

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

Mar 9/10: \$5,272.00
OLG: \$2,8540

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E-News

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — 10 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.

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!!

Registration for 2024-25 Faith Formation Classes for
children has begun. Classes begin in First Grade.
Register now before classes fill up. For info, email
Mary Ellen Tiernan at metiernan@stmarguerite.org.

2024 Bishop's Appeal: Thank you to everyone who
has so generously donated to the Appeal. If you have
not yet given, 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 March 1, St.
Marguerite Bourgeoys raised gifts worth \$18,085,
bringing the parish to 27.5% of its \$65,700 goal.

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 info,
contact Susan at 203.623.1388 or slreitz@live.com.

The St Marguerite Sodality will lead the **Rosary** on
March 16 at 4 pm.

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

Save the Date: Retreat at the Shrine of Lourdes in
Litchfield on Saturday, April 20. More details will be
available soon. Contact Mary Ellen Tiernan if
interested.

In compliance with the Diocese of Bridgeport and to
ensure the safety of our children, all clergy,
employees, contractors, and volunteers (age 18 and
older) are required to be **VIRTUS** trained and go
through a background check. For information:
Bridgeport diocese.org/safe-environments/virtus/.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Mar 11

8:30 +Virginia McCafferty by Ann Santi

Tues, Mar 12

8:30 +Dorothy Mangone by Nacinovich family

Wed, Mar 13

8:30 +Maureen McGuire by Barbara Randall

Thurs, Mar 14

8:30 +Marion Bruce by Caraluzzi family

Fri, Mar 15

8:30 Ints of St Marguerite Parishioners

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, Mar 11

10am
Cenacle

6:30 pm
Bible Study

Tues, Mar 12

9:15 am
Legion of Mary

10am

Rosary/Prayer
Shawl Ministry

Fri, Mar 15

7 pm
Stations of the Cross

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

**March 17 after the 8:30 am
and 11 am Masses in the Hall**

Have a favorite recipe for Irish Soda Bread?
Sign up to bring one or two!
Drop it off in the kitchen on March 14, 15, 16.



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Confessions

every Saturday: 3:30-4:15 pm

Stations of the Cross

every Friday: 7 pm

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 24

40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 26
until noon on Thursday, March 28

Holy Thursday, March 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 pm

Good Friday, March 29

Passion of the Lord: 3 pm

Confessions: 4-5:30 pm

Stations of the Cross: 7 pm

Holy Saturday, March 30

Confessions: 3:30-4:30 pm

Easter Vigil Mass: 8 pm

Easter Sunday, March 31

Masses: 8:30 am and 11 am

SIGN UP FOR AN HOUR



**40 HOURS DEVOTION
MARCH 26-28**



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.

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
- 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.



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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

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**SCAN
TO
GIVE:**



2

GIVE ONLINE:

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!



Caring for our Retired Priests

"After retiring in 2017, I moved into the retirement home of Queen of the Clergy. Once I was settled in, it quickly became obvious that many of our parishes now had only one priest to serve them. I committed myself to helping our at three parishes on a regular basis. It brought great satisfaction to me as a priest to be able to continue to minister, celebrate the liturgy and preach the word of God. It was a great opportunity for me to be part of different communities and to use my gifts to assist people on their spiritual journey.

- Msgr. Robert J. Crofut, Retired Priest



Thank you for your support of the Catherine Dennis Keefe Queen of the Clergy Residence through the Bishop's Appeal. Together, One in Christ, we can continue to support our clergy in their retirement.

To support this important ministry and work in our Diocese, please consider making your gift to the Bishop's Appeal today!

Visit: www.2024BishopsAppeal.org



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
for local & confidential assistance

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

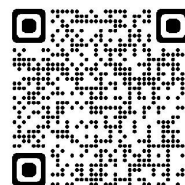
MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD IN HARTFORD



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 to sign up by March 13th. Tickets are \$15.



**Visit marchforlife.org/Connecticut
for more information.**



NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM

SPRING SESSION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Thursday afternoon 2:00 – 3:30 pm

April 11 – June 6

New Day is a faith-based non-denominational bereavement ministry that meets for 9 consecutive weeks to discuss an array of topics, designed to help you journey through the grief of whatever loss you may be facing, both recent or in the distant past.

