

**ST. MARGUERITE
BOURGOYS
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

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

Dec 3/4: \$6,906.00

OLG: \$2,652.00

Thank you!

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT · 11 DECEMBER 2022

Daily Mass in the Chapel: Beginning Monday, December 12th, the 8:30 am Mass will return to the chapel.

Our church is always beautifully decorated with flowers for Christmas. We thank you for your contributions to **Christmas Flowers**. Remember the deceased and honor the living with a donation. All envelopes will remain on the altar for the Christmas season and intentions included at Christmas Masses. Extra envelopes are in the church.

An **Advent Ember Retreat** will be led by Fr. Kloster on Saturday, December 17th, 9 am-2 pm. See page two for the schedule.

St Marguerite's will be collecting **Christmas Cards for Brookfield Commons residents**. Cards to color will be available in Rooms 1 and 2 after all Masses on December 17th and 18th. See the flyer on page two.

2023 The Saints Among Us Calendars are available in the narthex — only \$2/each.

Please donate your gently used coats, gloves, mittens, and hats for the Knights of Columbus annual **Coats for Kids and Families** Drive. A collection bin is in the narthex.

If you are considering making a **tax-deductible gift** before the end of the year, please consider supporting our parish of St. Marguerite Bourgoys. We appreciate the generosity of our members and visitors!

Amazon Smile: When you shop at Amazon this upcoming holiday season, support the parish by selecting St. Marguerite Bourgoys 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, Dec 12: *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

8:30 +Edward James Jordan and Helinor Gallagher by
Fr. Shawn W Jordan

Tues, Dec 13: *St Lucy*

8:30 +Dino Cortopassi by Trezza family

Wed, Dec 14: *St John of the Cross*

8:30 +Anthony and Caroline Perone by their daughter

Thurs, Dec 15

8:30 +John T Carroll, Jr by Spitzafaden family

Fri, Dec 16

8:30 Ints of Erna Schoeneborn

Sat, Dec 17

4:30 +Dec Mbrs of Consoletti family by Mario and
Annette Nacinovich; +John P. Fitton by Fitton family

Sun, Dec 18: *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:30 +Hermiline, Yvonne, Emma, and Arthur LeBlanc
by family

11:00 Ints of Dcn Vincent Pia by Linda Diorio;

+Kenneth G Carlson by Feeney family

12:30 (TLM) Liv/Dec Mbrs of St Marguerite Parish

5:00 Liv/Dec Mbrs of Evertz family by Katy Murphy

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 ldiorio@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

Mon, Dec 12

10am (Rm 7)
Cenacle

Tues, Dec 13

9:15 am (Rm 7):
Legion of Mary

Wed, Dec 14

7:30 pm (Rm 8/9):
NA



Christmas Cards for Brookfield Commons

St. Marguerite's will again be collecting Christmas cards to give to the residents of Brookfield Commons. This is a wonderful way for us to spread some Christmas cheer to those who may not always feel so festive during the holidays.



Cards to color with be available in Rooms 1 & 2 after all Masses on **December 17 and 18.**
Kids and adults are welcome!

You can also make your own cards at home and drop them in the box by the bulletin board in the narthex by **Monday, December 19**



Thank you for helping make their Christmas a little brighter!



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 Advocates
13:30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
14:00	Final Blessing



SCHEDULE FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23
4-6 PM CONFESSION AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
10 AM-NOON CONFESSION AVAILABLE
4:30 PM MASS
9:30 PM CHRISTMAS CAROLS
10 PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
8:30 AM MASS
11 AM MASS
NO 5 PM MASS



Latin Mass Christmas Schedule



CHRISTMAS EVE

Confession Available: 8-10 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

midnight Mass

7 am Low Mass

12:30 pm Missa Cantata





NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

This week we will continue our look at the Eucharistic Miracle in Argentina and learn about the scientific testing that was performed on it.

