

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE

4 PM MASS

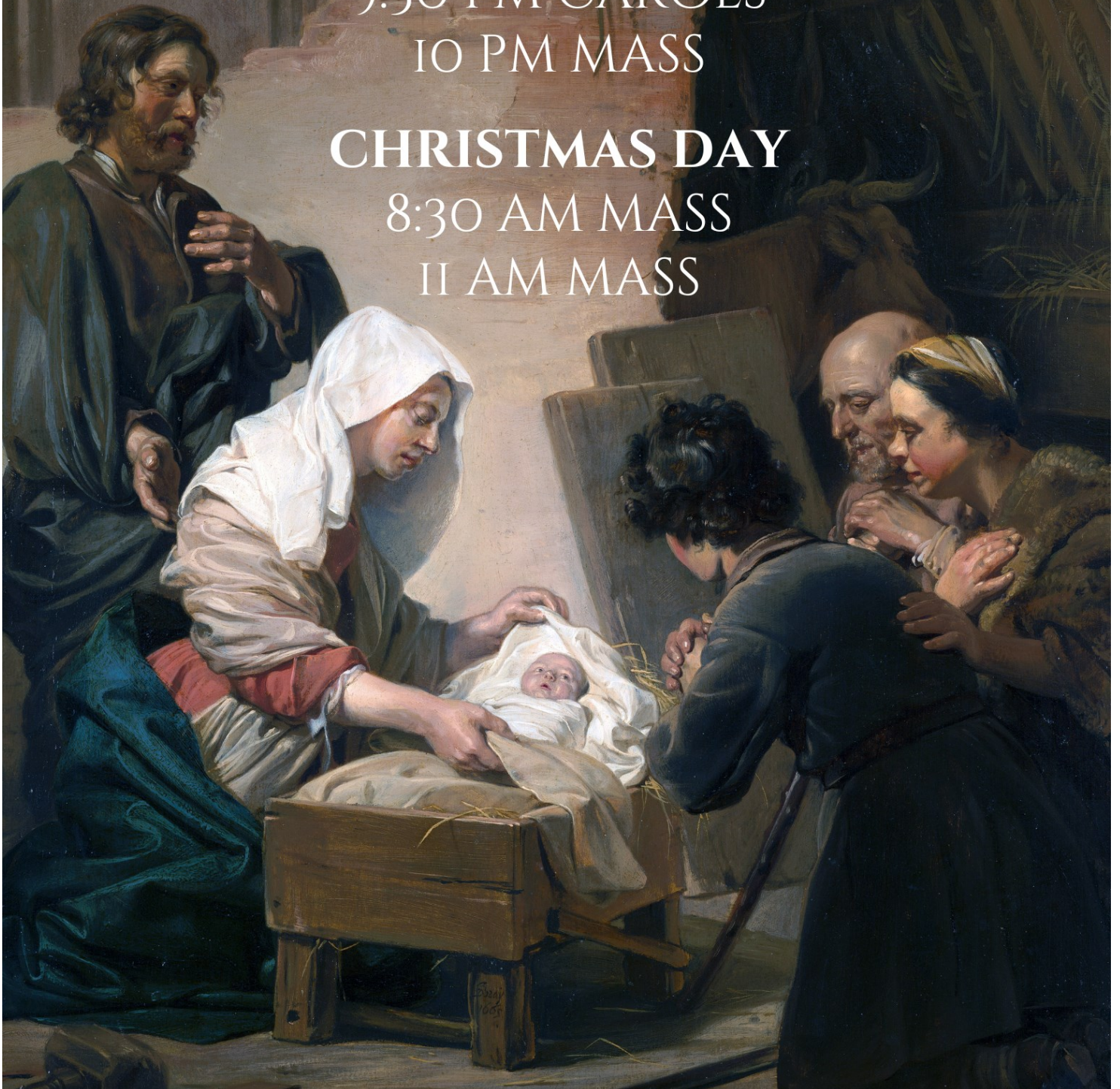
9:30 PM CAROLS

10 PM MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30 AM MASS

11 AM MASS



**ST. MARGUERITE
BOURGOYS
PARISH**

PASTOR

REV. SHAWN W. JORDAN

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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

Dec 15/16: \$4,043.00
Online Giving: \$2,820.00

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT — 24 DECEMBER 2023

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve — 4 pm and 10 pm Mass
Christmas Carols at 9:30 pm

Christmas Day — 8:30 am and 11 am.

Christmas Greeting from Fr Shawn...

On behalf of myself, the deacons, and staff of the parish, I wish you a blessed Christmas. May 2024 be a year of God's many graces, happiness, and friendship in your lives.

