ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS PARISH

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Mass Schedule

- Saturday: 4:30 pm Vigil
- Sunday: 8:30 am; 11 am;
 12:30 pm (Traditional Latin Mass); 5 pm (no music)
- Monday-Friday: 8:30 am

Morning Prayer 8:15 am before weekday Mass

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Confession Saturday: 3:30-4:15 pm or by appointment

Adoration Chapel and Church are open 9 am-5 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet
Daily at 3 pm
Rosary
Saturdays at 4 pm

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 9 am-3 pm Friday: 9 am-noon

Offertory Nov 19/20: \$4,526.50 OLG: \$4,585.00 *Thank you!*

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E-News



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 27 NOVEMBER 2022

Join us for **Sacred Heart Thursday on December 1st**, 7-8 pm, for Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction in Reparation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who would like to participate in the First Fridays and First Saturdays Devotion. **First Saturday Rosary** is December 3rd at 4 pm.

Masses for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (December 8th) will be on Wednesday, December 7th at 6:30 pm and Thursday, December 9th at 8:30 am. This is a holy day of obligation.

Accountability Sunday: The Diocese requires all parishes to notify their parishioners of the Financial Statements available on parish websites on the weekend of December 3/4. St. Marguerite's year-end and quarterly Financial Statements are up-to-date and accessible on our website all through the year.

The parish is organizing a Christmas gift collection to assist the **Sisters of Life** in their mission of supporting new moms and their families. In the narthex, you will find a "Garland of Gifts". See the flyer on page three for more information.

Please donate your gently used coats, gloves, mittens, and hats for the Knights of Columbus annual **Coats for Kids and Families** Drive. Monetary donations are also welcome so the Knights can purchase these items for the working poor and homeless who are lacking these basic necessities. A collection bin is in the narthex.

Amazon Smile: When you shop at Amazon this upcoming holiday season, support the parish by selecting St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish as your charity and start at smile.amazon.com. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Nov 28

8:30 +John DeStefano by Feeney family

Tues, Nov 29

8:30 +Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Honan by Fr. Jordan

Wed, Nov 30: St. Andrew

8:30 +Ronald Burns by Maria Vida

Thurs, Dec 1

8:30 +Alice Tricarico by Nancy Kelly

Fri, Dec 2

8:30 +Juliette Breton by Aberin family

Offering: Mass-\$15; Altar Candles-\$20; Hosts-\$15; Sanctuary Candle-\$10; Sacramental Wine-\$10. To request Mass intentions for 2021 or 2022, contact Linda at Idiorio@stmarguerite.org or (203) 775-5117, x212. Double Mass intentions are allowed for the 4:30 pm and 11 am Masses only (as Canon Law only allows two Masses per week to include double intentions).

THIS WEEK IN

THE PARISH

Tues, Nov 29

9:15 am (Rm 7): Legion of Mary **Wed, Nov 30** 7:30 pm (Rm 8/9): NA

Sat, Dec 3: St. Francis Xavier

4:30 +Margaret Fitton by Fitton family;

+Edward Jordan Monigan by his mom

Sun, Dec 4: Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 +Juliette Breton by Don and Claudette Perley

11:00 +Anna Guardo by Mario and Annette

Nacinovich; +Susie Krisko by Katy Murphy

12:30 (TLM) Liv./Dec. Mbrs. of the Parish

5:00 +Neal Evertez by Katy Murphy



Warm Greetings to our parish friends in Christ Jesus!

As we prepare to welcome the Christ Child anew in our hearts this December, the Sisters of Life continue every year to welcome the new life in the women they serve. These women have courageously chosen life for their child! With our donations, the Sisters of Life help these women know the joy of Christ's presence and loving support, so often manifested through the hearts of others. We desire that they may know truly, God is with us!

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish is organizing a Christmas gift collection to assist the Sisters of Life in their mission. In the narthex, you will find a "Garland of Gifts".

If you would like to participate in this great outreach, please choose a gift tag and do ONE of the following options:

- 1) Use the QR code (below or available in the narthex of the church) to send a gift directly from the Amazon registry to the Sisters of Life.
- 2) Purchase the gift on the gift tag you will find in the narthex and bring it to the collection box (unwrapped!) in the narthex NO later than December 9th. (Gifts will be delivered on December 10th.)



SISTERS OF LIFE



TAKE A PICTURE OF THE QR CODE ABOVE OR VISIT SISTERSOILIFE.ORG/REGISTRY

Thank you in advance for considering helping with this wonderful mission! May God bless you and your family during this very special season!



