

**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 10/11: \$3,865.00
OLG: \$2,764.00
Immac Conc: \$1,313.00
Ret Religious: \$714.00
Thank you!

Staff

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E-News



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT · 18 DECEMBER 2022

The parish is 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.

Our church is always beautifully decorated with flowers for Christmas. We thank you for your contributions for **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.

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

To conserve electricity, the 8:30 am **Daily Mass** (Monday-Friday) is now being celebrated in the chapel.

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 parishioners and visitors!

Amazon Smile: When you shop at Amazon this 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.

Did you know the **parish has a Wish List**? The link to our Amazon Wish List is available at stmarguerite.org. There are several items currently on our list that we could use to run the office and parish well and efficiently: 3-hole punch; banker's boxes, first-class flag stamps, paper cutter. See our website for specifications.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Dec 19

8:30 Ints. of Dina Fornesi by Trezza family

Tues, Dec 20

8:30 +Hugo and Wilma Louis by Cirella family

Wed, Dec 21: Saint Peter Canisius

8:30 +Rev. John Austin by Fr. Jordan

Thurs, Dec 22

8:30 +Fred Clarkson by Caraluzzi family

Fri, Dec 23: Saint John of Kanty

8:30 Ints. of Daniel Parisi by Trezza family

Sat, Dec 24

4:30 Ints. of Justin Jarvis by his mom and dad; Liv/Dec
Mbrs of the Madden, Murphy, and Malone families
10:00 Ints. of Priscilla Garamella by Fr. Jordan

Sun, Dec 25: Nativity of the Lord

Midnight (TLM) Liv/Dec Mbrs of St Marguerite Parish
7:00 (TLM) Liv/Dec Mbrs of St Marguerite Parish
8:30 +Gertrude and Louis Carbone by Diana Tomasko
11:00 Parishioners of St. Marguerite; Christmas Flower
intentions; +Raymond Tomasko by Diana Tomasko
12:30 (TLM) Liv/Dec Mbrs of St Marguerite Parish

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 19
9:30 am (Rm 7)
Opus Dei

Tues, Dec 20
9:15 am (Rm 7):
Legion of Mary

Wed, Dec 21
7:30 pm (Rm 8/9):
NA



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.

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The Eucharistic Miracles of BUENOS AIRES

ARGENTINA, 1992-1994-1996

"In 2001 I went with my samples to Professor Linoli who identified the white blood cells and said to me that most probably the samples corresponded to heart tissue. The results obtained from the samples were similar to those of the studies performed on the Host of the Miracle of Lanciano. In 2002 we sent the sample to Professor John Walker at the University of Sydney in Australia who confirmed that the samples showed muscle cells and intact white blood cells and everyone knows that white blood cells outside our body disintegrate after 15 minutes and in this case 6 years had already passed."



On August 13, 1996, Father Alejandro Port picked up from the ground a consecrated Host that he placed in the tabernacle after pouring it in a matchbox water to make it dissolve. When on August 26 he reopened the tabernacle he found that it looked covered by a reddish substance.



It is important to note that blood is drawn from a person after 15 minutes the white blood cells disintegrate. Thus it is absolutely impossible from the scientific point of view that in 2001 white blood cells were found in the sample of 1996. This demonstrates that the host had dynamic activity at the moment in which the sample was collected.



Professor Zaghe confirmed that the sample corresponded to muscle of the heart, of the myocardium, precisely the left ventricle and that the pattern as shown is changed but it should also be noted that some fibers which indicated that at various moments he could not breathe for lack of oxygen and more aggression had been very painful. According to the Professor the pattern had been made at the height of the chest. Moreover the heart showed dynamic activity about at the moment in which it was brought into the laboratory, since some white blood cells that are transported only by the blood have been found. This confirmed that the sample was pulsating.



On March 2 of 2006, Professor Frederick Zaghe of New York, at Columbia University, the prominent report in forensic medicine of the heart, received the sample without knowing that it came from a consecrated Host which had bled.



In 2001 Professor Linoli from Italy, the same one who analyzed the Miracle of Lanciano, confirmed that this was not just but probably a fragment of tissue of the human heart.

"In September of 2003 I went again to Professor Robert Laverne who confirmed that in the light of the new investigations one could conclude that the sample could correspond to the tissue of an inflated heart. The studies therefore had demonstrated that those tissues from an inflated heart: this meant that the person to whom they belonged must have suffered a lot. To clarify our doubts, on March 2, 2004 we went to the greatest expert in cardiac pathologies and forensic medicine of the heart, Professor Frederick Zaghe of New York, at Columbia University. The professor however did not know that the sample I had brought to him came from a consecrated Host. The sample which you brought me - Professor Zaghe said to me - is the muscle of the heart, of the myocardium, it is precisely the left ventricle and he confirmed that my patient had suffered a lot. Then I asked him: 'Doctor, why has my patient suffered a

lot?' He answered me: 'Because your patient has some thrombi, at certain moments he could not breathe, oxygen did not reach him, he labored and suffered much because every aspiration was painful. Probably they gave him a blow at the level of the chest. Moreover the heart showed dynamic activity (alive) at the moment when you brought me the sample.' 'Why?' I ask him. 'Because we found some intact white blood cells and white blood cells are transported only by the blood and thus if when blood cells are here it is because at the moment in which you brought me the sample it was pulsating.' The professor then asked to whom this sample belonged and when we told him that it came from a consecrated Host he exclaimed: 'I do not believe it.' He was greatly moved. The same professor had shown to us in a book the case of one of his patients who showed the same lesions, similar to those of the sample that we had brought to him. 'The myocardium is the

muscle that gives life to the whole heart and to our body. Rightly a theologian made me note that the fact that it was really the myocardium, was not causal but it concealed a symbolism. The Lord in this miracle wanted to show us his myocardium, which is the muscle that gives life to the whole heart, just as the Eucharist does with the Church. And why the left ventricle? Because from it comes the purified blood and Jesus is the one Who purifies his Church from her sin. Doctor - Professor Zaghe said to me again, at the moment in which you brought me this sample, this heart was alive! His report was sent out on March 26, 2005, 5 years and a half after the start of the studies and the conclusions were: 'They are tissues of the heart, undergoing degenerative changes of the myocardium and those changes are due to the fact that the cells are inflated and it is the left ventricle of the heart.' On March 17, 2006 I brought the results to Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio.



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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
\$103.28 donation
from the AmazonSmile Foundation
as a result of AmazonSmile
program activity between
July 1 and September 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. Bankers Boxes (12"x15"x10"), Swingline desktop hole punch; white 8.5x11 copy paper.

Wish List: first class stamps; gift cards to BJs, 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 11/29/22): \$588,814

Total Cash Due to the Parish (as of 11/29/22): \$241,905.49

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. 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.

Get started today at FreeWill.com/BridgeportDiocese.

