

# 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

Feb 24/25: \$3,895.00  
OLG: \$1,341.00

## Staff

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# E-News

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT — 3 MARCH 2024

### The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph

**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.

**Happy March!** It's time to get ready for St. Patrick's Day! Join us on Sunday, March 17 after the 8:30 and 11 am Masses in the hall to celebrate his feast day. St. Marguerite Sodality is sponsoring a breakfast including some traditional Irish breakfast foods along with the best coffee in town and many other tasty treats. Of course, what is a celebration for St. Patrick without a nod to St. Joseph on March 19? A traditional St. Joseph altar with breakfast treats will also be part of our feast.

**Special Invitation to all Parishioners:** Do you have a special recipe or place where you have found a tasty soda bread? We would like to include a soda bread bake sale at the breakfast!! We invite you to share YOUR favorite soda bread that we can sell at the breakfast as a little fundraiser for the parish. Please consider donating a loaf or two of your special taste of Ireland. Breads can be dropped off to the kitchen until 5 pm Thursday, Friday, or Saturday (March 14-16). Please leave your name with any donation. We look forward to celebrating St. Patrick's Day with you!!

## 2024 Bishop's Appeal

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

We are hopeful that 100% of our registered households will respond to the 2024 Bishop's Appeal. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Bishop's Appeal with a pledge or one-time gift as your means allow. Your support is much needed and will be greatly appreciated! To make a gift, visit 2024BishopsAppeal.org. As of February 29, St Marguerite Bourgeoys raised 34 gifts worth \$9,385 from 32 donors bringing the parish to 14.28% of its \$65,700 goal. \$6,888 has been collected in cash which is 10.48% of goal.

**Registration for 2024-25 Faith Formation Classes** for children has begun. Classes begin in First Grade.

The **2025 Mass Book** opens on Thursday, March 7. Mass intentions can be submitted by sending an email to office@stmarguerite.org.

**Cenacle to honor Our Lady:** All are invited to join us for prayer, the Rosary, spiritual readings, and consecrating ourselves to the Blessed Mother in our Cenacle meeting held every 2nd Monday of the month, 10-11 am. Next meeting is March 11. For information, contact Susan Reitz at 203.623.1388, slreitz@live.com.

The Fatima Prayer Cell will lead the **Rosary** on Saturday, March 9 at 4 pm.

See the flyer in the church to sign up for tickets for the bus to the **CT March for Life** on Wednesday, March 20.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Mon, Mar 4

8:30 Ints of Evelyn Telford Gannon by Mary Frank

### Tues, Mar 5

8:30 +Frank Santi by Ann Santi

### Wed, Mar 6

8:30 +John Guardo by Nacinovich family

### Thurs, Mar 7: Sts Perpetua and Felicity

8:30 +Angelina Guardo by Nacinovich family

### Fri, Mar 8: St John of God

8:30 +Marco Errichiello by Fata family

**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.

### Sat, Mar 9: St Frances of Rome

4:30 +Vincent Lewis by Nacinovich family

### Sun, Mar 10: Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 +Thomas Pirone by Jo-Ann Gargiulo

11:00 +Kenneth Anthony DeMatteis by Amy

Pontillo; +Patti Ricco by Frattalone's

5:00 +Veronica Grisell by Bob Zelle and Dee Ciancio

### March 4-10:

Our **St Marguerite candle** is for the Intentions of Marcy Rudolf requested by Mary Ellen Tiernan.

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**Mon, Mar 4**  
6:30 pm  
Bible Study

**Tues, Mar 5**  
9:15 am  
Legion of Mary

**Wed, Mar 6**  
NA

**Fri, Mar 8**  
7 pm  
Stations of the Cross



**ONE** *in Christ*

**2024 Bishop's Appeal**

DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

***Please consider a gift to the Bishop's Appeal.***

The *Bishop's Appeal* allows us to unite as *One in Christ* to bring to life all the diocesan ministries, programs, and agencies that deliver the pastoral care and human services that no single parish can provide on its own.

*Ways to Give*

**1**

**SCAN  
TO  
GIVE:**



**2**

**GIVE ONLINE:**

[2024BishopsAppeal.org](https://2024BishopsAppeal.org)

**3**

**GIVE BY MAIL:**

D. O. B.

P.O. Box 110410

Trumbull, CT 06611-0410

Make checks payable to *Bishop's Appeal*.

*Please do not send cash.*

***Thank you for your support of the Bishop's Appeal!***



**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...**

Please reflect upon the importance of your support to ministry and outreach that relies upon the charity of the Diocese of Bridgeport. The challenge is immediate and far-reaching, but the solution is within our reach!

Please consider the following options when deciding upon the best way to support the Bishop's Appeal this year:

- Make a pledge and spread out your payments over 5 or 10 months
- Make an automatic monthly recurring gift until you inform the Diocese to adjust or discontinue.
- Donate on-line by going to the diocesan website, [2024BishopsAppeal.org](https://2024BishopsAppeal.org)
- Check if your employer will match your gift through the Corporate Matching Gift Program
- Donate a one-time gift
- Contribute a gift of appreciated stocks or securities

Whatever you decide, your gift will be greatly appreciated and make a difference in the lives of others.

For more details, visit [2024BishopsAppeal.org](https://2024BishopsAppeal.org).

