

**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

Offertory

May 20/21: \$4,047.00
Online Giving: \$2,812.00

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PENTECOST SUNDAY · 28 MAY 2023



The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Mother.

Our annual **Tag Sale** is next Saturday, June 3, 8:30 am-5:30 pm with a special preview day on Friday, June 2, 5-7 pm! The Savers FUNDrive is being held May 27-June 2. See the flyers on page two and three for details.

The Knights of Columbus Candlewood Lake Council will be selling tickets after Masses (May 27/28, June 3/4, and June 10/11) for their **Father's Day Raffle**. There are six prizes—First prize is \$500 cash! Tickets are \$10 and the proceeds benefit the needy in our parishes.

To review the **Quarterly Statements** for the period ending March 31, 2023, visit the "Financials" tab at stmarguerite.org.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 29. It is a federal holiday for honoring and mourning those who have died serving in the armed forces. The Parish Office will be closed in observance of the holiday.

Office Hours Change: Beginning June 2, the Parish Office will be closed on Fridays.

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.

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.

Our **Sodality Group** will next meet Monday, June 26 at 6:30 pm in Room 1. The **knot rosary meeting** for May 30 has been rescheduled to Thursday, June 1 at 5:30 pm in room 1.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, May 29: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:30 Ints of Joan Kick by Laurie Dwyer

Tues, May 30

8:30 +Michael McLoughlin by Katy Murphy

Wed, May 31: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 +Leocadio M Aberin by Aberin family

Thurs, June 1: St Justin

8:30 +Angus and Agnes Getzinger by family

Fri, June 2: Sts Marcellinus and Peter

8:30 Liv/Dec Mbrs of Madden, Murphy, and Malone families

Sat, June 3: St Charles Lwanga and Companions

4:30 +Nikola Luldjuraj by her mom and sister

Sun, June 4: The Most Holy Trinity

8:30 +George Siliato by family

11:00 +Steven Mark Wahle by Lou and Amy Pontillo;

Ints of the Knights of Columbus Candlewood Lake Council

5:00 +Stephen Zelle by Zelle 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 30

9:15 am:

Legion of Mary

Wed, May 31

7:30 pm:

NA

Fri, June 2

5-7 pm

Tag Sale Preview

Saturday, June 3

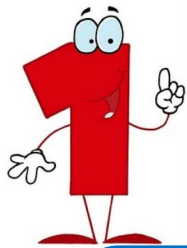
8:30 am-5:30 pm

Tag Sale

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.

FUNDrive® is an eco-friendly fundraiser for nonprofit organizations. Collect gently-used items in your community and FUNDrive® will buy them.

Visit <https://FUNDrive.savers.com> to learn more.



CREW — Leaders for Mary: A new ministry for teens to grow in their faith, spirituality, and leadership within their communities is beginning. For information, visit crewlfm.org or email info@crewlfm.org.



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



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 **Catholic Academy of Bridgeport** is one school on four campuses in the inner city of Bridgeport — St. Andrew, St. Ann, St. Augustine, and St. Raphael — and is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Its mission is to provide a Christ-centered, academically rigorous learning environment where cultural diversity is welcomed, Catholic values taught, and all faiths celebrated. Students are nurtured, encouraged, and challenged in preparation for a successful life of leadership and service.

This year the Academy will serve over 900 children. Despite tuition being only \$5,200 a year, 93% of families cannot afford this so the school must award more than \$2.3 million annually in financial assistance. One hundred percent of students graduate from high school, 99% go on to attend college or post-secondary school — outcomes that far exceed Bridgeport charter and public schools.

Donations to the Bishop's Appeal enable inner-city youth to become faith-filled, industrious, responsible, and well-educated adults. Our world and the Church need these young students to excel academically and to develop a strong and active faith in God.

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 5/25/2023
ABA Goal: \$65,700.00
Total Pledged: \$48,052.00 (73.14%)
Donors to Date: 160 Donors

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?

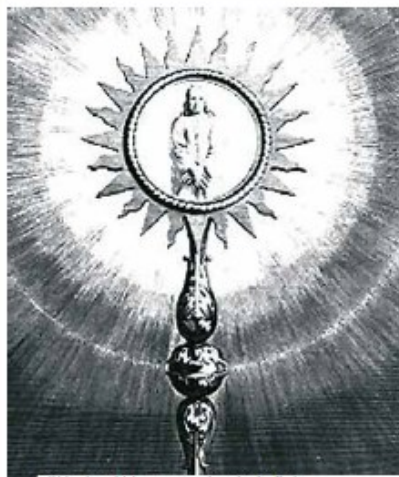
If you have not yet made a gift, I encourage you to do so. There are many ways for your convenience: envelopes available in the church, giving online (2023BishopsAppeal.org), texting to give (text APPEAL to 475.241.7849) or by using the QR code available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you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

