

**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

**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**

Jan 21/22: \$4,153.50

OLG: \$2,853.00

Thank you!

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# E-News



**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · 29 JANUARY 2023**

**February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise!** Fr. Shawn will bless throats after the 8:30 am Mass.

Join us for **Sacred Heart Thursday** on February 2nd, 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 February 4th at 4 pm.

**A Baby Shower for Malta House** in Norwalk is being held at the parish through January 29. We are collecting much needed baby supplies and clothing in the narthex. See the flyer on page two for needed items. God bless you for your generosity and help for the unborn.

**Contribution Statements for your 2022 taxes** are available in the narthex. Questions? Please contact Linda at [ldiorio@stmarguerite.org](mailto:ldiorio@stmarguerite.org) or at 203.775.5117, ext. 212. Pick yours up this weekend!

**Rosary and Prayer Shawl Makers needed!** We are looking for help making Rosaries either at your convenience at home or at our meeting every other week on Tuesday mornings, 10 am to noon. You will receive a kit of beads and instructions on how to make the Rosaries. We also need help knitting prayer shawls, warmers, and hats for St. Vincent Hospital. Crocheting lessons are available. Contact Mary Poster (203.470.7618) or Pat Spitzfaden (203.775.9236) for more information. We will begin Tuesday, January 31.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Mon, Jan 30**

8:30 +Edward Feeney by Feeney family

**Tues, Jan 31: St. John Bosco**

8:30 +Irene Rotella by Feeney family

**Wed, Feb 1**

8:30 +Gerald Green by Barbara Randall

**Thurs, Feb 2: The Presentation of the Lord**

8:30 +Stan Kurpiewski by Denise Kurpiewski

**Fri, Feb 3: St. Blaise**

8:30 +John Guardo by Annette and Mario Nacinovich

**Sat, Feb 4: BVM**

4:30 +Kathleen Schaffmeier by Katy Murphy;

+Honora Dillon by Christina Stauble

**Sun, Feb 5: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 +Joseph Patrick Cann, Jr. by Cann family

11:00 +Eileen Coladarsi by Denise Kurpiewski;

Liv/Dec Mbrs of Madden, Murphy, and Malone families

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

5:00 Ints. of Biasetti family

Offering: Mass-\$10; Altar Candles-\$20; Hosts-\$15; Sanctuary Candle-\$10; Sacramental Wine-\$10.  
To request Mass intentions, contact Linda at [ldiorio@stmarguerite.org](mailto:ldiorio@stmarguerite.org) or (203) 775-5117, x212.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**Tues, Jan 31**

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

10 am (Rm 1)  
Rosary/Prayer Shawl

**Wed, Feb 1**

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

**Thurs, Feb 2**

7:00 pm  
Sacred Heart Thursday  
Adoration and  
Confession

**Sat, Feb 4**

4 pm  
First Saturday Rosary



# BABY

## showery

for

# MALTA HOUSE

*through January 29th*

**Items needed:**

- ~ diapers
- ~ wipes
- ~formula
- ~food
- ~cereal
- ~lotion/cream
- ~bibs
- ~diaper cream
- ~boppy pillows

**Gift Cards needed to:**

- Stop and Shop
- Shoprite
- Target
- Walmart
- Kohls
- CVS
- Amazon

# DOMINICAN ROSARY PILGRIMAGE



We are excited to invite you to join us in the  
Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage!

The Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage is a full day event celebrating the Rosary at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on September 30, 2023, the Vigil of Rosary Sunday, hosted by the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph.

The pilgrimage starts (**spiritually**) with a 9-month Novena starting January 30, 2023. We invite everyone to pray the Novena prayer on the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month between January 30 and the event on September 30.

**A NOVENA PRAYER CARD**  
**is available in the church or to learn**  
**more visit: [rosarypilgrimage.org](http://rosarypilgrimage.org).**

## *The Most Precious Blood of Jesus*

# BRUGES

BELGIUM

The oldest documents concerning the Holy Blood of Bruges date back to 1256. The Holy Blood probably was part of a group of relics of the Passion of Christ preserved at the imperial museum of Bucoleon in Constantinople (modern Istanbul). In 1203 Constantinople was besieged and conquered by the crusaders. Baldwin IX, Count of Flanders, after being crowned as the new emperor, sent the relic of the Precious Blood to his native country at Bruges.



