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

June 24/25: \$4,041.00 Online Giving: \$1,239.00

Staff

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E-News

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · 2 JULY 2023



The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood.

St. Roch Raffle Tickets are now available -

First prize is \$20,000! Tickets are \$25/each. St. Marguerite receives 50% of our total ticket sales. Tickets with check/cash payment can be returned to the Parish Office. The drawing will be August 12 at 11 pm.

Summer has arrived and our **Fall Festival** planning is underway. A link to the details and application forms for vendors is available at stmarguerite.org under Breaking News. We look forward to seeing you at the Festival on November 18th!

The **Parish Office will be closed** Monday, June 3-Tuesday, July 4th in observance of the holiday.

For information about 2023-24 Faith Formation Classes for children (classes begin in first grade) or the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Teens (RCIT) (classes begin in the

fall), contact Faith Formation Director Mary Ellen Tiernan at metiernan@stmarguerite.org, 203.775.5117, x215.

Our **2024 Mass Book** is open for intentions. Limited Masses are still available for 2023.

The Jack Macksey and Dick Elston Memorial Golf Tournament fundraiser hosted by the Brookfield Knights of Columbus Council will be held at Richter Golf Course on Wednesday, October 11th.

Virtus Training: All volunteers in the Diocese of Bridgeport are required to comply with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy which requires you to attend the program "Protecting God's Children". To volunteer with the parish or Diocese, register for the program at virtus.org. Call the Parish Office with any questions or for help with registering or Virtus recertification.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Jul 3: St Thomas

8:30 +Nancy Sforza by Lori and Bob Hutchinson

Tues, Jul 4

8:30 +Anne Cosgrove by her daughter

Wed, Jul 5: St Elizabeth of Portugal

8:30 Ints of Patrica Spitzfaden by Mary Frank

Thurs, Jul 6: St Maria Goretti

8:30 +Cynthia Day by Katy Murphy

Fri, Jul 7

8:30 +Milinda Daye by Katy Murphy

Sat, Jul 8: BVM

4:30 +Elaine Gilotti by Carolyn and Mike Kelly **Sun, Jul 9**: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 +Clare Genzlinger by Piccorelli family

11:00 +Charlotte Barrows by Mascia family;

Ints of Jorge Crespo by Digna and Jack Lliguizaca

5:00 Liv/Dec Mbrs of Madden, Murphy, and Malone families

Offering: Mass — \$10; Altar Candles — \$20; Hosts — \$15; Sanctuary Candle — \$10; Sacramental Wine — \$10.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon, Jul 3-Tues, Jul 4
Office Closed

Wed, July 5 7:30 pm: NA



2023 PARISH RAFFLE

1st PRIZE: \$20,000 American Express Gift Card 2023 PARIS

2nd PRIZE: \$6,000 American Express Gift Card

3rd PRIZE: \$4,000 American Express Gift Card

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4th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

5th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

6th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

7th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

8th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

9th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

10th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

11th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

12th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

13th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

*thirteen (13) prizes to be awarded; totaling \$40,000.00 *

Tickets are \$25 each

-Extra tickets available at the parish office-

DRAWING:

TICKE August 12, 2023 at 11pm Streamed LIVE at www.parishraffle.com



JACK MACKSEY AND DICK ELSTON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023

AT RICHTER GOLF COURSE

SPONSORSHIP: Jack Macksey and □ \$5,000 TITLE (foursome, clubhouse banner, dinner & table sponsor) □ \$2,500 PLATINUM (foursome, tee & green sponsor, dinner sponsor) □ \$1,250 GOLD (foursome & tee or green sponsor and lunch sponsor) Dick Elston □ \$500 SILVER (includes dinner and cart sponsorship and dinner for 4) □ \$250 Dinner Sponsor (includes dinner for four) ☐ \$125 Tee or Green Company Sponsor Memorial (please print name as it should appear on sign) **Golf Tournament** Sponsor Contact: ___ Company: ___ Address: _ Hosted by Brookfield's Candlewood Lake Council Knights of Columbus PLAYER REGISTRATION: \$190 individual; \$760 foursome (singles welcome, we pair you up) Wed., Oct. 11, 2023 Player #1 Name: Player #2 Name: **Richter Golf Course** Player #3 Name: Player #4 Name: ___ Please donate the proceeds □ \$40.00 Dinner Only from my participation to: □ I am unable to play, but would like to make a donation. TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$_____ __ (Oct 4, 2023 deadline) St. Joseph Church St. Marguerite Church Pay by credit card: □ MasterCard □ Visa □ AMEX Card #: _____ Both parishes equally Expiration Date: ______ 3 Digit CVV Code: ____ Print Name:____ \$190 per player, includes: Greens Fee, Cart, Signature: ___ Lunch, Dinner, Prizes Phone Number: ___ Schedule: Pay by check payable to: St. Marguerite Church 11:00 am - Registration/Lunch 12:00 pm - Shotgun/Scramble Format 138 Candlewood Lake Road, Brookfield, CT 06804 5:30 pm - Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres QUESTIONS: Contact Greg Dembowski 203.733.7209 or email 6:00 pm - Dinner at Golf Course gregdembowski@yahoo.com On Course Contests:

