



January 1, 2024 — The Solemnity of Mary

**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 23-25 to be reported in
the January 7 E-News

Staff

Deacons: Joseph P. Cann
Vincent J. Pia

Faith Formation Director:
Mary Ellen Tiernan

Bookkeeper: Larry Rice

Communications Manager:
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Music Director: Jack Basso

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E-News

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH — 31 DECEMBER 2023

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception.

Christmas Offertory... The parish relies on the generosity of our parishioners and visitors to the annual Christmas collection to meet our budgeted expenses for the upcoming year. If you have not yet sent in your gift, please do so by putting it in the basket at Mass, mailing it to the office, or making a donation online at stmarguerite.org. We are grateful to everyone for their generous donations which help us to meet our ongoing expenses and build up and expand the programs and activities of our parish in the future!

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!

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.

The **Parish Office will be closed** on January 1 in observance of the holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2 at 9 am.

January 1, 2024, the **Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**, is not a holy day of obligation this year as it falls on a Monday.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

8:30 +Rev John McVicar by Fr Shawn Jordan

Tues, Jan 2: Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8:30 +Milinda Daye by Katy Murphy

Wed, Jan 3: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:30 +Jean Imundo by Nacinovich family

Thurs, Jan 4: St Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30 +Rosemary Isacson by Aberin family

Fri, Jan 5: St John Neumann

8:30 +Antonio and Manuel Cevallos by Maria Cevallos

Sat, Jan 6: St Andre Bessette

4:30 +Mary Lai by Aberin family

Sun, Jan 7: The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 Mass of Thanksgiving to St Therese by Laurie Dwyer

11:00 +Stan Kurpiewski by Denise Kurpiewski;
+Kay Flannery by Cann family

5:00 +William H Cutler, Jr by Fr. Shawn

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

**THIS WEEK
IN THE PARISH**

Tues, Jan 2
9:15 am
Legion of Mary

10 am
Rosary Making/
Prayer Shawl

Wed, Jan 3
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: _____



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

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December 8, 2023

Reverend Shawn W. Jordan
Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish
138 Candlewood Lake Road
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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 CANOSIO

ITALY, 1630



This particular Eucharistic miracle features a pastor, Father Antonio Reinardi, whose deep faith in the Eucharist was responsible for saving the village of Canosio from the torrential floods of the Maira River with a blessing of the Blessed Sacrament. There were many conversions among those who witnessed the miracle and to this day the townspeople of Canosio celebrate a feast during the Octave of Corpus Christi to commemorate the miracle.



Panoramic view of Canosio



Parish Church of Canosio

Canosio is a small village in the region of Val Maira, in the Diocese of Saluzzo. In 1630, its townspeople had grown cold in their religious observance due to the spread of the Calvinistic heresy. A day after the feast of Corpus Christi, the river at Maira flooded because of a torrential rainfall. The flood waters were so violent and powerful that some massive stones were dislodged from the mountain and threatened to destroy the valley and the village itself!

Father Antonio Reinardi, the pastor of the town, assembled the townspeople with the ringing of the church bells and exhorted them to pray that the Lord would stop the flood. He vowed that if the village of Canosio were spared from the flood's destruction, the townspeople would celebrate in perpetuity an annual feast of

Corpus Christi. Father Reinardi then took the Blessed Sacrament and placed It in the monstrance. He then processed towards the raging flood with some of the faithful as they all recited the "Miserere" Psalm 51. After he blessed the raging waters, the rain stopped at once and the flood waters peaked and returned to their normal level. This incident revived the faith of the townspeople of Canosio and to this day they observe the vow that was made.

Unfortunately, many of the documents which attest to the miracle and which were preserved in the parish archives from the 17th Century were burned during the war between France and Spain; what is extant, however, is a copy describing the events and which was left by the pastor who was a witness to what occurred.



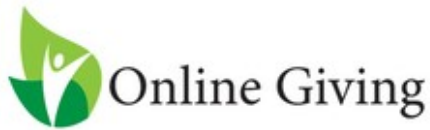
The Maira River



- * 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

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.



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