Meetings take place in a small-group confidential setting at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, 138 Candlewood Lake Road, Brookfield, CT and are led by trained bereavement facilitators. There is no charge for this program, however, registration is required.

St. Marguerite's is partnering with the Bereavement Initiative of the Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries to offer this program. Please go to their website to submit a Program Inquiry Form or you can contact Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023

<http://Ctcemeteries.org/newday>

Once the form is submitted, you will hear from one of our bereavement facilitators regarding the next steps.

Eucharistic Miracle of **MOGORO**

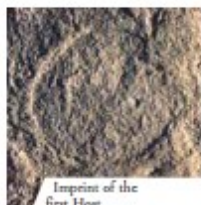
ITALY, 1604



In April 1604, a Eucharistic miracle took place in Mogoro that was described by the historian Pietro M. Cossu. During Mass, two men in mortal sin dropped two Hosts on the ground, leaving imprints of the Hosts on the stone floor. To commemorate this event and in reparation for the sacrilege, there is a solemn Eucharist procession every year in Mogoro on the Sunday after Easter.



Eucharistic Miracle of Mogoro, Francesco Pinna (1604 - 1607)



Imprint of the first Host



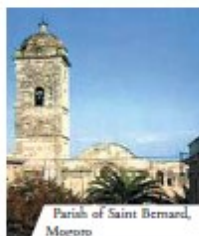
Imprint of the second Host



Panoramic view of Mogoro



Decorative case containing the stone of the miracle, Parish of Saint Bernard, Mogoro



Parish of Saint Bernard, Mogoro



In Mogoro, on the Italian island of Sardinia, on the Monday after Easter 1604, Father Salvatore Spiga, pastor of the church of Saint Bernard, was celebrating Mass and after the consecration began distributing Communion to the faithful. At a certain point, he saw in the Communion line two men who were well-known for the dissolute lives they led. The pastor gave them Communion and as soon as they had taken the Host in their mouth, they spit them out on the stone floor below the altar rail. The two men justified themselves by saying that the Hosts had become as hot as burning embers, and that they were burning their tongues. Then, taken by remorse at not first having gone to Confession, they ran away. Father Salvatore

and saw that their imprints remained in the stone as if they had been sculpted there. He ordered the stone to be thoroughly washed in the hope that the imprints would be erased. But every attempt failed miserably. Many historians, including Father Pietro Cossu and Father Casu, described the findings made by the bishop at that time, Antonio Surredo, and by his successors.

Among the most important documents that confirm the miracle is the a public act written by the notary Pedro Antonio Escano on May 25, 1686, in which the rector of Mogoro stipulates a contract for the construction of a wooden tabernacle over the main altar. At the base of the tabernacle,

the miracle," which was to be enclosed in a decorative case and placed in such a way that the faithful could see it. The stone bears the imprint of the Hosts to this day.



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

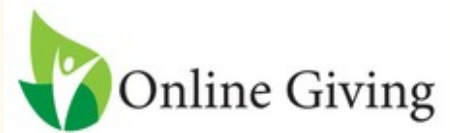
The Amazon list gives the details on the requested item but items can be purchased at any store or website.

Link to Amazon wish list:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/7W2VJHBHP8OI?ref=wl_share

**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 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: \$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.



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 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 _____

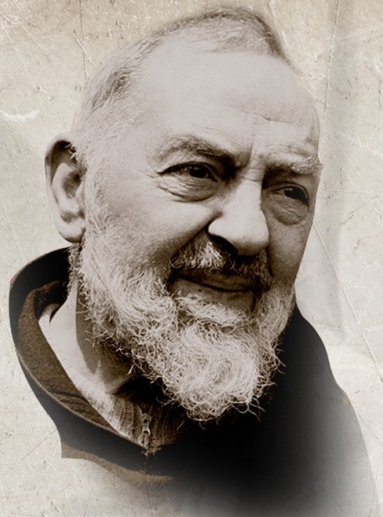
Address: _____ Phone Number _____

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.



THE RELICS OF SAINT PIO
OF PIETRELCINA
TO VISIT
ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

21 BRUSH HILL ROAD NEW FAIRFIELD CT 06812

VENERATION FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 6:30 P.M.

MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT PIO AT 7:00 P.M.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE, CONTACT THE
PARISH AT **(203) 746-2200**, OR VIA EMAIL AT
PARISH.OFFICE@STEDWARDCHURCH.ORG

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