Relic of the Most Precious Blood



A knight pretending to be the Count of Flanders bringing back the Most Precious Blood



Procession in honor of the Most Precious Blood



Church of the Most Precious Blood



Detail of Bruges



Interior of the Church of the Most Precious Blood, Bruges



Recent analyses were made on the crystal bottle containing the Holy Blood. The bottle has been dated as of the 11th century. It is also ~~also~~ it was made in an area near by Constantinople. Although in the Bible there is no explicit mention that the Blood of Christ was ever preserved, in one of the Apocryphal Gospels it is narrated that Joseph of Arimathea preserved some drops of the blood of Christ.

*According to an ancient tradition* Count Diederik van den Elzas brought the bottle containing the Blood of Christ from Jerusalem to Bruges during the second crusade. Recent investigations however have pointed out that the relic arrived in Bruges at a later date, probably around 1250 coming from Constantinople.

The veneration of the relic is at the origin of the internationally famous procession that is held every year through the streets of the city on the day of the Feast of the Ascension.

The citizens of Bruges dress in historical customs and reenact biblical scenes and the arrival of the Count of Flanders who brought the Holy relic.



**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!**

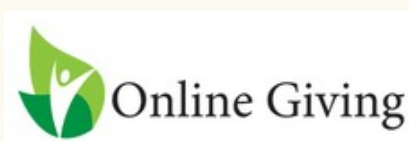
**Please Note:**

On February 20, 2023, Amazon will be ending their AmazonSmile program. Customer purchases made via AmazonSmile will continue to accrue funds for charities as normal until this date. The Amazon Wish List will continue. Thank you for your support.

While the Amazon Smile program is ending, the Amazon Wish List continues! Visit [stmarguerite.org](http://stmarguerite.org) for the link to the Wish List on the home page.

**Parish Wish List:** first class stamps; gift cards to BJ's, Costco, and Amazon, 8.5x11 white copier paper, bankers boxes.

**Thank you for your support of 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](http://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!**

**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

**St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish  
We Stand With Christ  
Campaign Redemption**



**We Stand With Christ**  
A CAMPAIGN FOR THE DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

**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](http://GiveCentral.org/WSWC) or call (203) 648-9050.



### Bishop Caggiano's 2023 Bishop's Appeal Message

My dear friends in Christ, each year, I have the privilege to come and stand before you with a grateful heart to ask once again for your help to make the annual Bishop's Appeal a great success.

I do so this year very mindful that while each of us is blessed in so many ways, we can also look upon the year that has passed and see that in our midst, our world is deeply troubled, deeply divided, deeply conflicted. And so the theme I've chosen for the Appeal this year is simply, **One in Christ**, which celebrates not only the unity you and I form as sisters and brothers in the Lord and the mission you and I share amidst ourselves, but quite frankly, serves as a clarion call to go out into the world and invite others to experience what we have. And to see in real ways the tangible, reckless, generous love of God that comes through you and me.

Consider for a moment our mission. We are committed in Christ to help our schoolchildren to experience the gift of Catholic education. Without your help, they would not have this transformative opportunity in their lives. Likewise, we are committed to care for our elders, and those who are sick, and those who are in need in our midst. That also means joyfully caring for our retired priests and also nourishing new vocations, which truly unite us as people of faith.

In countless ways and in the new initiatives that you and I are giving birth to, we always wish to draw closer together in bonds of unity, friendship, and love. Not simply for our own sake, but for our sisters and brothers in need, so that we might go out into the world hand in hand, heart to heart, shoulder-to-shoulder to serve others. Together in our works of charity and faith, we can invite them to see the true path that will allow the world the healing and hope, which is our right and destiny in Jesus Christ.

So I ask you, all of you, everyone listening to me today to please prayerfully consider giving generously to this year's Appeal. Whatever gift you can make-- big or small alike—is a tangible sign that we are together, "**One in Christ**," as we go forward to bring our mission into the world.