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# CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE

Connecticut State Capitol  
210 Capitol Ave.  
Hartford, CT 06106

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

**Departure-10:30am Rally-12:00pm**

**Return - 4:00pm March-1:00pm**

Bus Captain Tom: [tai32@mail.com](mailto:tai32@mail.com)  
for local & confidential assistance

Coach Bus Location: St. Marguerite Bourgeys Church  
138 Candlewood Lake Road, Brookfield, CT

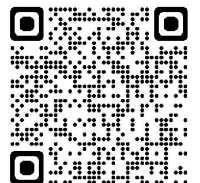
**MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD IN HARTFORD**



## Join a local bus trip



The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring reduced fares for round-trip bus rides from locations throughout Connecticut. Use the QR code or visit [rally.co/ct-march-for-life](http://rally.co/ct-march-for-life) to sign up by March 13th. Tickets are \$15.



**Visit [marchforlife.org/Connecticut](http://marchforlife.org/Connecticut)  
for more information.**



## Eucharistic Miracle of MACERATA

ITALY, 1356



On April 25, 1356, at Macerata, a priest whose name is not known was celebrating Mass in the chapel of the Church of St. Catherine, owned by the Benedictine monks. During the breaking of the bread, before Communion, the priest began to doubt the Real Presence of Jesus in the consecrated Host. Precisely in the moment in which he broke the Host, to his great surprise, he saw flow from the Host an abundance of Blood which marked part of the cloth and the chalice place on the altar.



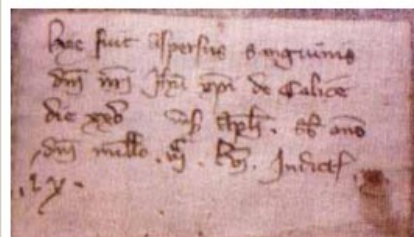
Macerata Cathedral



Relic of the Blood-Stained Corporal



View of Macerata



Small parchment from 1356 on which is written: "Here came the flow of Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ from the chalice on April 25 in the Year of Our Lord 1356"

At Macerata in the church of the Cathedral of Holy Mary Assumed and St. Giuliano, under the altar of the Most Holy Sacrament, it is possible to venerate the relic of the "corporal marked by blood." Also preserved in this church is the parchment on which the miracle is described. Furthermore, the historian Ferdinando Ughelli cited this miracle in his work *Sacred Italy* of 1647 and describes how since the 14th century "the corporal has been carried in solemn procession through the city, enclosed in an urn of crystal and silver, with the concurrence of all Piceno." All of the documents likewise agree in the description of how the miraculous facts occurred. An anonymous priest during the Mass was struck with strong doubts about the reality of the transubstantiation, and when he broke the Great Host, he saw Blood drop from the Host

and fall onto the corporal and chalice. The priest immediately informed Bishop Nicholas of San Martino, which ordered that the relic of blood-stained cloth be carried into the cathedral and instituted a regular canonical process.

*In 1493* one of the first confraternities in honor of the Most Blessed Sacrament was instituted at Macerata (1494) and it was here that the pious practice of Forty Hours was established in 1556. Every year, on the occasion of Corpus Christi, the corporal of the miracle is carried in procession behind the Most Blessed Sacrament.



Chapel of the Most Blessed Sacrament where the relic is kept



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

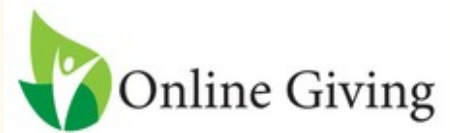
The Amazon list gives the details on the requested item but items can be purchased at any store or website.

Link to Amazon wish list:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/7W2VJHBHP8OI?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/7W2VJHBHP8OI?ref=wl_share)

**We thank our generous benefactors who continue  
to donate items on our list!  
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](http://stmarguerite.org) and click on the “Donate” tab. **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



**We Stand With Christ**  
A CAMPAIGN FOR THE DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

**St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish  
We Stand With Christ  
Campaign Redemption**

Total Pledged: \$891,485.34

Total Unrestricted Pledges Collected: \$186,090.17

Total Restricted Pledges Collected: \$140,000.00

Total and Current Cash Due to the Parish: \$326,090.17

as of 2/26/2024

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





# ST. MARY PARISH DISCIPLES 4 LIFE ADULT RETREAT

You are invited to be part of St. Mary's Disciples 4 Life Parish Retreat! This personal retreat is open to all adult men and women. Lent is the perfect time to grow more deeply in our faith and get closer to our Lord.

*"Come to me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28*

The weekend schedule includes talks on spirituality, reconciliation, the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and quiet time. Make a decision to change your life today!

**Friday, April 5 - Sunday April 7**

Starts Friday at 7:00 PM and concludes Sunday, after the 5:00 pm Mass in the Church.

**Seton-Neumann Center, Danbury, CT**

Rooms are single person occupancy, unless specifically requested otherwise.

Please contact Marilyn Kain at [kainma56@gmail.com](mailto:kainma56@gmail.com) or (203) 994-7808 for more info or with any questions.

Reservations accepted on a first-come, first served basis. *Reservations are limited, so don't delay.*

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Please complete the following, include a check for \$150 per person payable to St. Mary Parish, and return to

St. Mary Parish  
Attn: D4L  
55 Catoonah Street  
Ridgefield, CT 06877

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: St. Mary ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*A confirmation letter with more details will be mailed to you one week before the retreat.*

Team members: Dianne Doyle, Paul Janerico, Marilyn & George Kain, Dorian Peckham, Cathy & Tom Savoca, Kip Schibli, Carol Schirm and Lynn Tidgwell.