In the late 1920’s and 1930’s that Hungarian Catholics who settled initially in the West End of the City of Bridgeport, Connecticut began an exodus from the City to the nearby suburbs of Fairfield. It was in the West End that Hungarian Catholics and other Christian denominations nurtured their spiritual lives and maintained their Magyar (Hungarian) language, customs and cultural ties with their homeland. It was Saint Stephen of Hungary Parish (1897 – 1971) – Bridgeport that was the spiritual home for Hungarians embracing the Catholic faith. It was on October 10th, 1971, that the Diocese of Bridgeport in consultation with the Parish Communities of St. Stephen of Hungary (Bridgeport) and St. Emery (Fairfield) decided that due to changing demographics in the West End of Bridgeport, and the lack of the number of parishioners, that the Last Mass would be celebrated at St. Stephen’s. In short, two Hungarian parishes merged to make one strong Hungarian Community in Fairfield, CT.

Map: http://g.co/maps/fqxgx