Eucharistic Miracle of LES ULMES

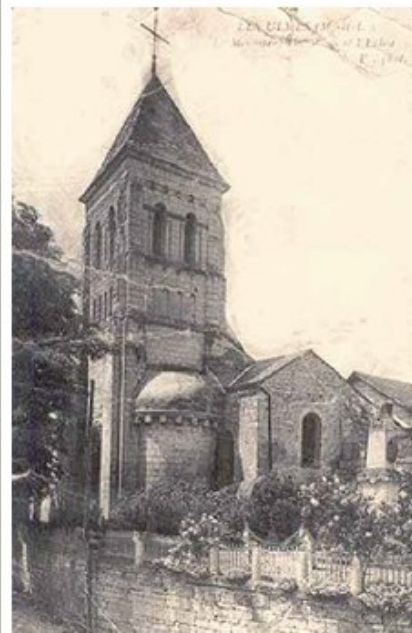
FRANCE, 1668



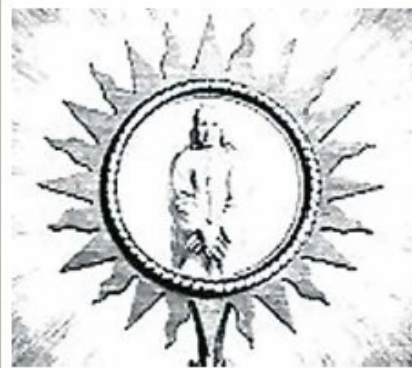
In the Eucharistic miracle of Les Ulmes, it was during the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for public adoration, that, in place of the Host, there appeared the shape of a man with light-brown hair falling over his back, a luminous face, the hands crossed one over the other, and a white tunic covering the body. After close examination the Bishop authorized devotion to this Eucharistic Miracle. Even today in the church, the recess which contained the miraculous Host for more than 130 years can be seen. The Host was devoutly consumed by the Vicar of Puy Notre Dame during the French Revolution, for fear that this Blessed Sacrament would be profaned.



Old print which represents the miracle, Paris



Parish church of Les Ulmes



On June 2 1668, Saturday of the Octave of Corpus Christi, in the small Church of Les Ulmes, the Blessed Sacrament was exposed for public adoration. The Pastor of the Church, Nicolas Nezan, began to incense the monstrance. While the hymn *Pange Lingua* was being sung, "and having reached the stanza '*Verbum caro Panem verum*', the shape of a man appeared in the monstrance in place of the Host. He appeared to have light brown hair that fell over his back, a luminous face, the hands crossed one over the other, and the body covered by a white tunic. This apparition lasted for more than a quarter of an hour, whether on the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament was exposed, or on the altar where the priest had moved the Blessed Sacrament to allow a closer look to all those present."

On June 13, the pastor immediately sent a message of what had occurred to his Bishop, Henry Arnauld, who quickly ordered an inquiry. On June 25 the pastoral letter was published containing the "faithful description" of the marvel. Among the several works which followed and which sought the objective description contained in the letter, we remember that of the Dominican Father Gonet, who describes the event in Volume VIII of his work *Clypeus Theologiae*, published for the first time in 1669 by the French editor Bertier.

The Bishop ordered this fact to be diffused widely, therefore three engravings were immediately commissioned: one of Edelynck which is still in Paris, of optimal quality; one of Jean Bidault di Saumur and lastly, one by the

editor Ernoudi Parigi. At the end of the 18th century in the parish of Les Ulmes, every year the anniversary of the apparition was solemnly celebrated. In 1901 the International Eucharistic Congress of Angers was celebrated in this parish and in July 1933, during the National Eucharistic Congress, a complete session of study was dedicated to the miracle of 1668. Even today in the church, the recess can be seen that for 130 years contained the miraculous Host. The Sacred Species was devoutly consumed during the French Revolution by the Vicar of Puy-Notre-Dame who was afraid that the Precious Sacrament would be profaned.

The Knights of Columbus Candlewood Lake Council will be selling tickets after Masses (May 27/28, June 3/4, and June 10/11) for their Father's Day Raffle.

1st Prize is \$500 cash

2nd Prize: \$250 cash

3rd Prize: \$100 cash

4th Prize: \$100 gift certificate to Tabouli Restaurant

5th Prize: \$100 gift certificate to Strikers of Brookfield

6th Prize: \$60 gift certificate of JJ Stacks Mini Golf and Restaurant

Tickets are \$10 and the proceeds benefit the needy in our parishes. The drawing will be held on Father's Day, Sunday, June 18th at St. Marguerite's. Winner need not be present.

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Firepit wood - Coats for Kids/Families



Candlewood Lake Council

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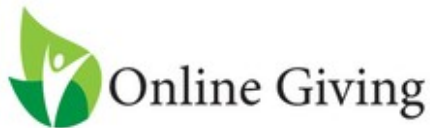
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Thank you for your support of the parish!



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
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- * 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.