

**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

May 13/14: \$3,688.00
Online Giving: \$769.00

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E-News



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER · 21 MAY 2023



The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Mother.

High School Teens: Please join us after the 5 pm Mass this Sunday to meet Mike Falbo, who will also be speaking at the Mass. He is beginning a new ministry for teens to grow in their faith, spirituality, and leadership within their communities.

Join us for **Sacred Grounds Coffee** hosted by our Sodality Group on Sunday, May 21 after the 8:30 am and 11 am Masses in the narthex. Join us for lots of delicious coffee and treats!

Our **Sodality Group** will make knotted rosaries on Tuesday, May 30th at 6 pm in Room 1. The next Sodality meeting will be Monday, June 26 at 6:30 in Room 1.

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.

Our annual **Tag Sale** will take place on Saturday, June 3, 8:30 am-5:30 pm with a special preview day on Friday, June 2, 5-7 pm. A Savers FUNDrive will be held May 27-June 2. See the flyers on page three and four for details.

Inquiry and the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Teens (RCIT)**: Becoming a Catholic is a journey that takes time and guidance but has wonderful rewards! Classes begin in the fall. There is no obligation or commitment in asking. Questions? Email Mary Ellen at metiernan@stmarguerite.org.

A **Blood Drive**, hosted by the Brookfield Knights of Columbus, will be held in the Hall on Friday, May 26, 1-6 pm. To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1.800.733.2767. Use Sponsor Code SMBCKOC.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, May 22: St. Rita of Cascia

8:30 Liv/Dec Mbrs of Gondek family by Katy Murphy

Tues, May 23

8:30 +Jackie Goin by Katy Murphy

Wed, May 24

8:30 +Flora Jean Erickson by Jo-Ann Gargiulo

Thurs, May 25: St. Bede the Venerable

8:30 +Nikola Luldjuraj by her mom and sister

Fri, May 26: St. Philip Neri

8:30 +Frank J. Genova by Fredericks family

Sat, May 27: St. Augustine of Canterbury

4:30 +Joan Ginty by a friend

Sun, May 28: Pentecost Sunday

8:30 +John O'Connor by Katy Murphy

11:00 Ints of the Bernier and Hagarty families and Ints of the Barksdale and Keller families by Doreen Bernier

5:00 +Drew Pickering, Sr. by Bevilacqua 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, May 23

9:15 am:
Legion of Mary

10 am:
Rosary Making/Prayer Shawl

1:30 pm:
Fatima Prayer Cell

Wed, May 24

7:30 pm:
NA



Dear Fr. Shawn,

I am writing on behalf of a non-profit organization that I have just begun. I would like to share about this new and exciting ministry and invite you to join me on this important mission.

In December of 2021, I decided to begin pursuing a calling that had been forming deep within me. This calling was one of forming an organization/ministry solely dedicated to youth here in Connecticut. One that would focus on bringing young people to Jesus by helping them grow in their faith by diving deeper into their spirituality, while also helping them develop the tools and skills to be leaders in their respected communities. As I pursued this calling, I looked to the Blessed Mother to be my consolation & guidance. There became an ever-growing desire to bring the Blessed Mother into the fold and have Her be the focal point of it all. For there is truly no greater way for young people to grow in their faith and love of Jesus than for them to come to grow in their knowledge, love, and devotion for Our Lady. As St. Louis de Montfort says, "To Jesus through Mary!" As my personal discernment and prayer grew, the name for this ministry came about, CREW – Leaders For Mary.

Almost a year later, that calling to start a ministry materialized into a non-profit Catholic apostolate! This is a fancy way of saying a lay ministry. CREW – Leaders For Mary (CLFM) focuses primarily on improving, teaching, and informing high school teens to follow Jesus Christ through the virtues of the Blessed Virgin Mary. CLFM empowers the young urban Church to foster authentic, mission-minded Catholic community by imitating the virtues of Our Lady. Our vision is to see a young urban church taking ownership of its faith & spirituality. Through bi-weekly meetings and quarterly retreats during the year, teens will be developed into leaders, grow deeper in their spirituality, and gain a likeminded catholic community that supports their beliefs and values.