St Marguerite's **Annual PARISH Collection** addresses the material needs of our parish as we enter 2024. We ask everyone to consider making a contribution to allow the parish to continue to fund the good works that reflect who Jesus is in Brookfield and the world, balance the parish budget, and fund capital improvements. Annual Collection letters are at the entrances to the church.

We thank our parishioners and visitors for their generosity to the parish during the year. If you are considering making a **tax-deductible gift** to the parish for 2023, please do so before December 31st.

2024 Calendars are available for purchase in the narthex. Calendars are \$5 each. Each month features a beautiful Catholic painting. Our supply always runs out before the new year so get yours today!

The **Parish Office will be closed** December 25-January 1.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Dec 25: The Nativity of the Lord

8:30 Ints of Justin Jarvis by his mom and dad
11:00 +Gertrude and Louis Carbone and Raymond Tomasko by Diana Tomasko

Tues, Dec 26: St Stephen

8:30 Liv/Dec Mbrs of the Madden, Murphy, and Malone families

Wed, Dec 27: St John

8:30 +William Miller by Frank family

Thurs, Dec 28: The Holy Innocents

8:30 Ints of Sabrina's family by Michelle Silverio

Fri, Dec 29: St Thomas Becket

8:30 +Milinda Daye by Katy Murphy

Sat, Dec 30

4:30 +Helmut Werner by Schoeneborn family

Sun, Dec 31: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:30 +John Michael Cann by family
11:00 +Al Celentano by Denise Kurpiewski; Ints of Elizabeth and Flavio Silverio and family by Michelle Silverio
5:00 +Thomas Fisher by Katy Murphy

December 25-Jan 1: Our Altar Candles in the Chapel are for the intentions of the family of Isabel Quinde.

December 17-31: Our Sanctuary Candle is for the intentions of the donors to the Christmas Flower Fund.

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

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tues, Dec 26
9:15 am
Legion of Mary

1:30 pm
Fatima Prayer Cell

Wed, Dec 27
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: _____

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December 8, 2023

Reverend Shawn W. Jordan
Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish
138 Candlewood Lake Road
Brookfield, CT 06804-2120

Dear Father Jordan,

I want to congratulate you and the parishioners of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish for reaching your **2023 Bishop's Appeal** goal of \$65,700.

I am grateful for your leadership, the commitment of your staff and volunteers and the generosity of your parishioners who responded so generously to this year's Appeal, **One in Christ**. Our ministries focus on bringing unity in our Church and society and creating communities of faith. They foster spiritual growth, lead others back to the Church and introduce the love of our Lord to those who have never experienced his grace.

Core ministries in Catholic education, vocations, ongoing formation, and charitable programs reach the most vulnerable and isolated of the poor in our midst. In addition, this year, new centers were introduced in the areas of respect life and communications, young adult ministry and ongoing growth of the Catholic Bridge Mentoring program and the Ambassador program -- all of which will bring others to Christ by creating new paths of encounter for young people and those seeking to grow in faith and devotion. I am optimistic we will be successful again this year with our overall goal.

We continued the successful partnership with the parish and diocese to address our overall goals. Even though your parish has exceeded its assigned goal, I ask that you continue to promote the Appeal and encourage those who have not yet given to do so in order for us to meet the ongoing needs of those in our parishes, schools and other ministries including your parish operations.

With personal best wishes and gratitude for your ministry to the faithful in our Diocese, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+frank caggiano

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

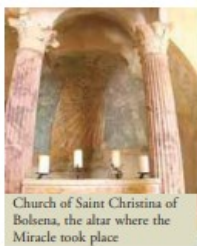
*Dear Shawn -
I am most grateful
for your fraternal
cooperation + support.
God bless
+ Bp Hal*

Eucharistic Miracle of **BOLSENA**

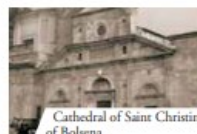
ITALY, 1264



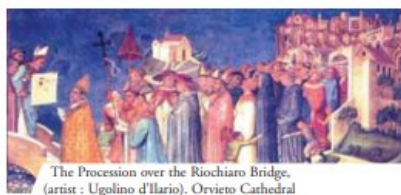
In 1263 a German priest, Peter of Prague, stopped at Bolsena while on a pilgrimage to Rome. He was celebrating Mass in the Basilica of Bolsena, and when the moment of consecration arrived, the Host was transformed into Flesh. This miracle strengthened the wavering belief of the priest in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The Sacred Body was inspected by Urban Pope IV and by St. Thomas Aquinas. This miracle helped convince the Pope to extend the feast of Corpus Christi to the universal Church so that everyone could recognize the love God has for those who love and worship him.



