

**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**

Feb 17/18: \$4,273.00  
OLG: \$2,645.00

**Staff**

Finance Council Chairman:  
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# E-News

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — 25 FEBRUARY 2024**

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

**Lent is a 40-day season of  
prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.**

**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays at 7 pm.

**Confession:** Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 pm

**Fast and Abstinence** during Lent: Catholics aged 14 and older must abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent. Persons aged 18 to 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday; only one full meal may be taken on those days, two smaller meals (not equaling the full meal) may be taken as well.

The **2025 Mass Book** will open on Thursday, March 7. Mass intentions can be submitted by sending an email to [office@stmarguerite.org](mailto:office@stmarguerite.org).

The Knights of Columbus will lead the **Rosary on First Saturday**, March 2 at 4 pm.

**2024 Bishop's Appeal:**

The Respect Life Ministry supports the diocese's efforts to promote and uphold the Church's teaching on the dignity of human life in all its

stages. The ministry works to support parish efforts to educate the laity on life issues, which include Catholic teaching, legislative initiatives and public policies that impact the dignity and respect of the human person. It also supports parish efforts to promote peaceful prayer initiatives in the public square, which include supporting the 40 Days for Life Campaign as well as Holy Hours and Rosary Rallies throughout the year.

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**St. Marguerite Parish's goal is \$65,700.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon, Feb 26**

8:30 +Rev William J O'Halloran, SJ by Fr Shawn

**Tues, Feb 27: St Gregory of Narek**

8:30 +Ean James Smith by Cynthia & Jared Schmidt

**Wed, Feb 28**

8:30 +Nicholas Cremonese by Nacinovich family

**Thurs, Feb 29**

8:30 +Virginia McCafferty by Ann Santi

**Fri, Mar 1: World Day of Prayer**

8:30 +Dave Kenes by Lori & Bob Hutchinson

**Sat, Mar 2**

4:30 +Rev Angelus Shaughnessy, OFM, CAP  
by Fr Shawn

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

**THIS WEEK  
IN THE PARISH**

**Mon, Feb 26**  
6:30 pm  
Bible Study

**Tues, Feb 27**  
9:15 am  
Legion of Mary

10 am  
Prayer Shawl/  
Rosary Making

1:30 pm  
Fatima Prayer Cell

**Fri, Mar 1**  
7 pm  
Stations of the Cross

**Sun, Mar 3: Third Sunday of Lent**

8:30 +Danilo Aberin by family

11:00 +Penny Johnston by Steven Johnston;

+Dec Mbrs of LeBlanc family by Bernier family

5:00 +Sr. Catherine Green, RSM by Fr Shawn

**February 26-Mar 3:**

Our Saint Marguerite candle is for the intentions  
of Don and Claudette Perley.

Our Altar Candles are for the intentions of  
Catherine Somma requested by her sister.



**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.

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

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### ***Teaching and Preaching the Gospel***

Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal supports the education and formation of young men like Fr. Férry Galbert in their preparation for the priesthood and beyond.



*"My experience as a newly ordained priest has been amazing. **It has been such a grace, and a humbling experience, to see how the Lord uses me to touch people's lives.** Academics, spirituality, human, and pastoral formation eventually became integrated as "one thing" by the time I became a deacon because you begin to see how everything is connected. However, I would emphasize that my human and pastoral formation in the seminary was very important for me because it taught me how to keep everything in a healthy balance. I also learned the value of fraternity and friendship, as well as the fact that spiritual fatherhood is fulfilled when we encounter the people of God and meet them where they are. – Fr. Férry Galbert, Ordained to the Priesthood May 2023*

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# Eucharistic Miracle of LANCIANO

ITALY, 750 A.D.



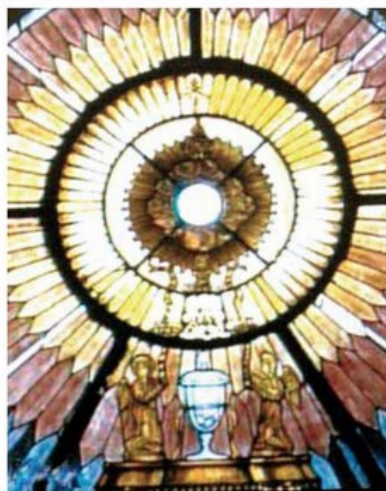
An inscription in marble from the 17th century describes this Eucharistic miracle which occurred at Lancia in 750 at the Church of St. Francis. "A monastic priest doubted whether the Body of Our Lord was truly present in the consecrated Host. He celebrated Mass and when he said the words of consecration, he saw the Host turn into Flesh and the Wine turn into Blood. Everything was visible to those in attendance. The Flesh is still intact and the Blood is divided into five unequal parts which together have the exact same weight as each one does separately.