Advent Ember Saturday Retreat December 17, 2022 Fr. Kloster St. Marguerite Bourgeoys 138 Candlewood Lake Road Brookfield, CT 06804

09:00-09:50 Confessions 10:00 Low Mass

11:00 Talk: Aesthetics of Advent

11:30-11:45 Rosary 11:45-13:00 Luncheon

13:00 Talk: Advent Adherents and Advocates13:30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

14:00 Final Blessing



"The Eucharistic Revival is intended to be far more than a series of events or a program. It aims to be a movement that enkindles a living relationship with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and renews the Church."

Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Chairman of the USCCB'S Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis

Over the next three years, we will hear about many ways we can grow closer to Jesus in the Eucharist, including learning more about Eucharistic Miracles. Before he died at age 15, Blessed Carlo Acutis devised and planned what has now become an international exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles. Each week in E-News we will feature these amazing stories.

International Exhibition

MIRACLES OF THE EUCHARIST

ACROSS THE WORLD

What is a Miracle of the Eucharist?

iracles of the Eucharist are miraculous divine interventions that are aimed at confirming faith in the real presence of the body and blood of the Lord in the Eucharist. We are familiar with the Catholic doctrine relating to this real presence; with the Words of Consecration, "this is my body" and "this is my blood," the substance of the bread becomes the body of Christ and the substance of the wine becomes his blood. This awe-inspiring change is known as transubstantiation, in other words, the transition of the substance. Only the appearances, or species, of the bread and wine remain; these are known by the philosophical term "accidents". The dimensions, colour, flavour and odour remain, as do the nutrients, but the substance, or rather the true reality, does not remain because it has become the body and blood of Christ, Transubstantiation can in no way be experienced by the senses; faith alone makes certain of this miracu-

Miracles of the Encharist are in-tended to confirm this faith, which is based on the words of Christ, according to which what seems like bread is no longer bread, and what seems like wine is no longer wine. Flesh and blood, or one or the other, appear in Miracles of the Eucharist, depending on the case. The aim of miracles such as these is to demonstrate that we should not look at external appearances (bread and wine), but at the substance, at the true reality of things, which is flesh and blood. Medieval theologians scrutinised the issue of Miracles of the Eucharist (which were very common at that time), and interpreted them in a variety of different ways. The most wellfounded and reasoned of these seems to be that of the supreme "Doctor of the Eucharist" Saint Thomas Aquinas (cf. Summa Theologica III, q. 76, a. 8). He says that the body and blood that appear after the miracle are a result of the transformation of the Eucharistic species, or rather of the accidents, and that they do not affect the real substance of the body and blood of Christ. The species of the bread and wine are miraculously changed into species of flesh and blood, but the real body and real blood of Christ are



not those that appear. They are those that, even before the miracle, were hidden beneath the species of the bread and wine, and continue to exist hidden beneath the species of the flesh and blood. If, in fact, the flesh and blood that appear were really the flesh and blood of Christ, we would have to say that the risen Christ, who reigns at God's right hand, loses a part of his flesh and blood. We must therefore say that the flesh and blood that appear in the miracles are a type of species, appearance or accident, no more and no less than the species of the bread and wine. The Lord carries out these miracles to give a sign that is easy and visible to all, that the real

body and blood of Christ are present in the Eucharist. But this real body and this real blood are not those that appear, rather they are substantially contained beneath the species or appearances, species or appearances that were those of the bread and wine before the miracle, and after the miracle are those of flesh and blood. Christ is truly and substantially contained beneath the appearances of flesh and blood, just as he was before the miracle. This is why we can worship Christ in his real presence beneath the species of the flesh and blood.

Father Roberto Coggi O.



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God will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice... (Psalm 112:5)

8 September 2022 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dear St. Marguerite Parish family,

On behalf of our staff, we are so grateful to God and to you for making St. Marguerite Bourgeoys a strong and vibrant family of faith after forty years! We look forward to more joyful years together.

I am pleased to see many families who have returned and those who are joining us for the first time after the shutdown due to the virus. We are resuming several programs as well as beginning new initiatives that will make us more effective as Christ's living Body within the town of Brookfield.

