

**ST. MARGUERITE
BOURGEOYS
PARISH**

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Mass Schedule

- Saturday: 4:30 pm Vigil
- Sunday: 8:30 am; 11 am;
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

Easter: \$8,472.00
Easter Special Gift: \$7,062.00
Holy Thursday: \$895.00
Holy Land: \$1,015.00

Staff

Deacons: Joseph P. Cann
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Music Director: Jack Basso

E-News



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY · 16 APRIL 2023

Thank you for your **generous donations to the Easter offertory!** We are grateful for your contributions. If you were away or have not yet sent in your donation, you can mail it to the office or drop it off in the collection box.

Register your child for 2023-24 **Faith Formation Classes**. Classes begin in first grade. For information, contact Faith Formation Director Mary Ellen Tiernan at 203.775.5117, x215, or metiernan@stmarguerite.org.

Inquiry and the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Teens (RCIT)**: Are you interested or wondering about what it takes to become a Catholic? Do you know someone who might like to learn more about our faith? Becoming a Catholic is a journey that takes time and guidance but has wonderful rewards! Classes begin in the fall but now is a time for "inquiry". There is no obligation or commitment in asking. Email Mary Ellen at metiernan@stmarguerite.org.

Ladies' Day Retreat: Saturday, April 22 at the Convent of St. Brigitta in Darien, 10 am-3 pm. Spend a day in retreat with reflections, adoration, and prayer. The cost is \$50/person and includes a hot lunch. RSVP to Mary Ellen at metiernan@stmarguerite.org.

Ladies are invited to participate in the **Sodality of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys**. Next gathering is Monday, April 24 at 6:30 pm. Email cmangini@snet.net for information.

Rev. Albert D. Audette, Jr. — May he rest in peace. We regret to announce the passing of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys' third pastor (1996-2002), Rev. Albert D. Audette, Jr. on Saturday, April 1st. Fr. His funeral will take place in Virginia. Condolences can be sent to Fr.'s daughter, Terry Robinson, 448 Stars and Stripes, Fisher, TX 78623. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for the consolation of his family. Visit "Breaking News" at stmarguerite.org for the Diocese of Bridgeport announcement on his death.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Apr 17

8:30 +Souls in Purgatory by Michael Miska

Tues, Apr 18

8:30 +Catherine Myszk and +Michael Sygenik
by Michael Miska

Wed, Apr 19

8:30 +Leokadia Maleski by Michael Miska

Thurs, Apr 20

8:30 +William H. Cutler, Sr. by Fr. Jordan

Fri, Apr 21: St. Anselm

8:30 +Katherine Senese by Michael Miska

Sat, Apr 22

4:30 +Edward Caraluzzi by family;
+Theresa Roudenis by Michael Miska

Sun, Apr 23: Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 +Helen Iride by family
11:00 +Eva and Valmont Bernier by family;
+John Meyerle by Al and Mary Ann Mascia
5:00 Ints. of Tina Grater by 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 or (203) 775-5117, x212.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tues, Apr 18

9:15 am:
Legion of Mary

Wed, Apr 19

7:30 pm:
NA



The **2023 Bishop's Appeal** provides the funds for the pastoral, educational, and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Bridgeport. This year's theme, **One In Christ**, seeks to unite the diocese in service, compassion, and faith as we work together to bring our sisters and brothers together to encounter and embrace the power of the Lord Jesus in our lives.

We are asking for your support, to the extent you can, and urging you to participate in this year's "One in Christ" Appeal.

"One in Christ" is the theme of this year's Bishop's Appeal and refers to our diocesan commitment to create a culture of accompaniment that will offer many opportunities to encounter the love and grace of the Lord Jesus in ordinary and extraordinary ways. It provides the faithful and those seeking God with an opportunity to be

accompanied in their life of faith and discipleship to pass on to the next generation.

In that spirit, please consider the many ways the 2023 Bishop's Appeal unites the diocese in service, compassion, and faith by viewing Bishop Caggiano's short message at <https://youtu.be/SZM0CKfpmuU>. Learn how as a spiritual community we are truly "One in Christ" in answering God's call to serve others.

"The Catholic Bridge", Center for Entrepreneurship provides resources and mentorship to young adults for growth in their Catholic faith while making an impact on their local communities. It is aimed at welcoming, engaging, and forming young adults in the life of the Church. "The Catholic Bridge" will provide college age young people and graduates mentoring opportunities with successful Catholic businesspersons who will assist them as they begin their professional careers. These mentoring relationships will also provide the tools by which interested young adults can work and address some of the local social problems that affect people throughout our Diocese. Thank you for making a gift to the Bishop's Appeal and supporting "The Bridge".



To make a gift, or for more information, visit 2023BishopsAppeal.org, call 203.416.1470, or scan the QR code with your phone.

One in Christ — The 2023 Bishop's Appeal

Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish

2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 4/6/2023

ABA Goal: \$65,700.00

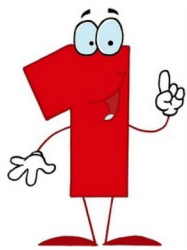
Total Pledged: \$29,815.00 (45.38%)

Donors to Date: 90 Donors

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

Roman Catholic Church

Has two **BIG** things happening!!!