It has been an incredible experience to begin empowering young people to be leaders in the Church! I am truly humbled by how well instilling the virtues of Our Lady, that of purity, obedience, and humility, has helped transform the lives of some of our teens. I am filled with joy to see how this ministry has begun fostering authentic Catholic community amongst the teens.

In order to be successful, we will need others to join us on the mission through their prayers, networking, and financial support. I would love the opportunity to share with you my mission with CLFM and the possible ways that you could support the mission. I will be contacting you within the next few days and I look forward to hearing from you!

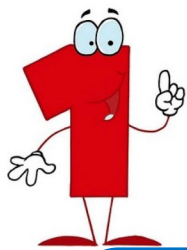
God bless.

Mike Falbo
Founder & CEO

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

Roman Catholic Church

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



SAVERS FUNDrive
savers

Due to the Brookfield Budget
Referendum Vote in our Hall on
Tuesday, May 30th, items are to be
dropped off in the narthex until
Thursday, June 1st.

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!



Our Goal: \$400

154 Tall Kitchen Bags (avg. 13 lbs.)
30 Medium boxes (household goods)

Fundraiser Dates:

05/27/2023 - 06/02/2023

Clean out your closets and cupboards for St Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish!

Deliver clothing (clean and usable), shoes, jackets, etc. in kitchen garbage bags. Donate household goods (dishes, glassware, home decor, etc.), bedding and linens in kitchen bags.
Leave items in the church hall any day between May 27th and June 1st between 9am and 5pm.

We Are Collecting

Clothes

men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks, etc.

Household Textiles

bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

Small Household Goods

kitchen items (such as pots/pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, serving pieces and hand-held appliances), home decorative items, knick-knacks, toys, games, and small electronics

Please use bags for clothes and textiles and tightly packed boxes for small household goods.
All items must be clean and in sellable condition.

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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.

The **Diaconate Formation Program** supports men who feel “called” to the diaconate at all phases of their discernment. From inquiry to formation, ordination, and beyond, all are supported through gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

In June 2022, five candidates were ordained as deacons and they now serve their assigned parishes throughout our diocese. Currently, six men are in the formation program, with several additional inquirers and applicants discerning their calling.

Through your donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal, the financial burden of our formation program is minimized. This allows our deacon candidates to focus on their studies and discern their vocation in preparation for supporting our church and serving in their assigned parishes upon ordination.

If you have made your gift to the 2023 Bishop's Appeal. Thank you. For those who have not yet given, please make a gift today at 2023BishopsAppeal.org.



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 5/18/2023

ABA Goal: \$65,700.00

Total Pledged: \$48,052.00 (73.14%)

Donors to Date: 160 Donors

SERMON BY FR. SHAWN W. JORDAN

ANDREW SAID TO HIM, *"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good is that for so many?"*

Andrew's seemingly dismissive question to Jesus points out how we often see so little, but Jesus takes what appears small and insignificant in our life and multiplies it exponentially with His blessings.

This principle applies directly to the 2023 Bishop's Appeal. St. Marguerite's goal is \$65,700, and we are at a little over 60% of the goal. We thank everyone who has given to the Appeal already and those who have made additional gifts. The monies raised through the Appeal affects real people directly. When we give to the Appeal, we are not so much giving to programs as we are helping those who are in need throughout the diocese, including the northern area where we live.

The larger objective of the Bishop's Appeal each year goes beyond just giving funds. The most important point is where we ask ourselves, "How grateful am I for the blessings and gifts that God has given me? How do I show I am thankful for all that I have and the people who are in my life?" As we know, Jesus never kept anything for Himself. He gave everything away for our benefit, and He still benefits us in this way. We often don't think about what we have in life and who are the most important people God has placed in our path. While we cannot match God's generosity and giving in each of our lives personally, He does ask that what have received, we should pass some of that on to others as a reflection of who God is in our life.

