

Jennings Beach, Fairfield

Volunteers needed:

If you can share some time with our parish to help in set-up, clean-up, food prep, ticket selling, please contact the parish office at 203-336-1835.

50/50 Raffle



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Lenten Fish Fry Sponsored by

the Knights of Columbus

March 20 - April 3

5 - 7 PM in St. Emery Church Hall

Dinner includes Fish (fried or baked), French Fries, Vegetables, Beverages (soda, water, wine, coffee, tea), and Dessert

\$10.00

BAKE SALE

MARCH 14 & 15, 2020

AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH



Because of health concerns, this event has been postponed.

Those who have volunteered to bake will be contacted when it is rescheduled.



FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

This week's Scripture reflection:

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people. The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit.

Question of the week:

Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that he is Living Water. Water gives us life. How did the Samaritan woman feel after Jesus told her he is the Living Water?

Family Prayer:

Dear God, you sent us your Son, Jesus, the Living Water to show us the way to You. Help us follow Jesus' teaching so that we can get closer to You. Amen.

Next Faith Formation class on Sunday, March 22.

EASTER FOOD BASKETS FOR

FAMILIES IN NEED

As we prepare for Easter and keeping with our Lenten traditions, we will be putting together food baskets to be delivered to families in need.



Please help us feed these families by signing up to bring any of the food item(s) listed on the tags in the Vestibule of the Church. Write your name and phone number on the left side of the tag, detach and place that section in the basket.

Take the right side of the tag with you, it has the family number, return date, and the item(s) you are volunteering to bring.

Please bring the item(s) back with the tag no later than March 29th and place them in the bin in the vestibule.



If you can help deliver the baskets, please sign the sheet in the vestibule.

Diocese of Bridgeport Wedding Jubilee

For couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50+ years



Mass and Concert

Sunday, April 26, 2020

3:00 PM

St. Teresa Parish in Trumbull

Call the parish office to register before April 16



Faith Formation
Registration

Begins March 8, 2020

Weekly classes for Grades K through 8

Call the parish Faith Formation Office for more information or fill out a registration form which can be found in the church vestibule.

Classes begin the week of September 13.

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