SAVERS FUNDrive®
savers

Starting May 27th until June 2nd, bring us your clothing, bedding, towels, and accessories (hats, mittens, scarves, belts, etc.) in good, clean, and salable condition and bagged in kitchen garbage bags. Drop them in the parish hall or designated area. We will deliver to SAVERS and St. Marguerite will be paid by the pound for the items. No muss, no fuss!



TAG SALE



St. Marguerite's Tag Sale is back! June 3rd from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with *Special Preview Shopping* on Friday, June 2nd, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (\$5 admission on Friday only).

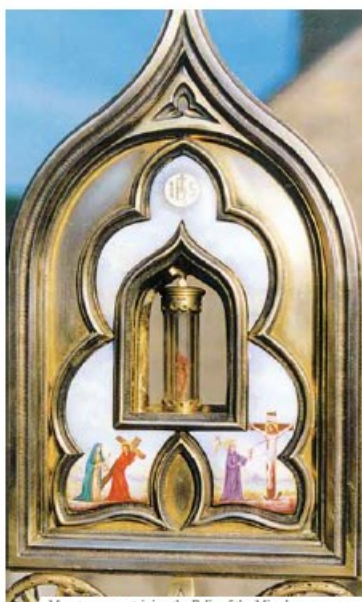
Every day from May 27th until June 1st, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., bring us your kitchen items, vases, glassware, working electronics, lamps, radios, CDs, DVDs, records, shoes, sandals, costume jewelry, handmade items, tablecloths, curtains, purses, backpacks, candles, candle holders, children's books (*sorry, no other books*), toys, games, sports equipment, baby items (such as night lights, baby monitors, safety gates), picture frames, paintings/prints, Christmas decorations, and small furniture items (such as low bookcases, hat racks, magazine racks) in good condition and we will price them to sell!

Eucharistic Miracle of BLANOT

FRANCE, 1331



The Eucharistic Miracle of Blanot took place during the Easter Mass of 1331. During Communion, a Host fell to a cloth that was held below the communicant's mouth. The priest tried to pick it up, but it was not possible. The Host had transformed into Blood, resulting in a stain – the same size as the Host – on the cloth. That cloth is preserved today in the village of Blanot.



Monstrance containing the Relic of the Miracle



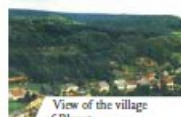
Parish of Blanot



A 17th century display case containing the cloth stained with blood, preserved in a crystal tube. Blanot



Details of paintings that decorate the Monstrance



View of the village of Blanot



Ancient tombstone that describes the Miracle



Procession in honor of the Miracle

In the 14th Century, Blanot was a small village in the center of France and part of the diocese of Autun. The bishop of this town, Pierre Bertrand, was involved in certain canonical discussions with an official of his curia, Jean Jarossier, which resulted in documentation that gives us many details about this Eucharistic miracle.

The miracle occurred on Easter Sunday, March 31, 1331, at the first Mass of the day, which was offered by Hugues de la Baume, the vicar of Blanot. One of the last people to receive Communion was a woman named Jacquette, the widow of Regnaut d'Effour. The priest placed the Host on her tongue, turned, and started walking toward the altar. He did not notice that a particle from the Host fell and landed upon a cloth that

covered the woman's hands. Thomas Caillot, who was assisting at the Mass went to the altar and said: "Father, you must return to the rail because the Body of Our Lord fell from the mouth of this lady onto the cloth."

The priest immediately went to the woman, still kneeling at the railing, but instead of finding the Host on the cloth, he saw a small spot of Blood. When Mass was over, the priest took the cloth into the sacristy and placed the stained area in a basin filled with clear water. After washing the spot and scrubbing it numerous times, he found that it had become darker and larger (reaching about the size and shape of a Host). Moreover, the water in the basin turned bloody. The priest took a knife and, after washing it, cut from the cloth the piece bearing the

bloody imprint of the Host. He held it up and said: "Good people: here there is the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. I sought in every way to wash it and to wring it, and in no way was I able to remove it from this cloth." This square of cloth was reverently placed in the tabernacle. Every year, on the feast of Corpus Christi, the relic is solemnly exposed in the church of Blanot.

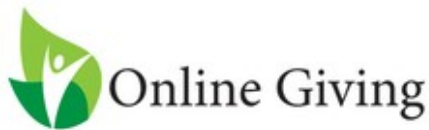
An additional note: The Hosts that remained in the ciborium after the distribution of Holy Communion on that Easter Sunday were also returned to the tabernacle, never to be distributed. Hundreds of years later they were found to have been perfectly preserved.



- * First class flag stamps
- * Avery A-Z Tab Dividers for 3 Ring Binders, 1 Set (11125)
- * 8.5x11 white copy paper
- * Manila file folders (1/3 cut, letter size)
- * Banker's boxes
- * Gift cards to BJ's, Costco, and Amazon

Link to Amazon wish list: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/7W2VJHBHP8OI?ref=wl_share

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 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 Bourgeays 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): \$588,814.00

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.