

**ST. MARGUERITE  
BOURGEOYS  
PARISH**

**PASTOR**

REV. SHAWN W. JORDAN

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Brookfield, CT 06804  
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office@stmarguerite.org

**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**

Sept 30/Oct 1: \$5,300.00  
Online Giving: \$4,070.00

**Staff**

Deacons: Joseph P. Cann  
Vincent J. Pia

Faith Formation Director:  
Mary Ellen Tiernan

Bookkeeper: Larry Rice

Communications Manager:  
Jean Piccorelli

Choir Director: Tory Gozzi

Music Director: Jack Basso

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# E-News

**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · 8 OCTOBER 2023**



**The month of October is dedicated to The Holy Rosary.**

The Jack Macksey and Dick Elston Memorial **Golf Tournament fundraiser** is on Wednesday, October 11th at Richter Golf Course.

An **Outdoor Rosary Rally** will be held on Saturday, October 14th at noon. All are invited to join us in praying the rosary.

For the month of October, there will be a **Tiny Saints Online Fundraiser**. St. Marguerite's receives 20% of each purchase.

Our **Fall Festival** will be held on Saturday, November 18th. There are a few vendor spots still available. A link to the details and vendor application form is available at [stmarguerite.org](http://stmarguerite.org).

**Virtus-Safe Environment Program:** In compliance with the Diocese of Bridgeport and to ensure the safety of our children, all

clergy, employees, contractors, and volunteers age 18 and older are required to be VIRTUS trained and go through a background check. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact the parish office at 203.775.5117.

**Annual Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass:**

Bishop Caggiano will celebrate a special Mass recognizing couples celebrating a significant anniversary of 25, 40, 45, 50, or more years of marriage on Saturday, October 28 at St. Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport. RSVP to Patricia Hansen at [phansen@diobpt.org](mailto:phansen@diobpt.org) or 203.416.1342.

**Please Note:**

~ The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 9th for Columbus Day.  
~ Fr. Shawn will NOT be hearing confessions on Saturday, October 14th.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon, Oct 9:** *St Denis and Companions*

8:30 +Ann P McCudden by Lori & Bob Hutchinson

**Tues, Oct 10:** *St Francis Borgia*

8:30 +Lyne Rodrigue by Lili and Rejean Blais

**Wed, Oct 11:** *St John XXIII*

8:30 +Rev Albert D Audette, Jr by Bob and Ann McGarrah

**Thurs, Oct 12**

8:30 +Lisa Sabella by Katy Murphy

**Fri, Oct 13**

8:30 +James Bohan by George and Anne Holland

**Sat, Oct 14:** *St Callistus I*

4:30 +Catherine and Denis Sullivan by Denise Sullivan

**Sun, Oct 15:** *28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 +John Redden by Cann family  
11:00 Ints of Rev Brian Gannon by Aberin family;  
+Mary Rita and Louis Pontillo, Sr by Amy and Louis Pontillo, Jr  
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, Oct 9**  
10 am  
Cenacle

**Tues, Oct 10**  
9:15 am  
Legion of Mary

**Wed, Oct 11**  
7 pm  
NA



Dear Friends and Fellow St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parishioners,

It's hard to believe a 2-month assignment turned into 28 years! I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful community. It's been said, work isn't work when you love what you do; it was because of each and every one of you who had shown me support, friendship, respect and faith that helped me serve you and our lovely parish that I truly enjoyed all of my 28 years!

I'm proud of what we have accomplished together and feel that we have done excellent work.

I am truly blessed to serve our parish with such amazing people and in an environment that made it easy to raise my family. I will forever cherish our time together, the memories I have made and the everlasting friendships.

It's time for me to move forward with the next stage of my life and serve my grandchildren - lol.

Thank you!! I look forward to staying connected!

