

# 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

Jan 27/28: \$4,192.00  
OLG: \$1,316.00

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# E-News

## 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — 4 FEBRUARY 2024

### The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family.

Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday** on February 14. Ashes will be distributed at the 8:30 am Mass only.

The three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We invite you to join our Lenten Study **Lectio: Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God** on Mondays at 6:30 pm (beginning February 26 and ending April 1). Fr. Shawn will be presenting this six-week study by Augustine Institute. See the flyers for more information. Before February 14, contact the office (office@stmarguerite.org, 203-775-5117, x212) to reserve your spot and purchase the workbook (\$20).

Many thanks to so many generous parishioners who supported the mission of the **Sisters of Life** by donating to our Christmas drive for expectant and new mothers! See the bulletin board in the narthex to read the letter of thanks we received from the Sisters at the Visitation Mission in NYC.

The parish recently purchased a subscription to **FORMED** which is a Catholic streaming site from Augustine Institute. "FORMED brings beautiful and faithful Catholic content to parishes, families, and individuals. There is something for everyone here: award-winning studies and parish programs, inspiring audio content, movies, e-books, and family-friendly kids' programming. Led by the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press, and in collaboration with over 100 content providers, this site reaches more than one million subscribers worldwide." There is no cost for you to use the site. Simply set up an account by logging into formed.org and put in the zip code 06804, then choose "St. Marguerite Bourgeoys". Enjoy

browsing through some of the videos, movies and programs for all ages!

The Knights of Columbus Council invites parishioners of St Marguerite and St Joseph to join Council Knights for a **private tour of the Knights of Columbus Museum** (1 State Street, New Haven) on Sunday, February 11th at 1:30 pm. A carpool will depart St Joseph parking lot at 12:15 pm or you can meet the council at the Museum. To reserve your spot, contact Greg at 203.733.7209. In case of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled.

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February 5-11:

Our St Marguerite candle is for  
the intentions of Renee Santiago  
requested by the Sodality of St. Marguerite.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Mon, Feb 5: St Agatha**

8:30 +Theodore and Albertina Frank by Mary Frank

**Tues, Feb 6: St Paul Miki & Companions**

8:30 +Julie Johnson by Katy Murphy

**Wed, Feb 7**

8:30 Liv/Dec Mbrs of Johnson family by Katy Murphy

**Thurs, Feb 8: St Jerome Emiliani, St Josephine Bakhita**

8:30 +Frank Santi by Ann Santi

**Fri, Feb 9**

8:30 +Nora Gray by Ann Santi

**Sat, Feb 10: St Scholastica**

4:30 +Rev John Burke, OP by Fr Jordan

**Sun, Feb 11: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 Ints of the Chester family by Piccorelli family

11:00 +Ralph Guastaferrri by Nina Guastaferrri;

+Dennis Santella by Mary Ann and Al Mascia and family

5:00 Liv/Dec Mbrs of the Madden, Murphy, & Malone families

**Offering:** Mass — \$10; Altar Candles — \$20; Hosts — \$15; Sanctuary Candle — \$10; Sacramental Wine — \$10;  
St Marguerite Candle — \$10. Contact the office for Mass/Candle Intentions for living/deceased.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**Tues, Feb 6**  
9:15 am  
Legion of Mary