The Bishop's Appeal helps many people in our diocese, and those ways are listed on the diocesan and parish websites. To highlight just a few examples of how the Appeal benefits others:

- Six seminarians will be ordained in June. The Appeal funds their seminary studies and pastoral training. We need priests to celebrate the sacraments for our families and to provide spiritual and moral guidance. This is one way we support the next generation of priests for the Church.
- The cost of food has risen greatly, as we are all aware. The Appeal funds the Morning Glory Breakfast Program and stocks food pantries.
- Since the lockdown, we have seen, even at St. Marguerite's, an increase in people dealing with mental health issues. The Appeal funds ways people dealing with mental challenges can find stability in their life, learn proper social skills, find jobs, and obtain housing.
- The Appeal also funds the Family Loan Programs for the working poor and provides mentorship programs for people to learn job or vocational skills or advance in their current career.
- We are a Church that is pro-life. The Appeal provides counseling for women dealing with at-risk pregnancies who think abortion is the only solution. The Appeal also funds adoption programs.
- Finally, the Bishop's Appeal helps some of our poorer parishes throughout the diocese who have been badly effected since the lockdown and have not been able to return to parishioner participation levels they experienced before COVID.

St. Teresa of Calcutta always used to say, "When I see a poor person, I see Jesus in disguise." When we give to the Appeal, we become Jesus in disguise for a person we will likely never meet in this life, but we will in the next. Being generous and thankful never leaves us feeling less, it only expands our heart and life in God. What would have happened if the boy in the abovementioned quote decided he did not want to share his bread and fish with Jesus and just keep them to himself?

If you have not yet made a gift, I encourage you to do so. There are many ways for your convenience: envelopes available in the church, giving online (2023BishopsAppeal.org), texting to give (text APPEAL to 475.241.7849) or by using the QR code available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you for your grateful and generous giving!

Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Brookfield
Statement of Activities vs Prior Year for the Quarter Ending
March 31, 2023

	Jan 01, 2023- Mar 31, 2023	Jan 01, 2022- Mar 31, 2022	Difference (\$)	Difference (%)
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Offertory Income	116,541	110,982	5,559	5%
Other Regular Revenue	14,473	9,983	4,490	45%
Non-Operating Revenue	1,858	3,260	(1,402)	-43%
Total Income	132,872	124,225	8,647	7%
Expense				
Compensation And Benefits	62,379	57,494	4,885	8%
Contributions And Assessments	23,174	14,998	8,176	55%
Professional Fees & Insurance	14,228	7,956	6,272	79%
Supplies, Repairs & Maintenance, And Other Services	33,553	40,149	(6,596)	-16%
Utilities	10,329	11,605	(1,276)	-11%
Program Expenses	1,262	393	869	221%
Total Expense	144,925	132,595	12,330	9%
Net Ordinary Income	(12,053)	(8,370)	(3,683)	-44%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	36,479	33,971	2,508	7%
Total Other Income	36,479	33,971	2,508	7%
Net Other Income	36,479	33,971	2,508	7%
Net Income	\$ 24,426	\$ 25,601	\$ (1,175)	-5%

Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Brookfield
Statement of Financial Position vs Prior Year
March 31, 2023