Monstrance containing the Holy Relics



Relic of the wine which was transformed into Blood



Painting located in the Valsecca chapel which depicts the miracle



Stone tablet from 1631 which describes the miracle



In 1970, the Archbishop of Lancia and the Provincial Superior of the Conventual Franciscans at Abruzzo, with Rome's approval, requested Dr. Edward Linoli, director of the hospital in Arezzo and professor of anatomy, histology, chemistry, and clinical microscopy, to perform a thorough scientific examination on the relics of the miracle which had occurred twelve centuries earlier. On March 4, 1971, the professor presented a detailed report of the various studies carried out. Here are the basic results:

1. The "miraculous flesh" is authentic flesh consisting of muscular striated tissue of the myocardium.
2. The "miraculous Blood" is truly blood. The chromatographic analysis indicated this with absolute and indisputable certainty.
3. The immunological study shows with cer-

titude that the flesh and the blood are human, and the immuno - hematological test allows us to affirm with complete objectivity and certitude that both belong to the same blood type AB, the same blood type as that of the man of the Shroud and the type most characteristic of Middle Eastern populations.

4. The proteins contained in the Blood have the normal distribution, in the identical percentage as that of the serous-proteic chart for normal fresh blood.

5. No histological dissection has revealed any trace of salt infiltrations or preservative substances used in antiquity for the purpose of embalming. Professor Linoli also discarded the hypothesis of a hoax carried out in past centuries. This report was published in *The Sclavo Notebooks in Diagnostics* (Collection #3, 1971) and aroused

great interest in the scientific world. Also, in 1973, the chief Advisory Board of the World Health Organization appointed a scientific commission to corroborate Linoli's findings. Their work lasted 15 months and included 500 tests. It was verified that the fragments taken from Lancia could in no way be likened to embalmed tissue. As to the nature of the fragment of Flesh, the commission declared it to be living tissue because it responded rapidly to all the clinical reactions distinctive of living beings. Their reply fully corroborated Professor Linoli's conclusions. In the extract summarizing the scientific work of the Medical Commission of the WHO and the UN, published in Dec. 1996 in New York and Geneva, declared that science, aware of its limits, has come to a halt, face to face with the impossibility of giving an explanation.



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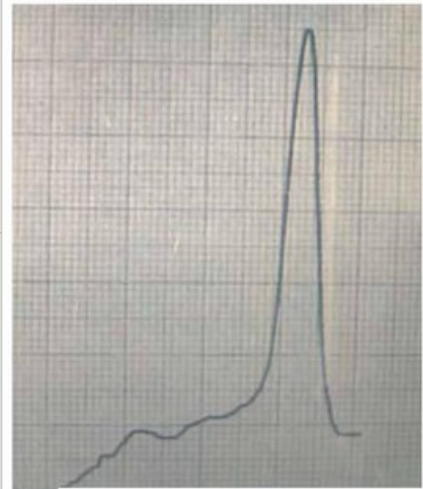
ITALY, 750 A.D.



*The Flesh  
and the Blood  
of Lanciano  
therefore are just  
the same as they  
would be if  
they had been  
drawn that  
very day from  
a living being.*



The reliquary from the 18th century containing the Host and the coagulated Blood, gift of the generous citizen Domenico Coli



Graph of the electrophoresis of the proteins of the Blood of the Miracle. The profile of the protein fractions from the serum could be superimposed on a standard specimen of fresh blood



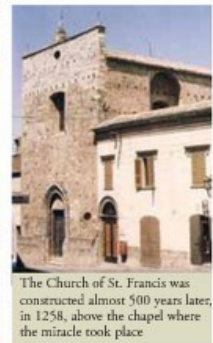
The 5 clots of Blood as seen with a magnifying glass. In the blood of the Miracle can be recognized all the components present in fresh blood, and the miracle within the miracle, each of the 5 clots of Blood weighs 15,85 grams, which is the identical weight of the 5 clots weighed together!



The muscular fiber cells



Histological view of the Flesh



The Church of St. Francis was constructed almost 500 years later, in 1258, above the chapel where the miracle took place



The flesh consists of part of the myocardium, more precisely of the left ventricle. The arteries and veins can be easily identified, as well as a double, slender branch of the vagus nerve. At the time of the miracle, the flesh was living and then submitted to the law of rigor mortis.



The miracle was the object of several official acknowledgements on the part of the ecclesiastical authorities between 1574 and 1886, not to mention most recently, in 1970, when it was subjected to a scientific examination carried out by professors from the University of Siena, which concluded: "The flesh is true human flesh (formed by muscular tissue from the heart); that the blood is true blood (belonging to the same blood type AB as the flesh); that the component substances are those of human tissues, normal and fresh; that the conservation of the flesh and the blood, left in their natural state for twelve centuries and exposed to the influence of atmospheric and biological elements, remains an extraordinary phenomenon" (The Linoli Report 4131971).



A vagus nerve



A small lobe of adipose tissue



Analysis of the Host. Endocardiac structures



Cubical lattice in gold-plated cast iron in which the relics were preserved for almost 266 years, today returned to the Valsecca family chapel



An antique painting depicting the Miracle



- white 8.5x11 copy paper 20 lb, 92 bright
- Gift cards to BJ's, Costco, and Amazon

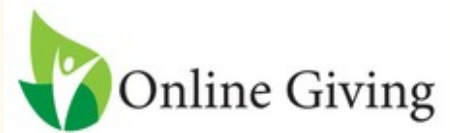
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**St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish  
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Campaign Redemption**

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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