

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 15/16: \$3,833.00
Online Giving: \$2,435.00

Staff

Deacons: Joseph P. Cann
Vincent J. Pia

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Music Director: Jack Basso



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The month of November is dedicated to the Poor Souls.

2023 Fall Festival: Thank you to Mary Ellen Tiernan, Priscilla Garamella, and Trish Cratty for all their work to make last Saturday's Fall Festival a wonderful success. We also thank our many parishioners who donated their goods for the Bake Sale. The vendors and the food trucks were very pleased and they are looking forward to next year! We also congratulate Elaine Lamb, the winner of the Victorian Christmas Village Raffle.

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

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is December 8th. Mass

Schedule: Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 pm and Friday, December 8th at 8:30 am. This is a holy day of obligation

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.

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.

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

Join us for **First Saturday Rosary**, led by the Knights of Columbus Council, Dec. 2 at 4 pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Nov 27

8:30 +Jim Edelmann by Frank family

Tues, Nov 28

8:30 Ints of Aberin family by Frank family

Wed, Nov 29

8:30 +Rev Msgr Daniel J Honan by Fr Shawn

Thurs, Nov 30: St Andrew

8:30 +Mary and Elio Liscio by their daughter

Fri, Dec 1

8:30 +Dec Mbrs of Persick family by Annette and Mario Nacinovich

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

Sat, Dec 2: BVM

4:30 +Juliette Breton by Aberin family;
Ints of Thomas Vallejo by Jarvis family

Sun, Dec 3: First Sunday of Advent

8:30 +Connie and Paul Cook by Shirley Kocian
11:00 +Al Celentano by Denise Kurpiewski;
+Paul Flannery by Cann family
5:00 +James Tison by Katy Murphy

**THIS WEEK
IN THE
PARISH**

Tues, Nov 28

9:15 am
Legion of Mary

1:30 pm

Fatima Prayer Cell

Wed, Nov 29

7 pm
NA

Sat, Dec 2

Advent Retreat

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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:

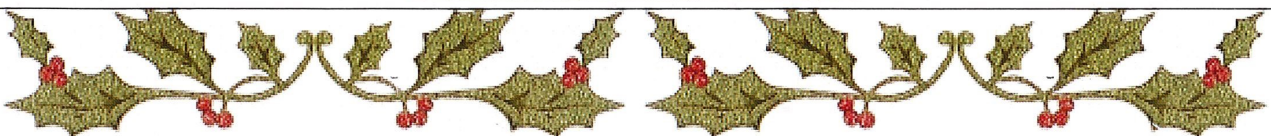
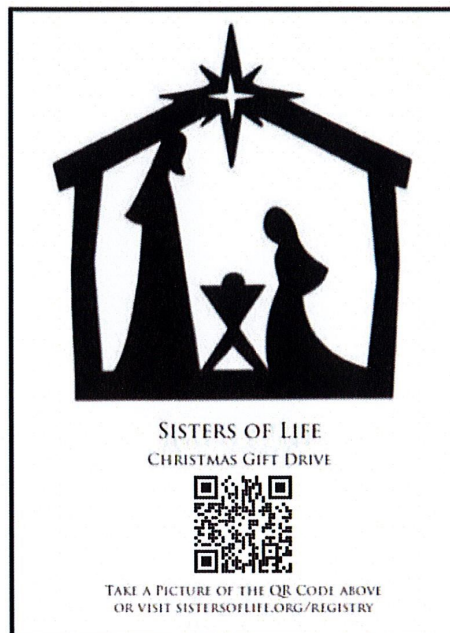
- 1) **Use the QR Code** (below or available in the narthex) to send a gift directly from the Amazon registry to the Sisters of Life.