With love and prayers,  
Linda



## **NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM FALL SESSION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

**Wednesday afternoons 2:30 – 4:00pm**  
**October 18 – December 20**

**Your loss may be recent or long ago.**

**We are here to help you on your journey to healing where you are invited to share your story, and to find comfort in a supportive, confidential environment.**

**God will support you in your sorrow, and He will walk with you as you begin your journey through loss to healing.**

**Meetings take place in a small-group confidential setting, at St. Mary Church, 26 Dodgingtown Road, Bethel CT and are led by trained bereavement facilitators. There is no charge.**

**St. Mary Church is partnering with the Bereavement Initiative of the Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries to offer this program. Please go to their website to submit a Program Inquiry Form or you can contact Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023.**

**[Ctcemeteries.org/newday](http://Ctcemeteries.org/newday)**

**Once the form is submitted, you will hear from one of our bereavement ministers regarding the next steps.**



# JACK MACKSEY AND DICK ELSTON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023

AT RICHTER GOLF COURSE

## Jack Macksey and Dick Elston Memorial Golf Tournament

Hosted by Brookfield's Candlewood  
Lake Council Knights of Columbus

Wed., Oct. 11, 2023

Richter Golf Course

Please donate the proceeds  
from my participation to:

\_\_\_ St. Joseph Church

\_\_\_ St. Marguerite Church

\_\_\_ Both parishes equally

\$190 per player, includes: Greens Fee, Cart,  
Lunch, Dinner, Prizes

### Schedule:

11:00 am – Registration/Lunch

12:00 pm – Shotgun/Scramble Format

5:30 pm – Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres

6:00 pm – Dinner at Golf Course

### On Course Contests:

Hole-in-One Cash Prize

Longest Drive, and Closest to the Pin

Special Raffle & Prizes and more!!

### SPONSORSHIP:

- ☐ \$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)
- ☐ \$500 SILVER (includes dinner and cart sponsorship and dinner for 4)
- ☐ \$250 Dinner Sponsor (includes dinner for four)
- ☐ \$125 Tee or Green Company Sponsor

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(please print name as it should appear on sign)

Sponsor Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### PLAYER REGISTRATION: \$190 individual; \$760 foursome (singles welcome, we pair you up)

Player #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Player #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Player #3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Player #4 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \$40.00 Dinner Only

☐ I am unable to play, but would like to make a donation.

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Oct 4, 2023 deadline)

Pay by credit card: ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ AMEX

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3 Digit CVV Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Pay by check payable to: St. Marguerite Church

138 Candlewood Lake Road, Brookfield, CT 06804

QUESTIONS: Contact Greg Dembowski 203.733.7209 or email

gregdembowski@yahoo.com

Tournament Rain Date: Thursday, October 12, 2023



# tinysaints

We're having an

OCTOBER 1-31, 2023

**ONLINE FUNDRAISER!**



During the month of October, all shoppers at [www.tinysaints.com](http://www.tinysaints.com) will have the option to select "**St. Marguerite Bourgeoys**" from a dropdown menu during checkout. Each supporting purchase will contribute to our fundraiser. There's no heavy lifting for parents, family and friends. Just browse and buy!

*St. Marguerite's will receive 20% of each purchase made during October.*

## Why Tiny Saints?

With more than 200 saint charms and keychains at just \$6.00 each, Tiny Saints offers simple, affordable gifts and collectibles that are guaranteed to bring a smile. Supporters can enjoy shopping for their favorite saints, patron saints, and even learn about others for the first time while browsing!

Tiny Saint charms make great stocking stuffers and Christmas gifts.  
It's not too early to start shopping!

**Vendor Applications being accepted!**



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**VENDORS • CRAFTS • FOOD • AND MORE**

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

**9 AM - 4 PM | FREE ENTRY**



**ST MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS PARISH**  
138 CANDLEWOOD LAKE RD, BROOKFIELD, CT 06804



**GS TROOP 50227  
SILVER AWARD PROJECT**

**COLLECTION FOR PRE-TEENS & TEENS**

**ITEMS NEEDED:  
SCIENCE KITS, JEWELRY MAKING KITS,  
DIY KITS, MAKEUP, NAIL POLISH, BOARD  
GAMES, CARD GAMES, BASEBALL HATS,  
WATCHES, PERFUMES, COLOGNE, WINTER  
HATS, GLOVES AND SCARVES, GIFT CARDS  
TO TARGET, WALMART**

**PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THIS COLLECTION  
IS SPECIFICALLY FOR THOSE AGED 11-18**

**All Donations will go to**

**The Center in Danbury**

The Center helps individuals fleeing from domestic violence and other unstable situations.

