

**ST. MARGUERITE
BOURGEOYS
PARISH**

PASTOR

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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 25/26: \$3,477.00
Online Giving: \$1,279.00

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT · 3 DECEMBER 2023

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception.

The holy day, 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.

Accountability Sunday: This weekend, all parishes are publishing their annual financial statements. Please see ours included in this e-bulletin and on our parish website.

Color **Christmas Cards** for Brookfield Commons residents on December 16 and 17 after all Masses. See the flyer on page 7.

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

Our **Fatima Prayer Cell** will lead the Rosary on Saturday, December 9th at 4 pm before the Vigil Mass.

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.

Christmas Flowers: Your contributions to the Christmas Flower Fund enables us to decorate the church so beautifully for the Christmas season. Envelopes for this year's offering are available at the entrances to the church. You can make your donation in memory or honor of a loved one by writing their name on the envelope. Envelopes can be placed in the offertory or left with the Parish Office.

The Knights of Columbus **Coats for Kids Drive** supports the working poor and homeless by providing donated coats, gloves, mittens, and hats.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Dec 4: *St John Damascene*

8:30 +Anna Guardo by Annette and Mario Nacinovich

Tues, Dec 5

8:30 +Dick Cronin by Betty Campbell and family

Wed, Dec 6: *St Nicholas*

8:30 Ints of Frank Celentano by Piccorelli family

Thurs, Dec 7: *St Ambrose*

8:30 +Bob Neidhardt by Eileen and Jack Maloney
6:30 +Rev Walter Cizek, SJ by Fr Shawn

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

Fri, Dec 8: *Immaculate Conception of the BVM*

8:30 +Juliette Breton by Don and Claudette Perley

Sat, Dec 9: *St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*

4:30 +Leocadio M Aberin by Aberin family;
Ints of Kate Piccorelli by family

Sun, Dec 10: *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:30 +Anthony Caraluzzi by family
11:00 +Robert Hau by family;
+Al Celentano by Denise Kurpiewski
5:00 +Rev Howard P Bleichner by Fr Shawn

**THIS WEEK
IN THE
PARISH**

Mon, Dec 4
6 pm
Sodality

Tues, Dec 5
9:15 am
Legion of Mary

10 am
Rosary Making/
Prayer Shawl

Wed, Dec 6
7 pm
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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: _____

Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Brookfield
Statement of Financial Position - Unaudited
June 30,

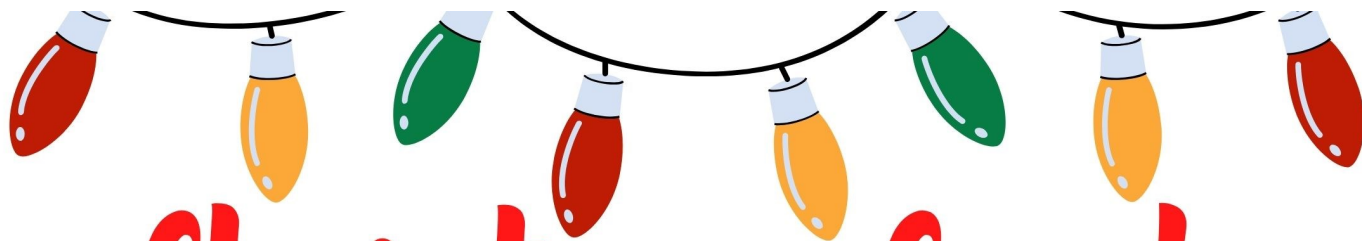
	2023	2022
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ASSETS		
Cash	566,708	502,048
Receivables	-	200
Prepaid Expenses	-	-
Property, Buildings & Equipment, Net	5,422,464	5,389,986
Investments	139,483	130,915
Total Assets	\$ 6,128,656	\$ 6,023,150
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LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payables to Vendors & Others	10,133	150
Due to Diocese	-	-
Special Collections	65	282
Other Accrued Expenses	1,597	1,111
Payroll Liabilities	0	-
Deferred Religious Ed Fees, Tuition, Other	27,713	30,325
Loans Payable	-	-
Total Liabilities	39,508	31,868
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions	5,915,017	5,817,500
With Donor Restrictions	174,131	173,782
Total Net Assets	6,089,147	5,991,282
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 6,128,656	\$ 6,023,150

Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Brookfield

Statement of Activities - Unaudited

July 1 through June 30,

	2023	2022
REVENUE, SUPPORT AND OTHER CHANGES		
Offertory Income	523,306	490,778
Religious Education Program	38,325	37,650
Votive	18,411	15,253
Mass Stipends	7,640	8,921
Gifts and Bequests	14,926	14,768
Assets Released From Restriction - Capital Projects	15,337	-
Assets Released From Restriction - Specific Expenses	2,143	-
Total Revenue, Support and Other Changes	620,088	567,370
EXPENSES		
Personnel Costs - Lay Employees	193,147	174,103
Personnel Costs - Clergy	77,800	69,301
Charitable Contributions to Organizations and Individuals	10,800	10,737
Cathedraticum Assessment	61,897	59,592
Professional Fees	28,236	17,443
Insurance	15,377	13,129
Supplies, Repairs & Maintenance and Other Services	169,978	167,426
Utilities	40,471	39,680
Religious Education Program Expenses	10,835	17,672
Total Expenses	608,540	569,082
Income (Loss) from Operations before Depreciation	11,548	(1,712)
Depreciation Expense	-	-
Income (Loss) from Operations Before Other Income / Expenses	11,548	(1,712)
OTHER INCOME / EXPENSES		
Fundraising, Net	44,595	77,889
Pre-School and Child Care Services, Net	-	-
Net Investment Income	14,767	(8,110)
Rental and Lease Revenue, Net	7,000	12,500
Cemetery Revenue	-	-
Gain and Loss on Sale of Assets	-	-
Interest Expense	-	-
Property Taxes	(215)	(281)
Restricted Contributions	37,300	90,091
Assets Released From Restriction - Capital Projects	(15,337)	-
Assets Released From Restriction - Specific Expenses	(1,793)	-
Net Other Income / Expenses	86,317	172,089
Change in Net Assets	97,865	170,377



Christmas Cards for Brookfield Commons

St. Marguerite's will again be collecting Christmas cards to give to the residents of Brookfield Commons. This is a wonderful way for us to spread some Christmas cheer to those who may not always feel so festive during the holidays.