For example, numerous families have enrolled again this year both in our Faith Formation program and in Confirmation Preparation; we thank our devoted catechists who have all returned to instill a living example of faith to our children. We have nearly completed the renovations to the parish hall as part of our *We Stand With Christ* campaign. We are also resuming our Bible studies in the fall. We continue our collaboration with St. Joseph Parish with our combined Parish Picnic and Golf Tournament as well as other collaborative programs with all the parishes inside our deanery. Every first Thursday of the month, we have begun our Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Adoration and Confession in the church as preparation for the First Friday and First Saturday devotions. The Legion of Mary continues to meet weekly, while the Fatima devotional group and the Cenacle of Mary meet monthly. Further, our larger social events such as the Tag Sale and the Fall Festival have returned, and our Sodality continues its social outreach by delivering meals to the homebound.

As you can see, St. Marguerite Parish continues to stand on solid footing because of your generous giving, not only financially, but also in your time and talents. Therefore, please consider once again financially giving as generously as possible to our <u>Parish</u> Annual Collection (which benefits the parish, not the diocese) so that St. Marguerite's continues as a welcoming home for so many witnessing to God.

May God continue to bless us abundantly,

Rev. Shawn W. Jor	dan
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Please make your check payable to St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish. If you prefer, you can give online at osvhub.com/stmarguerite/giving/funds, select "Parish Annual Collection 2022".

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish is a tax-deductible 501(c) 3 organization.



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Parishioner Benefits:

- Secure and confidential. Adheres to banking security standards
- Flexible. Start, stop, and change your contributions at any time
- Simple and easy account setup
- Contribute using direct withdrawal or credit card
- Functional. You receive reminders and notifications about transactions

Parish benefits:

- Stabilize contributions. Allows parish to effectively manage monthly expenses, based on consistent support
- Secure and confidential. No need to store parishioners' account information
- Convenient. Easy for everyone to contribute to the parish

Online Giving allows you to make donations through the parish website. This convenient option for giving to your parish makes use of current technology and security standards and allows you to easily set up recurring contributions. There are many benefits for you and your parish.

To sign up, visit stmarguerite.org and click on the "Donate" tab. Contact Linda in the Parish Office at (203) 775-5117, ext. 212 with any questions.

Thank you for your support!

St. Marguerite was issued a \$102.43 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between April 1 and June 30, 2022!

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When shopping at Amazon, remember to shop at **AmazonSmile** and select "St Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish" as your charity. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish by shopping. Enter the following link: smile.amazon.com/ch/06-1074254 and donate while shopping!

Amazon Smile Wish List: Universal One colored paper (UNV11212-orchid; UNV11202-blue; UNV11204-pink; UNIV11205-goldenrod); Expo White Board Dry Erase Cleaner; paper cutter/trimmer; 3-Hole Electric Hole Punch, Fiskars 12 inch SureCut Deluxe Craft Paper Trimmer; Fiskars Precision Rotary Bypass Trimmer 12-inch.

Wish List: first class stamps; gift cards to BJs, Costco, and Amazon.

Thank you for your support of the parish!



St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish We Stand With Christ Campaign Redemption

Total Pledged: \$905,485.00

Total Collected (as of 6/8/22): \$581,131 (64%)

Total Cash Due to the Parish (as of 6/30/22): \$249,588.49

To make a payment on your pledge, visit GiveCentral.org/WSWC or call (203) 648-9050.

Around the Diocese...

The **Grotto Gift Shop at the Shrine of Lourdes** is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10:30 am-4 pm, and Sunday 11:30 am to 4 pm. Come and experience the peace and tranquility of the Shrine and visit the Gift Shop which has Advent wreaths, candles, and calendars in stock and a large selection of Christmas ornaments, cards, gifts, and Willow Tree and Fontanini Nativity sets for early Christmas shopping. A **Living Nativity** will take place in the Grotto on Sunday, December 11th at 2 pm. The Shrine is located at 50 Montfort Road in Litchfield. For more information, contact them at 860.567.0891, lourdesshrine@gmail.com, or visit shrinect.org.

The Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center's current exhibit is **Christmas in the Castle**. This exhibit features almost 50 Nativity scenes from the collection of the Glencairn Museum in Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania. From November 11, 2022 to February 5, 2023, the exhibit can be viewed Wednesdays-Sundays, 10 am-4 pm. Free admission. Free parking. For more information, call 203.865.0400 or visit michaelmcgivneycenter.org.

Free Estate Planning Resource

Have you thought about including St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish in your will? The Diocese of Bridgeport has partnered with *FreeWill* to offer members of our Parish the opportunity to create their legal will for free. Using FreeWill's easy-to-use online platform, you can write your will in 20 minutes or less, and start your legacy with our Parish in the process.



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