**DROP OFF DONATION AT BOX  
LOCATED IN NARTHAX  
THROUGH NOV 5TH**



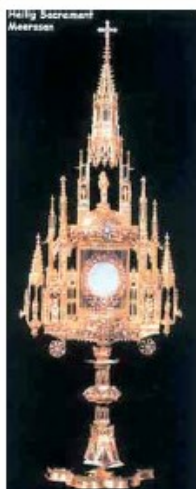


# Eucharistic Miracle of MEERSSEN

NETHERLANDS, 1222-1465



In 1222 and 1464, two important Eucharistic miracles took place in the town of Meerssen. The first occurred during Holy Mass, when living Blood dripped from the large Host and stained the corporal. The second occurred in 1456, when a farmer was able to rescue the relic of the miracle from a fire that had destroyed the whole church. The church was later rebuilt, and in 1938 Pope Pius XI raised it to a minor basilica. Numerous pilgrims come every year to Meerssen to venerate the relic of the miracle.



Relic of the Eucharistic Miracle of Meerssen



Panoramic view of the basilica



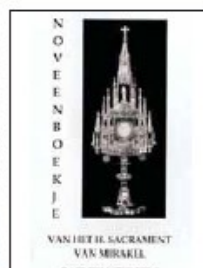
Basilica of the Blessed Sacrament, Meerssen



Interior of the basilica



Altar of the miracle



Ancient painting in the basilica depicting the miracle



Medals commemorating the miracle

With the help of Gerberga of Saxony, wife of the French King Louis IV of Outremer, the ancient chapel was enlarged in the mid-10th century and became an important church. In 1222 an important Eucharistic miracle occurred in this church and was recognized by the ecclesiastical authorities. During the celebration of Sunday Mass, the priest consecrated the Eucharistic species, and living Blood started dripping from the large Host, staining the Mass corporal.

In 1465 a huge fire broke out and destroyed the church, but a farmer managed to rescue the relic of the Blood-stained Host, which remained completely unharmed. The townspeople remember this episode as the "Miracle of the Fire." Despite the fire, the church was immediately

rebuilt, and in 1938 Pius XI raised it to a minor basilica. Today it is still a major pilgrimage center in the Netherlands, and the precious relic of the miracle is carried in procession each year on the octave of Corpus Christi.



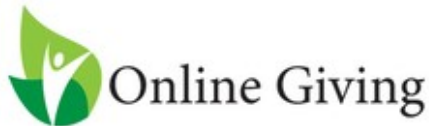




- \* First class flag stamps
- \* Paper Mate Liquid Paper DryLine Grip Correction Tape
- \* Manila file folders (1/3 cut, letter size, i.e. Pendaflex 752250)
- \* Banker's boxes for storage/filing with lids (12"x15"x10", white)
- \* Gift cards to BJ's, Costco, and Amazon

Link to Amazon wish list: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/7W2VJHBHP8OI?ref=wl\\_share](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](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: \$891,485.34

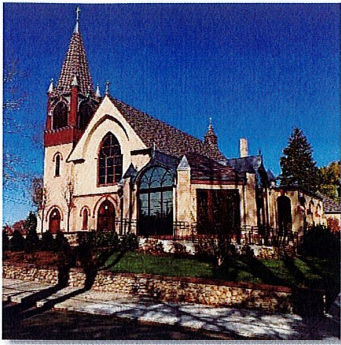
Total Unrestricted Pledges Collected: \$179,353.67

Total Restricted Pledges Collected: \$127,650.00

Total Cash Due to the Parish: \$307,003.67

as of 9/7/2023

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



# ST. MARY PARISH DISCIPLES 4 LIFE ADULT RETREAT

You are invited to be part of St. Mary's Disciples 4 Life Parish Retreat! This personal retreat is open to all adult men and women. Now is the perfect time to grow more deeply in our faith and get closer to our Lord.