Eucharistic Miracles of

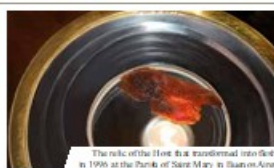
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BUENOS AIRES

ARGENTINA, 1992-1994-1996

This is the account given by Professor Castañon regarding the Eucharistic Miracle that occurred in 1996 still in the Parish of Saint Mary:

"On August 15, 1996, a faithful received the consecrated Host in his hands to take communion but he let it inadvertently fall to the ground and thought not to pick it up because it seemed "dirty" to him. Another person, more pious, noticed what had happened, picked it up and placed it apart immediately informing the priest, Father Alejandro Pezet. The priest, following the directives of the Church in these circumstances, put the Host in a vessel full of water which he placed in the tabernacle awaiting that it would dissolve."



The Hosts of the Host that transubstantiated into flesh in 1996 at the Parish of Saint Mary in Buenos Aires



The then archbishop of Buenos Aires, Cardinal Benigno, with Doctor Castañon Gómez and some priests of the Parish of Saint Mary



Tabernacle at the Church of Saint Mary where the Hosts of the Miracle are preserved



Father Alejandro Pezet, priest, presenting the Hosts of the Miracle that occurred in 1996

"On August 26 the tabernacle was reopened to get the vessel with the fallen Host, and it was observed that it was not dissolved and showed several reddish stains that became larger each day. The priests of the parish went immediately to the Archbishop of Buenos Aires to recount what had happened. It was decided to wait before proceeding with the investigation and in 1999, after the Archbishop was made aware of the fact that I was performing for free these scientific investigations, he entrusted me to take up the case. On October 6, 1999, I went to Buenos Aires and interviewed the 5 priests' witnesses of the event who told me that there had been another consecrated Host which had bled in May of 1992. They had put it in distilled water which is the worst way to preserve something and for this I was very concerned. Everyone knows that when one draws blood it is possible to obtain the leukocyte formula (white blood

cells). In blood there is a variety of white blood cells with specific characteristics. The priest, in the first instance, had asked one of their lady parishioners who was a chemist to analyze the bleeding Host. She discovered that it was human blood and that it presented the entire leukocyte formula. She was very surprised to observe that the white blood cells were active. The lady doctor could not however do the genetic examination since at that time it was not easy to perform it. I brought a sample from the 2 Hosts which had bled before the archdiocesan notary who certified the legitimacy of that action, as requested by the authorities of the Church in Argentina. I would like to point out that before inviting me, the then Archbishop of Buenos Aires had already contacted the Holy See to ask for references about me. These were given by H.E. Most Rev. Gianfranco Girotti, who then was under-secretary at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and direct collaborator of Cardinal

Ratzinger. On October 21 I went to the Forensic Analytical genetic laboratory in San Francisco, which was supposed to perform the analysis of the samples that I had brought. On January 28 of 2000 they found some fragments of human DNA in the samples, it was human blood that contained the human genetic code. In March of 2000 I was informed that also the famous legal histopathologist Dr. Robert Lavence, one of the top experts in tissues, would participate in this analysis I feared for the participation of Dr. Robert Lavence because this would have required some substantial costs which I would have had to bear myself, but I was told that they desired his collaboration because in the samples they had found some substances which resembled human tissues. Dr. Lavence studied the samples and found in them human skin and white blood cells. In December of 2000 Dr. Lavence told me that he could have obtained other samples of DNA."



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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 Parish 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. Jordan

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Pastor

Yes! I will support St. Marguerite Bourgeoys with a gift to the 2022 Annual Collection.

Enclosed is my gift of: ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ Other \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

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".

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- 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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Amazon Smile Wish List: Universal One colored paper (UNVI1212-orchid; UNVI1202-blue; UNVI1204-pink; UNVI1205-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 BJ's, Costco, and Amazon.

Thank you for your support of the parish!



We Stand With Christ

A CAMPAIGN FOR THE DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

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 **Carol Sing** will be held on Saturday, December 10th at 7:30 pm in the Grotto. 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 information: 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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