Cards to color with be available in the hall after all Masses on **December 16 and 17.**

Kids and adults are welcome!

You can also make your own cards at home and drop them in the box by the bulletin board in the narthex by **Tuesday, December 19**



Thank you for helping make their Christmas a little brighter!



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 Bourgeois 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:

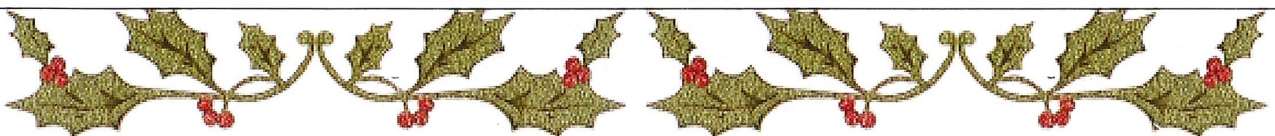
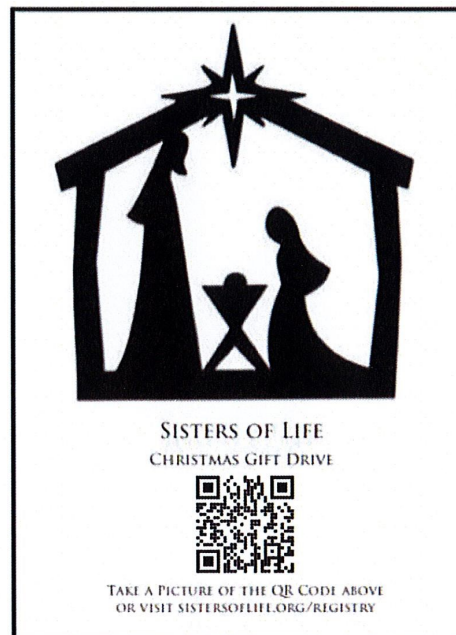
- 1) **Use the QR Code** (below or available in the narthex) to send a gift directly from the Amazon registry to the Sisters of Life.

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!



Eucharistic Miracle of ASTI

ITALY, 1718



The second miracle took place in the old Chapel of Opera Pia Milliavacca and it is documented by numerous testimonies gathered by a notary public, underwritten by the priest and by imminent clerical and non-denominational authorities.



Opera Pia Milliavacca. Chalice of the miracle. Notice the correspondence of the drops of Blood on the cup and the base of the chalice



The chalice of the miracle is kept in the Cathedral of Asti, in the chapel dedicated to St. Philip Neri



Detail of the base of the chalice of the miracle of Opera Pia Milliavacca



Cathedral of Asti

1718

The morning of May 10, 1718 Father Francesco Scotto, went to the Opera Milliavacca to celebrate the Holy Mass. It was about eight o'clock. The church of the institute was divided into two parts, the front where the extraneous could gather, and the back, behind the altar, reserved to the boarding students. In the front part, in front of the altar that is, there was only the notary public Scipione Alessandro Ambrogio, chancellor of the Bishop and treasurer of the institute, and a nephew of the priest was a server at the Mass. Instead, in the back part there were the boarding students. When the priest was at the point of elevating the consecrated Host, Dr. Ambrogio realized It was divided into two parts. As soon as the priest elevated the cup, the man convinced that a broken consecrated Host was not

valid, went toward the altar to advise the priest, and ran in the sacristy right away to get another consecrated Host. In the meantime the priest elevated the Host and really found the two parts tainted by blood, the bottom of the cup had also blood and little stains were on the same corporal.

In the meantime Ambrogio had arrived with a new consecrated Host and realized that It was bloody. He started to cry right away. All the people present saw the miracle. The notary public ran to call Mr. Argenta, confessor of the institute, the theologian Vaglio and Ferrero from the penitentiary, who were also witnesses to the miracle.

At the same time even the other priests and three doctors arrived. The doctors Argenta, Volpini and Vercellone, attested to the fact the red stains were

real blood. Among the people there, one thought the blood could come from the nose, or the mouth of the priest, but some surgeons present, after a meticulous observation, put the doubts to peace. Other clerical authorities intervened, and R. Bording in agreement with everyone, wrote a report about the miracle.

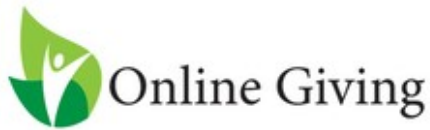
Another important proof of the authenticity of the miracle was furnished by a document which stated Monsignor Filippo Artico, Bishop of Asti, in 1841 had the cup and the consecrated Host examined by others who confirmed the origin of the red stains. The Opera Pia Milliavacca has kept the testimonies of the miracle: The cup with the blood stains and the consecrated Host unfortunately has not been preserved well.



- * 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.



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



No matter where you are in your faith journey,
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
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