*"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." -Jer. 29:13*

The weekend schedule includes talks on spirituality, reconciliation, the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and quiet time. Make a decision to change your life today!

**Friday, November 3 – Sunday, November 5**

Starts Friday at 7:00 PM and concludes Sunday, after the 5:00 pm Mass in our Church.

**Seton-Neumann Center, Danbury, CT**

Rooms are single person occupancy, unless specifically requested otherwise.

Please contact Marilyn Kain at [kainma56@gmail.com](mailto:kainma56@gmail.com) or (203) 994-7808 for more info or with any questions.

Reservations accepted on a first-come, first served basis. *Reservations are limited, so don't delay.*

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Please complete the following, include a check for \$150 per person payable to St. Mary Parish, and return to

St. Mary Parish  
Attn: D4L  
55 Catoonah Street  
Ridgefield, CT 06877

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: St. Mary ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*A confirmation letter with more details will be mailed to you one week before the retreat.*





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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023**  
**10 AM**



### CONTACT:

✉ [CVODOLA.FCC@RCAHYBRID.ORG](mailto:CVODOLA.FCC@RCAHYBRID.ORG)  
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# “Revived in the Eucharist”

## Healed, Nourished, Strengthened, and Consoled

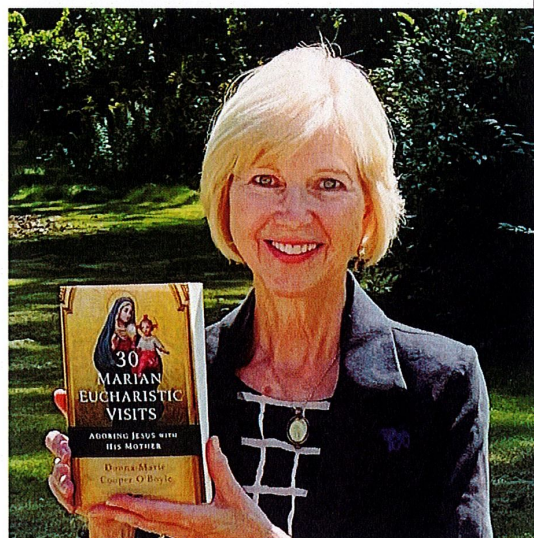


At a critical time of disbelief in the TRUE presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, **Author and EWTN television Host, Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle** presents rich Eucharistic history and teaching, sharing secrets from many devoted saints. She offers practical ways to grow in holiness and to please our dear Lord.

**Don't miss this transforming Retreat Day.** Donna-Marie will have her many books with her, including her newly released titles: *Diary of a Future Saint: Faustina's Incredible Journey* and *30 Marian Eucharistic Visits: Adoring Our Lord with His Mother*, as well as her DVD's available for purchase and autographing. **Spread the word!**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ calls to our hearts.** He humbles Himself in the form of Bread — a simple Host — to be available to us — to remain with us, to heal our wounded hearts, and nourish us with His abiding and incomprehensible Love and Mercy. He gives to us His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity!

What a Supreme gift!



## Advent Retreat Day!

**Saint Marguerite Parish in Brookfield, CT**  
**Saturday, December 2, 2023**  
**9:30 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.** Sign in: Between 8:30 and 9:15 A.M.  
Pastries, tea, coffee, and lunch served  
Register by Nov. 29: Barbara Baughman: (203) 241-9444  
**Admission: Free Will Offering**





# WE'RE **CONNECTING** YOUNG ADULTS across Fairfield County with **EACH OTHER** **AND THE CHURCH.**



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you're wanted here. We can't wait to meet you!

Whether you're entering college or navigating marriage and family,  
if you are 18-35ish, we have communities and events  
**designed for you.** From networking happy hours, Bible studies,  
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