Church of Saint Christina of Bolsena, the altar where the Miracle took place



Cathedral of Saint Christina of Bolsena



The Procession over the Riochiaro Bridge, (artist: Ugolino d'Ilario). Orvieto Cathedral



Colorful displays in honor of the Miracle



The Eucharistic miracle of Bolsena, depicted by Raphael in a well-known fresco in the Vatican Palace, took place in 1263. A German priest, Peter of Prague, stopped at Bolsena while on a pilgrimage to Rome. He was pious, but he found it difficult to accept that Christ was actually present in the consecrated Host. While celebrating Holy Mass above the tomb of St. Christina (located in the church named for this martyr), he spoke the words of consecration and immediately Blood started to seep from the consecrated Host and trickle over his hands and onto the altar. At first the priest tried to hide the Blood, but eventually he interrupted the Mass and asked to be taken to the neighboring city of Orvieto, where Pope Urban IV resided.

The Pope sent emissaries to investigate. When the facts were ascertained, he ordered the bishop of the diocese to bring the Host and the linen cloth bearing the stains of Blood to him. He had the relics placed in the cathedral. The linen bearing the spots of Blood is still reverently enshrined and exhibited in the Cathedral of Orvieto.

Pope Urban IV was prompted by this miracle to commission St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the Office for the Mass and Liturgy of the Hours to celebrate the Most Holy Body of the Lord (Corpus Christi). One year after the miracle, in August of 1264, Pope Urban IV introduced the Aquinas's composition, and by means of a papal bull instituted the feast of Corpus Christi.

Eucharistic Miracle of **BOLSENA**

ITALY, 1264



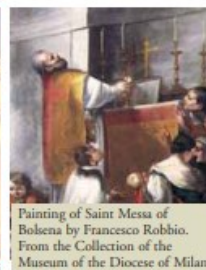
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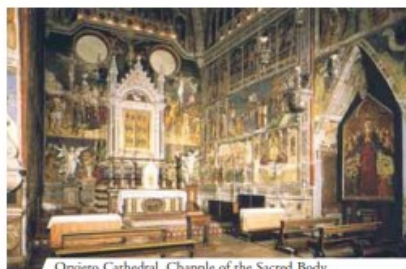
Inside the Orvieto Cathedral



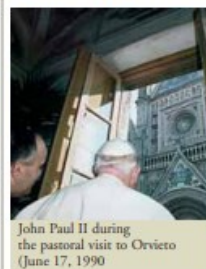
Painting by Francesco Trevisani



Painting of Saint Messa of Bolsena by Francesco Robbio. From the Collection of the Museum of the Diocese of Milan



Orvieto Cathedral, Chapple of the Sacred Body



John Paul II during the pastoral visit to Orvieto (June 17, 1990)



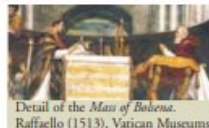
Detail of the Reliquarium



Reliquarium of the Body, artist: Ugolino d'Uario's studio (1338), Orvieto



Tabernacle containing the Blood-stained relics of the Miracle, Bolsena



Detail of the Mass of Bolsena. Raffaello (1513), Vatican Museums



Francesco Trevisani. The Miracle of Bolsena, detail



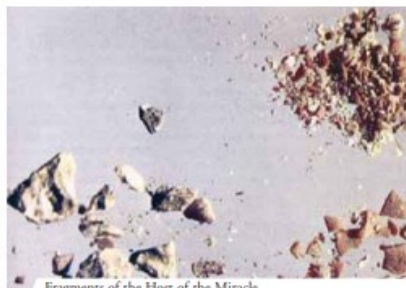
Parchment from the period of the Miracle, notarized by Cesare Severo Durantino



Detail of the blood-stained stone, Bolsena



Public adoration in honor of the Feast of Corpus Christi, Orvieto



Fragments of the Host of the Miracle

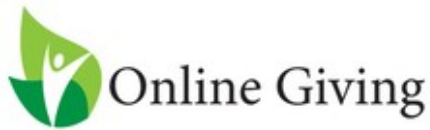




- * white 8.5x11 copy paper 20 lb, 92 bright
- * First class flag stamps
- * BIC Wite-Out Brand Exact Liner Correction Tape (WOELP418-Whi)
- * Gift cards to BJ's, Costco, and Amazon

Link to Amazon wish list: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/7W2VJHBHP8OI?ref=wl_share

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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
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- * 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**



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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

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



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EACH OTHER
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