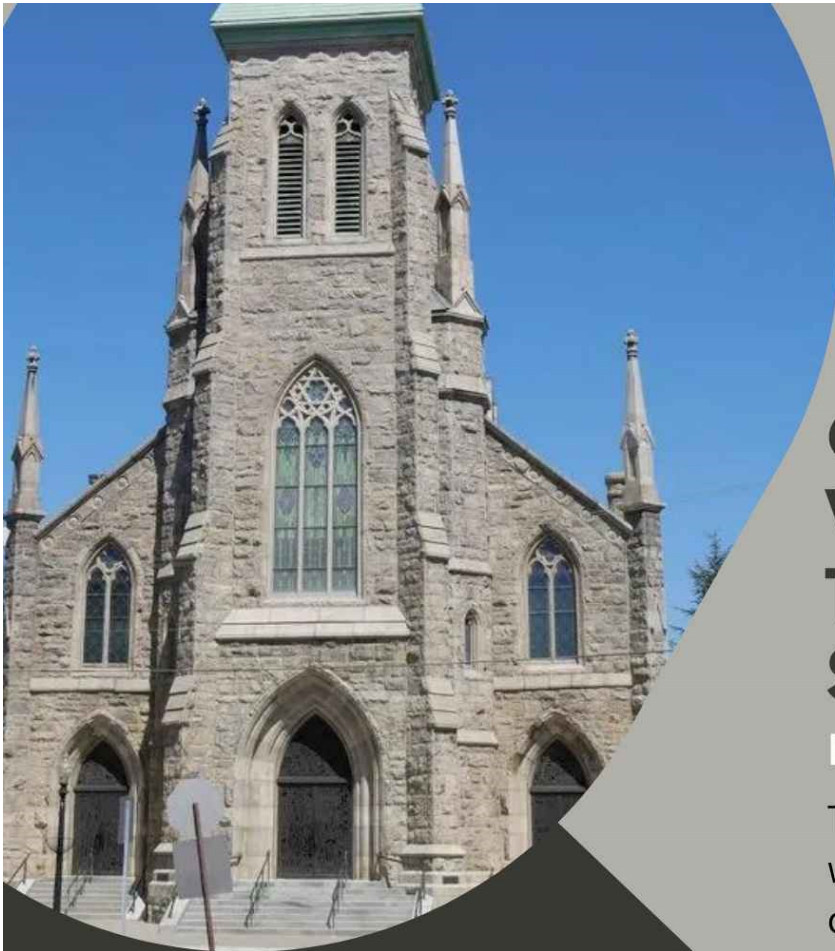
As always, my friends, I am grateful for all that you have done, and for your fidelity, and for your generosity. Now this is the moment I am asking you once again to recommit to the unity we share, the mission that is ours, to give hope to a waiting world.

Thank you and may God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano  
Bishop of Bridgeport

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys'  
goal is \$65,700.



## **SPECIAL HEALING MASS**

**Saturday, February 11 at noon**

Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick for those who wish for healing (physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual). All the priests of our Deanery (Priests from Danbury, New Fairfield, Bethel, and Brookfield) will be present and will administer the Sacrament. The Sacrament will be administered right after the homily, as parishioners will be invited to approach the altar in the same way we receive Communion. All are welcome to attend!



## **CHORAL VESPERS FOR THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE**

**Friday, February 3 at 7 pm**

The traditional blessing of throats will be included in addition to a choral liturgy with the parish choir.

## **ST. PETER CHURCH**

121 Main Street  
Danbury

**203.743.2707**

[stpeterdanb.org](http://stpeterdanb.org)



## Stay Warmer With Free Knight's Home Heating Firewood

- Being offered to help offset the higher cost of heat homes in the Brookfield Community
- Contact [fcbaJetAds@yahoo.com](mailto:fcbaJetAds@yahoo.com) or call/text: 203-830-9075 to schedule your pick-up. After you leave your name, address & phone number, you will be called back with a pick-up details.
- Pick-ups of wood are generally on Saturday mornings unless otherwise arranged. (wear suitable gloves to load your vehicle)
- Contributions are welcome to help support the Knights many charitable efforts. <https://candlewood-lake-council---knights-of-columbus.square.site/>

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