

**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

Nov 11/12: \$4,503.00
Online Giving: \$766.00

Staff

Deacons: Joseph P. Cann
Vincent J. Pia

Faith Formation Director:
Mary Ellen Tiernan

Bookkeeper: Larry Rice

Communications Manager:
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The month of November is dedicated to the Poor Souls.

2024 Calendars will be available for purchase in the narthex next weekend. Calendars are \$5 each. Each month features a beautiful Catholic painting.

New Prayer Box: A prayer box is located on the shelf as you enter the back of the church. Intentions (in particular for lapsed Catholics) can be written on the paper provided and placed in the prayer box.

Sisters of Life Mission: Every year as a Christmas outreach, our parish collects for the Sisters of Life Mission in New York City to help unwed mothers who have chosen life for their child. See the flyer in the church and narthex for more information.

See the **quarterly statements** under the "Financials" tab on the website.

Happy Thanksgiving! The office will be closed Wednesday, November 22nd and Thursday, November 23rd in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



Coats for Kids Drive has begun. This Knights of Columbus sponsored event supports the working poor and homeless by providing donated coats, gloves, mittens, and hats.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Nov 20

8:30 Ints of Philip Matsen by Piccorelli family

Tues, Nov 21: Presentation of the BVM

8:30 +William Miller by Frank family

Wed, Nov 22: St Cecilia

8:30 +Nigro family by Fata family

Thurs, Nov 23: Bl Miguel Agustin Pro

8:30 +Warren Getzinger by family

Fri, Nov 24: St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

8:30 +Edward & Marcella Leheny by Eleanor Kirk

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

Sat, Nov 25: St Catherine of Alexandria

4:30 +Marissa Aberin del Mundo by Aberin family;
+Emilia Hack by Jo-Ann Gargiulo

**Sun, Nov 26: Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

8:30 +Mike and Emilia Parenti by Siliato family
11:00 +Anna Nacinovich by Annette and Mario
Nacinovich; Ints of Digna Lliguizaca by family
5:00 +Eva and Valmont Bernier by family

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tues, Nov 21

9:15 am
Legion of Mary

Wed, Nov 22

7 pm
NA

Annual **PARISH** Collection

**SCAN HERE
TO DONATE**



<https://osvhub.com/stmarguerite/giving/funds/parish-annual-collection>



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November 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we come toward the end of the year, the two celebrations many people look forward to are fast approaching: Thanksgiving and Christmas! Despite what we see occurring in our world today with so much division and violence, we still have much to be thankful for in our families and our parish while we also prepare to honor the true Prince of Peace at His Nativity.

Now more than ever, our parish needs to be a strong presence of Christ amid difficulties we see not only worldwide, but even closer to home in Brookfield. St. Marguerite's continues to be a family where we come together to worship and pray, to teach and learn, and to connect with one another and make new friends. In short, our parish family gratefully and joyfully serves your family throughout the year!

St. Marguerite's Annual Collection addresses the material needs of our parish (not the diocese) as we enter the new year. Just as you have been so giving in the past, I would ask you to please make a generous donation so we can fund the good works that reflect who Jesus is in Brookfield and the world, balance the parish budget, and fund capital improvements. All of these ensure St. Marguerite's will be Christ's presence in our community for years to come.

May God lavishly bless your Thanksgiving holiday and Christmas celebrations!

God bless,

Rev. Shawn W. Jordan

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Pastor

Yes! I will support St. Marguerite Bourgeoys with a gift to the 2023 Annual Collection.
Please make your check payable to **St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish.**

Enclosed is my gift of: ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ Other \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____



Warm Greetings to our parish friends in Christ Jesus!

As we prepare to welcome the Christ Child anew in our hearts this December, the Sisters of Life continue every year to welcome the new life in the women they serve. These women have courageously chosen life for their child! With our donations, the Sisters of Life help these women know the joy of Christ's presence and loving support, so often manifested through the hearts of others. We desire that they may know truly, God is with us!

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish is organizing a Christmas gift collection to assist the Sisters of Life in their mission. In the narthex, you will find a "Garland of Gifts".

If you would like to participate in this great outreach, please choose a gift tag and do ONE of the following options:

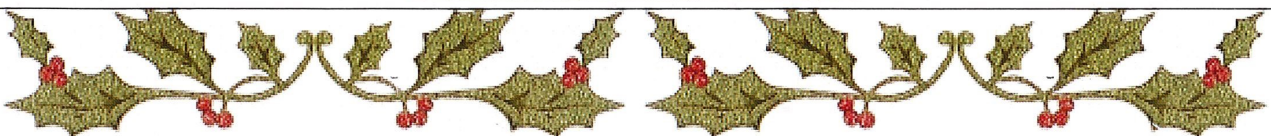
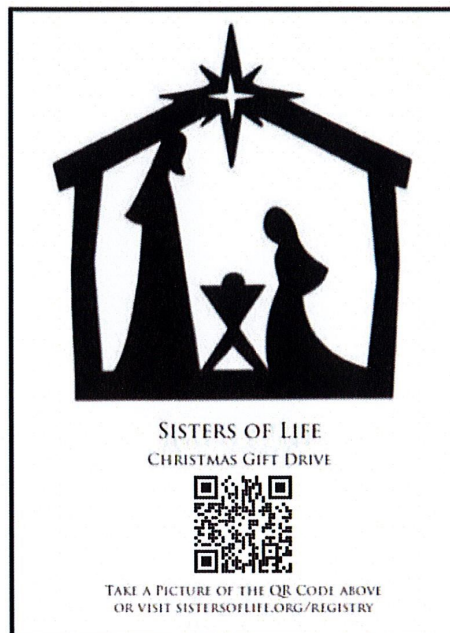
- 1) **Use the QR Code** (below or available in the narthex) to send a gift directly from the Amazon registry to the Sisters of Life.

OR

- 2) **Purchase the gift on the gift tag** you will find in the narthex and bring it to the collection box (unwrapped!) in the narthex no later than December 10th.

Thank you in advance for considering helping with this wonderful mission!

May God bless you and your family during this very special season!



“Revived in the Eucharist”

Healed, Nourished, Strengthened, and Consoled

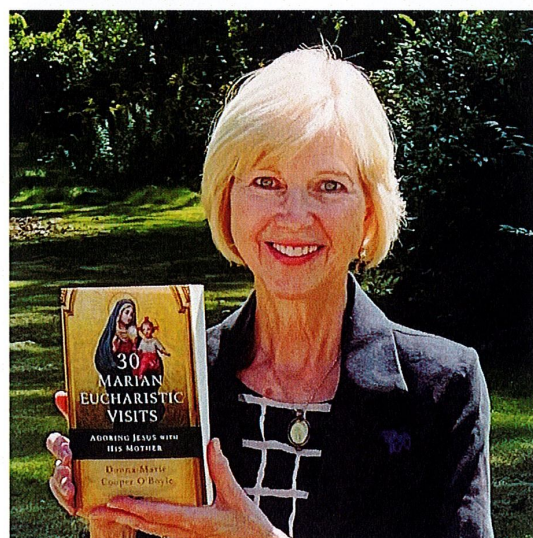


Our Lord Jesus Christ calls to our hearts. He humbles Himself in the form of Bread — a simple Host — to be available to us — to remain with us, to heal our wounded hearts, and nourish us with His abiding and incomprehensible Love and Mercy. He gives to us His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity!

What a Supreme gift!

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!**



Advent Retreat Day!

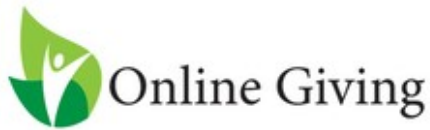
Saint Marguerite Parish in Brookfield, CT
Saturday, December 2, 2023
9:30 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Sign in: Between 8:30 and 9:15 A.M.
Pastries, tea, coffee, and lunch served
Register by Nov. 29: Barbara Baughman: (203) 241-9444
Admission: Free Will Offering



- * First class flag stamps
- * Manila file folders (1/3 cut, letter size, i.e. Pendaflex 752250)
- * Banker's boxes (#703) 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

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 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 or call (203) 648-9050.

Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Brookfield
Statement of Activity vs Prior Year for the Quarter Ending
September 2023

	July - Sept 2023	July - Sept 2022	(\$) Change	(%) Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Offertory Income	112,473	129,426	-16,952	-13%
Other Regular Income	52,970	71,313	-18,343	-26%
Non-Operating Income	25,253	16,703	8,550	51%
Total Income	190,696	217,442	-26,745	-12%
Expense				
Compensation and Benefits	66,290	69,996	-3,706	-5%
Contributions and Assessments	34,480	17,225	17,255	100%
Professional Fees and Insurance	10,562	10,714	-152	-1%
Supplies, Repairs & Maintenance	80,019	39,166	40,853	104%
Utilities	12,705	11,709	996	9%
Other Expenses	7,098	10,281	-3,182	-31%
Program Expense	3,697	1,981	1,716	87%
Total Expense	214,851	161,072	53,779	33%
Net Ordinary Income	-24,155	56,370	-80,524	-143%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Temporarily Restricted New Assets	-9,829	-5,868	-3,961	67%
Total Other Income	-9,829	-5,868	-3,961	67%
Net Other Income	-9,829	-5,868	-3,961	67%
Net Income	-33,983	50,502	-84,485	-167%

Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Brookfield
Statement of Financial Position vs Prior Year for the Quarter Ending
September 2023