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

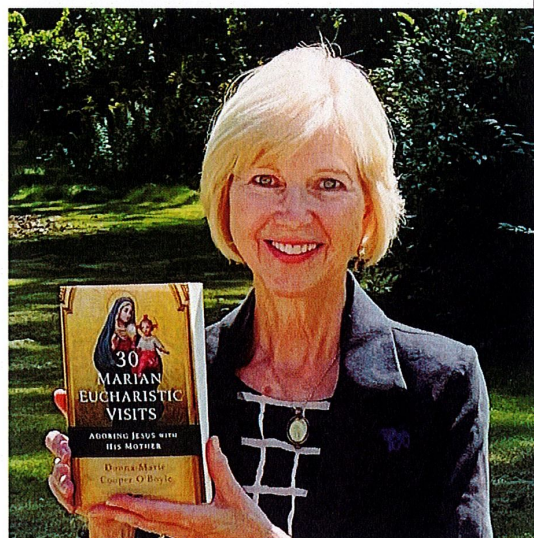


Our Lord Jesus Christ calls to our hearts. He humbles Himself in the form of Bread — a simple Host — to be available to us — to remain with us, to heal our wounded hearts, and nourish us with His abiding and incomprehensible Love and Mercy. He gives to us His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity!

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

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 **ASTI**

ITALY, 1535



In both the Eucharistic miracles of Asti from the consecrated Host gushed out real blood and there are numerous documents that confirm these events. In the first miracle, Mons. Scipione Roero had a notary act drawn up and Pope Paul III on November 6, 1535 granted a plenary indulgence to anyone who visited the Church of San Secondo on the anniversary of the miraculous event



Oil Painting on canvas (of an unknown 17th century painter) depicting the Eucharistic miracle that took place in the collegiate church of San Secondo in 1535. The painting is kept in the chapel of the miracle



Collegiate church of San Secondo in Asti



Interior of the collegiate church of San Secondo



G. Badarcello (toward the end of the 17th century), collegiate church of San Secondo, altar of the crucifix or of the miracle

1535

On July 25, 1535, while celebrating Mass at the main altar of the collegiate church of S. Secondo around 7:00 o'clock in the morning, a holy priest by the name of Domenico Occelli came to the breaking of the Host and noticed that, along the entire break, the Host was becoming red with living Blood. Three drops fell into the chalice and a fourth one remained at the extreme end of the Host. At first, Fr. Domenico continued the celebration of the Mass. But when he broke off the portion of the Host that had to be placed in the chalice, Blood came out of it. He could not believe his eyes, and he turned to the people, asking them to come to the altar and observe the Miracle. When the priest took the Host to consume it, at once the Blood disappeared and

the Host returned to its natural purity. These are the facts as described in the translation of the official report sent by Bishop Scipione Roero of Asti to the Holy See and reproduced in the Apostolic Brief of November 6, 1535. In this Apostolic Brief Pope Paul III granted a plenary indulgence to those "who visited the Saint's church on the day commemorating the Miracle and recited three Our Fathers and Three Hail Marys according to the intention of the Holy Father."

According to another document, reproduced in an inscription on marble, on that occasion some heretical soldiers converted to the faith. In those days, Asti was under the dominion of Emperor Charles V, and many of his troops were living in the city. This account

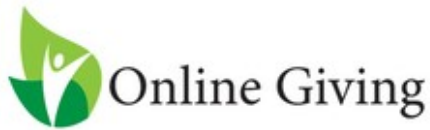
is found in the Vatican archives from which a copy was made in 1884 at the request of Canon Longo and is also found in the book of the Company of the Most Blessed Sacrament, founded in the collegiate church of S. Secondo as far back as 1519. Other testimonies are a 16th century painting in the Chapel of the Crucifixion depicting the miracle, as well as an inscription on marble with the words: *Hic ubi Christus Ex Sacro pane Effuso sanguine Externam vi traxit fidem Astensem roboravit* - Here, having shed Blood from the Holy Bread, Christ with power drew foreigners to the faith and strengthened that of the people of Asti.



- * 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

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- * Convenient. Easy for everyone to contribute to the parish

**St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish
We Stand With Christ Campaign
Redemption**



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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

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