**Wed, Feb 7**  
7 pm  
NA

# LENTEN STUDY

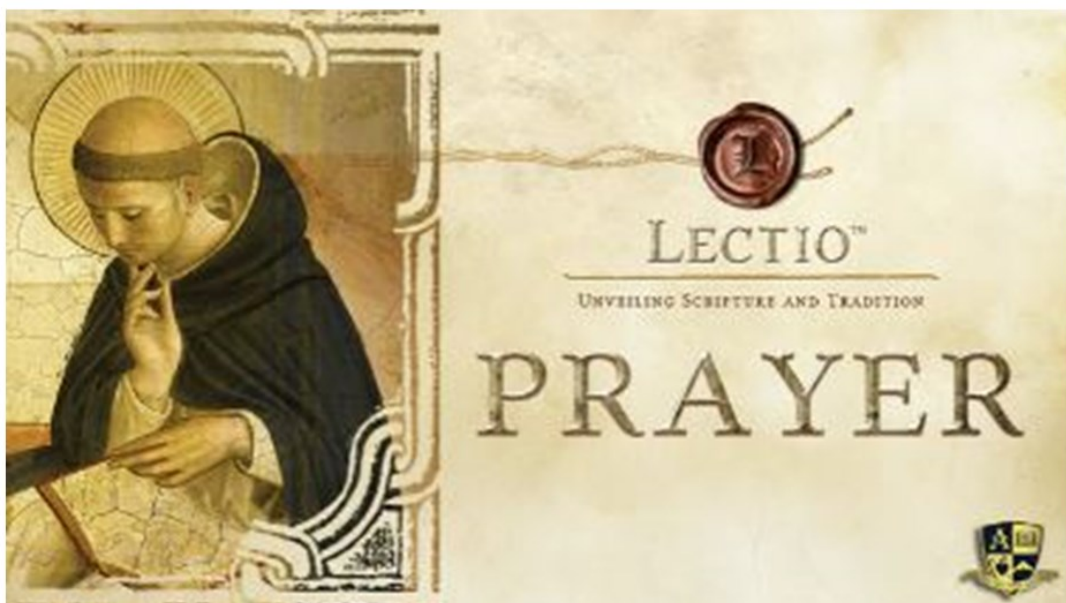
## ***LECTIO: PRAYER: FINDING INTIMACY WITH GOD***

We know the three pillars of Lent to be PRAYER, FASTING, and ALMSGIVING. This Lenten season join us for a Lectio study of prayer. Fr. Shawn will guide us through the study which includes six video sessions with Dr. Tim Gray.

Through Lectio, we will learn how to open “our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love.”

The study will meet on Mondays (February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup>, and April 1<sup>st</sup>) from 6:30-7:30pm in the church hall.

The fee for the study is \$20 which includes a book that helps participants to use Lectio to “read, reflect, respond and contemplate” with Scripture and develop a deeper “intimacy with God”. Join us for this inspiring Lenten journey by emailing [office@stmarguerite.org](mailto:office@stmarguerite.org) or calling 203-775-5117, x212. Please contact us by February 14<sup>th</sup> so we can order materials before the class begins!





**SCAN ME**



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**The Bishop's Appeal is the major source of revenue for supporting the ministries and agencies of the Diocese of Bridgeport.** It is these faith-based programs, services and ministries that enable the Church of Bridgeport under the direction of Bishop Frank Caggiano to reach across parish boundaries in the areas of: Faith and Ministry, Charity and Pastoral Services and Education and Catechesis.

The Appeal enables Catholic Charities to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable and needy people across Fairfield County through 30+ programs that:

**Nourish the Hungry:**

- ~ Catholic Charities served over 2 million meals since the pandemic began via its soup kitchens, food pantries, the Morning Glory Breakfast Program, the Meals on Wheels program for homebound elderly, and for the families of the Room to Grow Pre-school.
- ~ The SNAP Program was launched to assist food insecure clients in receiving food stamp benefits and other important resources.

**Shelter the Homeless:**

- ~ Bethlehem House II in Stratford opened to house increasing numbers of formerly homeless families that are able to be offered transitional and supportive housing for a fresh start.
- ~ Caseworkers are assisting clients with disabilities or special needs to assist with life skills and case management services.

**Strengthen Families and Individuals:**

- ~ Catholic Charities' Mental Health Counseling services provides in-person and telehealth counseling to clients suffering from an array of issues, including anxiety and depression due to the pandemic. The program is open to clients of all income levels and is currently scheduling appointments for new clients, including individual, marital and family therapy.
- ~ Room to Grow Preschool in Norwalk opened a food pantry and Family Resource Center to provide families with the essential wrap-around services as an additional support throughout the pandemic and beyond. Room to Grow serves hard working families, many of whom either lost jobs or had their income reduced due to the effects of the pandemic.
- ~ Immigrant Services assists newcomers to the US with immigration legal assistance and connects them with support services.
- ~ Operation Help was created to help identify resources and provide support to help meet basic needs of clients across agency programs.
- ~ The Family Loan Program provides low-interest loans to working parents throughout the entire loan application process and teach them the skills they need to improve their credit score, and help them move towards financial independence.

**Your gifts to the Appeal also helped make it possible to:**

- Award financial scholarships to 85% of students in the Catholic Academy of Bridgeport;
- Award financial assistance for Catholic education through the Bishop's Scholarship Fund;
- Ensure that children and young adults had the opportunity to participate in religious education programs;
- Educate and train 22 men for ordination to the priesthood in our Diocese;
- Educate and train 6 men for ordination to the Permanent Diaconate program;
- Care for 74 senior priests in their dignified retirement;
- Afford our youth with meaningful opportunities to mature as holy and active members of society through a wide range of faith-based programs;
- Respond to spiritual, educational and social needs of persons with disabilities through the St. Catherine Center for Special Needs.

**THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT...**

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### ***Serving Our Community***

Last year, your donations to the Bishop's Appeal made it possible for Catholic Charities to provide hope and healing to our brothers and sisters in need across Fairfield County.



#### **Catholic Charities Distributed:**

- 1,000,000+ meals
- 3,000 donated toys
- 6,200+ socks
- 3,500+ toiletry bags
- 2,000+ winter coats

***Thank you for your support of Catholic Charities  
through the Bishop's Appeal.***

***Together, One in Christ, we can continue to support our  
brothers and sisters who are most in need.***

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# Eucharistic Miracle of FERRARA

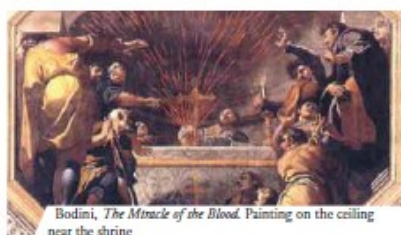
ITALY, 1171



This Eucharistic miracle took place in Ferrara, in the Basilica of Saint Mary in Vado, on Easter Sunday, March 28, 1171. While celebrating Easter Mass, Father Pietro da Verona, the prior of the basilica, reached the moment of breaking the consecrated Host when he saw blood gush from it and stain the ceiling vault above the altar with droplets. In 1595 the vault was enclosed within a small shrine and is still visible today in the monumental Basilica of Santa Maria in Vado.



Church of Saint Mary in Vado, Ferrara



Bodini, *The Miracle of the Blood*. Painting on the ceiling near the shrine



Detail of the ceiling vault stained with blood



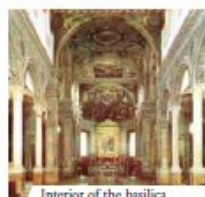
The ceiling vault stained with blood



Bull of Eugene IV (1442)



John Paul II pauses before the ceiling vault in Ferrara



Interior of the basilica



Shrine that encloses the Holy Ceiling Vault (1594). Right side of the cross

On March 28, 1171, the prior of the Canons Regular Portuensi, Father Pietro da Verona, was celebrating Easter Mass with three confreres (Bono, Leonardo and Aimone). At the moment of the breaking of the consecrated Host, It sprang forth a gush of Blood that threw large drops on the small ceiling vault above the altar. Histories tell of the "holy terror of the celebrant and of the immense wonder of the people who crowded the tiny church." There were many eyewitnesses who told of seeing the Host take on a bloody color and having seen in it the figure of a baby. Bishop Amato of Ferrara and Archbishop Gherardo of Ravenna were immediately informed of the event. They witnessed with their own eyes the miracle, namely "the Blood which we saw redden the altar ceiling vault." The church immediately became a pilgrim destination, and later

was rebuilt and expanded on the orders of Duke Ercole d'Este beginning in 1495.

*There are many sources* regarding this miracle. Among the most important is the Bull of Pope Eugene IV (March 30, 1442), in which the pontiff mentions the miracle in reference to the testimonies of the faithful and ancient historical sources. The 1197 manuscript of Gerardo Cambrense, conserved in Canterbury's Lambeth Library is the oldest document that mentions the miracle. The miracle received recent attention in the "Gemma Ecclesiastica" (Budding of the Church) by historian Antonio Samaritani. Another document which dates to March 6, 1404, is the Bull of Cardinal Migliorati, in which he grants indulgences to "those who visit the church and adore the

Miraculous Blood." Even today, on the 28th day of every month in the basilica, which is currently under the care of Saint Gaspare del Bufalo's Missionaries of the Most Precious Blood, Eucharistic Adoration is celebrated in memory of the miracle. And every year, in preparation for the Feast of Corpus Christi, the solemn Forty Hours devotion is celebrated. The eighth centenary of the Miracle was celebrated in 1971.





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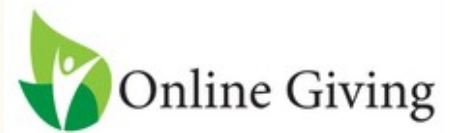
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Total Pledged: \$891,485.34

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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