Tournament Rain Date: Thursday, October 12, 2023

Hole-in-One Cash Prize

Longest Drive, and Closest to the Pin Special Raffle & Prizes and more!!

Eucharistic Miracle of

BENNINGEN

GERMANY, 1216

In 1216, the village of Benningen was the location of a Eucharistic miracle in which the Host bled, A few years later in 1221, the citizens of Benningen began the construction of a chapel in honor of this miracle which is known as Riedkapelle zum Hochwürdigen Gut. From 1674 to 1718 the Riedkapelle was rebuilt and enlarged to accommodate the large number of pilgrims. Each year, during the Feast of Corpus Domini (Corpus Christi), the parish of Benningen makes a procession to the Riedkapelle, to celebrate the commemoration of the miracle.









n ancient document of 1216 tells the story of two millers who for years had been at odds. One day, one of them, exasperated by yet another argument, took Communion and then afterwards stole a consecrated Host that he then hid among the stones of the mill of his neighbor with the intent of slandering him. During the Feast of St. Gregory, the Host began to bleed so profusely that all of the village and Bishop got knowledge of it.

The blasphemous miller repented and confessed his misdeed. The paintings of the chapel built in honor of the miracle were done by Johann Friedrich Sichelbein to illustrate the story. The portrait above the altar shows the Bishop of Augsburg, Frederich who deposited the Host in a precious container in the Church of St. Martin in

Memmingen. In the course of the centuries owing to historical events, the traces of the precious relic were lost. For a long time, it was believed that the paintings that adorn the Chapel were copies of those exhibited in the Monastery of Ottobeuren. Only during the restoration of 1987 was it discovered that the paintings were the originals. On the wooden ceiling there are frescoes illustrating the Passion of Christ and scenes from the Old and New Testament.



Eucharistic Miracle of BENNINGEN







St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish We Stand With Christ Campaign Redemption



Total Pledged: \$891,485.34

Total Unrestricted/Restricted Pledges Collected (as of 6/1/23): \$597,839.34

Total Cash Due to the Parish (as of 6/1/23): \$297,682.17

To make a payment on your pledge, visit GiveCentral.org/WSWC or call (203) 648-9050.



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



- First class flag stamps
- Avery 5160 labels
- Avery big tab write and erase dividers 8 tab set
- Avery A-Z Tab Dividers for 3 Ring Binders (11125)
- 8.5x11 white copy paper
- Universal UNIV11203 (green) 8.5x11 copy paper
- Universal UNIV11202 (blue) 8.5x11 copy paper
- Manila file folders (1/3 cut, letter size)
- * Banker's boxes
- * Gift cards to BJs, 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!



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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. This year's goal is \$8.1 million.

If you have not yet responded to the 2023 Bishop's Appeal, please reflect upon the importance of your support to ministry and outreach that relies upon the charity of the Diocese of Bridgeport. The challenge is immediate and far-reaching, but the solution is within our reach!

We are grateful to the individuals and families who have already made their gift or pledge to the Bishop's Appeal. The Diocese is at 84% of their goal of \$8.1 million! For us to achieve our overall goal it will require the active involvement and personal sacrifice of all members of our faith community. To those who have given, thank you. If you have not yet responded to the 2023 Bishop's Appeal, please set aside a moment to prayerfully consider a gift. Your gift will help tremendously and, together with others, will enable the diocese to provide essential pastoral, educational, and human needs throughout Fairfield County.

Please prayerfully consider supporting the Bishop's Appeal with a pledge, an automatic recurring gift, or one-time gift as your means allow. Your support is much needed and will be gratefully appreciated.



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 6/23/2023

ABA Goal: \$65,700.00

Total Pledged: \$51,237.00 (78%)

Donors to Date: 170 Donors

SERMON BY FR. SHAWN W. JORDAN

NDREW 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 atrisk 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!