	Mar 2023	Mar 2022	Change (\$)	Change (%)
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash	550,766	456,881	93,885	21%
Receivables		200	(200)	-100%
Total Current Assets	550,766	457,081	93,685	20%
Fixed Assets				
Property & Equipment	5,422,464	5,389,986	32,478	1%
Total Fixed Assets	5,422,464	5,389,986	32,478	1%
Investments				
Investments	134,797	144,074	(9,278)	-6%
Total Investments	134,797	144,074	(9,278)	-6%
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 6,108,028	\$ 5,991,142	\$ 116,886	2%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	123	200	(77)	-38%
Special Collections	151	759	(608)	-80%
Other Accrued Expenses	2,185	759	1,427	188%
Deferred Revenue	2,025	8,650	(6,625)	-77%
Total Current Liabilities	4,484	10,368	(5,883)	-57%
Total Liabilities	4,484	10,368	(5,883)	-57%
Equity				
Net Assets	5,991,282	5,820,905	170,377	3%
NET INCOME	112,261	159,869	(47,608)	-30%
Total Equity	6,103,543	5,980,774	122,769	2%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 6,108,028	\$ 5,991,142	\$ 116,886	2%



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Church**

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Eucharistic Miracle of **LA ROCHELLE**

FRANCE, 1461



The Eucharistic Miracle of La Rochelle concerns the instantaneous cure of a boy paralyzed and mute since the age of seven when he received Communion at Mass on Easter Sunday, 1461. He was completely healed of his paralysis and was, once again, able to speak. The most authoritative document that describes visually this miracle is the painted-manuscript preserved still today in the Cathedral of La Rochelle.



La Rochelle



The exterior of the church where the miraculous cure occurred



Black and white copy of one of the pages of the manuscript that tells the story of the miracle

During Easter of 1461, Mrs. Jehan Leclerc brought her twelve year old son, Bertrand, to the Church of St. Bartholomew. Bertrand had been paralyzed and mute since the age of seven due to a terrible fall. When the time for Communion arrived, he indicated to his mother that he also wanted to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Initially the priest did not want to give the young man Communion, because the boy was not able to go to Confession given his muteness. The young man, however, continued to beseech the priest for Communion and, in the end, the priest did permit him to receive it. From the first moment that Bertrand received the Host, he began to feel shaken by a mysterious force. He was able to move and to speak. He was cured. According to the document hand-written immediately after the miracle, Bertrand's first words were, "Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini!" ("Our help is in the name of the Lord!") The most authoritative document that visually describes this miracle is the painted-manuscript preserved to this day in the Cathedral of La Rochelle.

The Most Precious Blood of **NEUVY SAINT SÉPULCRE**

FRANCE, 1257



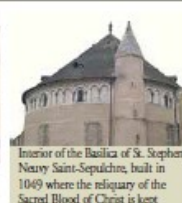
There are two drops of blood from our Lord, Jesus Christ, collected on Calvary during the Passion preserved in the church of Neuvy-Saint-Sépulcre in Indre. They were brought to France in 1257 by Cardinal Eudes returning from the Holy Land.



Reliquary of the Precious Blood



Interior of the Basilica



Interior of the Basilica of St. Stephen, Neuvy Saint-Sépulcre, built in 1049 where the reliquary of the Sacred Blood of Christ is kept

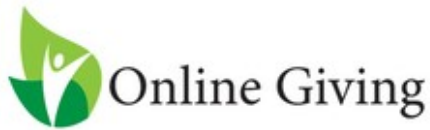
This relic of the coagulated Blood is known to be pure, because it was not mixed with water or earth. From the year 1257, it had been kept in this church which was built in the first half of the year 1000 and modeled on the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. In order to honor the holy relic of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, numerous indulgences have been granted. The Archbishop of Bruges, André Frémiot, founded the Confraternity of the Most Precious Blood in the year 1621. Two years later, Pope Gregory XV granted new indulgences to the faithful devoted to the Sacred Blood. Each Monday of Easter and every first day of July, a Solemn Mass is celebrated and there are processions to adore and honor the Sacred Relic. There have been many graces attributed to invoking the Sacred Blood of Neuvy-Saint-Sépulcre.



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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!**

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- * Secure and confidential. Adheres to banking security standards
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- * Simple and easy account setup
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- * 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
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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.