	July - Sept 2023	July - Sept 2022	(\$) Change	(%) Change
Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash	490,800.19	495,005.13	-4,204.94	-1%
Receivables	300.00	0.00	300.00	
Total Current Assets	491,100.19	495,005.13	-3,904.94	-1%
Fixed Assets				
Property and Equipment	5,441,569.36	5,422,464.36	19,105.00	0.4%
Total Fixed Assets	5,441,569.36	5,422,464.36	19,105.00	0.4%
Investment				
Investments	137,522.99	127,221.80	10,301.19	8%
Total Investments	137,522.99	127,221.80	10,301.19	8%
Total Assets	6,070,192.54	6,044,691.29	25,501.25	0.4%
Liabilities & Equity				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	13,367.41	1,771.56	11,595.85	655%
Special Collections	1,660.72	1,135.80	524.92	46%
Total Current Liabilities	15,028.13	2,907.36	12,120.77	417%
Equity				
Net Assets	6,089,147.49	5,991,282.02	97,865.47	2%
Net Income	-33,983.08	50,501.91	-84,484.99	-167%
Total Equity	6,055,164.41	6,041,783.93	13,380.48	0.2%
Total Liabilities and Equity	6,070,192.54	6,044,691.29	25,501.25	0.4%

Eucharistic Miracle of SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI

ITALY, 1240



The History of Saint Clare, Virgin, tells of various miracles performed by Saint Clare. There are episodes of multiplications of loaves, of bottles of oil that appeared in the convent when there was none before. But Clare performed the most famous of the miracles in 1240, on a Friday in September, in which she turned away an attack by Saracen soldiers who had broken into the convent cloister by showing them the Sacred Host.



Saint Clare and the Assault on Assisi, Giuseppe Cesari (1568-1640). Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg



Enrico de Vroom (1587),
Miracle of Saint Clare



Convent of San Damiano in Assisi



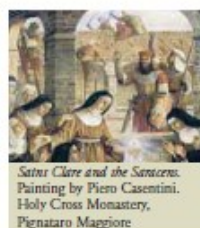
Urn containing the body
of Saint Clare, Assisi



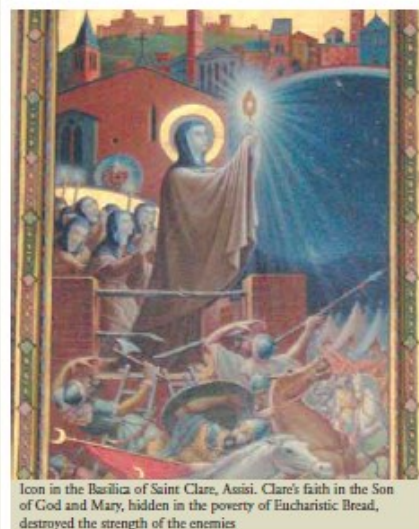
Ancient depiction of the Miracle of Saint Clare



Saint Clare, detail of the great
Cross of Gianfrancesco dalle
Croci



Saint Clare and the Saracens.
Painting by Piero Casentini.
Holy Cross Monastery,
Pignataro Maggiore



Icon in the Basilica of Saint Clare, Assisi. Clare's faith in the Son
of God and Mary, hidden in the poverty of Eucharistic Bread,
destroyed the strength of the enemies

This Eucharistic Miracle is cited in "The History of Saint Clare, Virgin," written by Tommaso da Celano, and describes how Saint Clare of Assisi succeeded with the Blessed Sacrament in turning away Saracen troops in the pay of Emperor Frederick II of Sweden.

The history goes like this: "By imperial order, regiments of Saracen soldiers and bowmen were stationed there, massed like bees, ready to devastate the encampments and seize the cities. Once during an enemy attack against Assisi, city beloved of the Lord, and while the army was approaching the gates, the fierce Saracens invaded San Damiano, entered the confines of the monastery and even the very cloister of the virgins. The women swooned in terror, their voices trembling with fear as they cried to their Mother, Saint Clare.

Saint Clare, with a fearless heart, commanded them to lead her, sick as she was, to the enemy, proceeded by a silver and ivory case in which the Body of the Saint of saints was kept with great devotion. And prostrating herself before the Lord, she spoke tearfully to her Christ: 'Behold, my Lord, is it possible you want to deliver into the hands of pagans your defenseless handmaids, whom I have taught out of love for you? I pray you, Lord, protect these your handmaids whom I cannot now save by myself.' Suddenly a voice like a child's resounded in her ears from the tabernacle: 'I will always protect you!' 'My Lord,' she added, 'if it is your wish protect also this city which is sustained by your love.' Christ replied, 'It will have to undergo trials, but it will be defended by my protection.' Then the virgin, raising a face

bathed in tears, comforted the sisters: 'I guarantee you, daughters, that you will suffer no evil; only have faith in Christ.' Upon seeing the audacity of the sisters, the Saracens took fright and fled back over the walls they had scaled, unnerved by the strength of she who prayed. And Clare immediately admonished those who heard the voice I spoke of above, telling them severely: 'Take care not to tell anyone about that voice while I am still alive, dearest daughters.'"



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