

# ST. MARGUERITE BOURGOYS 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

Mar 16/17: \$4,412.00  
OLG: \$2,559.00

### Staff

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# E-News

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD — 24 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 18-59 are obliged to abstain from meat and to fast on Good Friday. Only one full meal may be taken. Two smaller meals (not equaling the full meal) may be taken as well.

**Holy Week Schedules** are available at the entrances to the church. Pick one up and plan on joining us for Holy Week and Easter.

**Reconciliation Monday is March 25** in the Diocese of Bridgeport. Confession will be offered in our deanery at St Joseph's in Brookfield, 3-9 pm.

Donations for **Easter Flowers** are being collected. Extra envelopes are in the church. Write the names of anyone you wish to pray for on the envelope. They'll be remembered throughout the Easter season at Masses.

**Luminaries for Easter:** This year we are providing luminaries that will be lit along the walk as you enter the church. They will burn for the Easter Vigil and will remain on the path through Divine Mercy Sunday. Luminary

bags and candles are available in the narthex for a \$5 donation. Prayer requests may be written on the bags. The candle will be lit before the Easter Vigil begins.

**Thank You!** Last Sunday's brunches honoring St. Patrick and St. Joseph were a great success thanks to our St. Marguerite Women's Sodality, our many parishioners who donated their soda breads, and our Youth Formation students who helped Mrs. Tiernan set up the hall. May the luck of the Irish and the patronage of St. Joseph watch over us all year!

**Registration for 2024-25 Faith Formation Classes** for children has begun. Classes begin in First Grade. Register now before classes fill up. For information, 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. To make a gift, visit 2024BishopsAppeal.org. As of March 15, St. Marguerite Parish raised \$37,432, bringing the parish to 57% of its \$65,700 goal.

**Parish Office** is closed March 28-29, April 1.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Mon, Mar 25: Monday of Holy Week**

8:30 +Danilo Aberin by Frank family

**Tues, Mar 26: Tuesday of Holy Week**

8:30 +Warren Meehan by Joan Meehan

**Wed, Mar 27: Wednesday of Holy Week**

8:30 +Michael Palica by Barbara Palica

**Thurs, Mar 28: Holy Thursday**

7:00 +Dino Ippolito by Piccorelli family

**Fri, Mar 29: Good Friday**

3:00 Liturgy of the Word

**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 30: Holy Saturday**

8:00 Living/Deceased Members of the Piccorelli and Civita families

**Sun, Mar 31: Easter Sunday**

8:30 +Nikola Luldjuraj by her mom and sister

11:00 +Joan Ogle by Amy Pontillo; +William H and Sheila M Cutler by Aberin family

March 25-31:

Our Hosts are in memory of Lillian Darula  
by Karen and Bruce Turnbull.

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**Mon, Mar 25**

6:45 pm  
Bible Study

**Tues, Mar 26**

9:15 am  
Legion of Mary

10 am

Rosary / Prayer Shawl

1 pm

Fatima Prayer Cell

## **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

# EASTER LUMINARIES

At the Easter Vigil (8 pm Saturday, March 30th), the light of Christ returns to our church. We hear “Christ, our Light” intoned as the Paschal candle is carried through the darkened church and our small votive candles are lit from it. The candles represent the light of Christ and the hope and renewal of Easter and Christ’s resurrection from the dead!

Candles are used throughout Catholic churches every day during Mass, burning in the sanctuary near the tabernacle or near shrines. Whenever we light a votive candle and make a sacrificial offering, we bring our own personal intentions and prayers. Candles, however, are extinguished from the Mass of the Lord’s Supper until the Easter Vigil.

This year we will be providing luminaries for prayer intentions that will be lit along the walk as you enter the church. They will burn for the Easter Vigil and will remain on the path through Divine Mercy Sunday. Luminary bags and candles will be available in the narthex for a \$5 donation. Prayer requests may be written on the bags, and the candle will be lit for you before we begin the Easter Vigil in darkness.

May your Easter Season be filled with joy in the hope and knowledge of the Resurrection and Eternal Life!





**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.

Since its founding in 1999, **Saint Catherine Academy** has been committed to providing the highest quality education program for students who are impacted with autism, intellectual and developmental disabilities. In 2014, this essential ministry became Saint Catherine Center for Special Needs to centralize pastoral and educational support for individuals with disabilities and added an Adult Day Program for adults with disabilities.

The Center partners with parishes, religious educators and school personnel to support the needs of individuals throughout the Diocese.



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Giving to the Bishop's Appeal ensures that this life-affirming organization will continue to provide a quality education and a living faith for children and adults with special needs.

Thank you for your support.

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!

**Donate at [2024BishopsAppeal.org](https://2024BishopsAppeal.org).**



**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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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!**



**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 OFFIDA

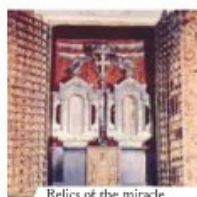
ITALY, 1273-1280



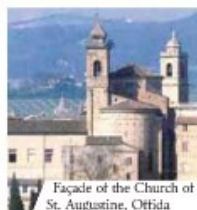
In Offa, near the Church of St. Augustine, are kept the relics of the Eucharistic miracle which took place in 1273, in which the Host was converted into living Flesh. There are many documents which describe this miracle, among which is an authentic copy on a parchment of the 13th century, written by the notary Giovanni Battista Doria in 1788. There are also many official decrees of the Popes beginning with that of Boniface VIII (1295), to that of Sixtus V (1585), discourses of Roman congregations, Episcopal decrees, communal statutes, votive gifts, memorial stones, frescoes and testimonies of notable historic figures, among whom we recall the Antinori's and Fella.



Frescoes in the church that illustrate the miracle



Relics of the miracle



Facade of the Church of St. Augustine, Offida



Oil-jar where the Miracle took place, Offida



Relic of the linen with blood spots where Richiarella entolded the miraculous Host



Detail of the blood-stained linen



Enlarged image of the relic of the Host contained in a precious Cross, made by a Venetian craftsman (13th century)

In 1273 in the town of Lanciano, a woman named Richiarella went to a witch and asked her how she could recover the affection of her husband, Giacomo Stasio. Following the witch's advice, she went to Communion to obtain a consecrated Host. She returned home and put it on the fire in an earthenware jar with the intention of turning it into powder and putting it in her husband's food. The Particles, however, were transformed into living Flesh. Richiarella, horrified by these events, wrapped the jar and the bloodied Host in a linen handkerchief that she then buried under the manure in her husband's stable. Strange events began to take place inside the stable: every time Giacomo's donkey entered, it would genuflect toward the place where the miraculous Host was buried, and Giacomo began to think that his wife had put a spell on the beast. Seven years later,

Ricchiarella remorsefully confessed her terrible sacrilege to the prior of the Augustinian priory in Lanciano, Giacomo Diotallevi, a native of Offida. According to the oldest stories, the woman, in tears, began screaming, "I killed God! I killed God!" The priest went to the place, found the bundle with the relics, and gave them to his fellow-citizens.

A cross-shaped reliquary was made to contain the Host. An ancient story recounts that two monks, Brother Michele and a confrere, were invited to Venice. When they arrived, they made the craftsman promise with an oath of loyalty "that he would not reveal to anyone what he was about to see and place inside the cross. Having taken the oath, the craftsman took the pyx containing the miraculous Host, but, struck

with a sudden fever, exclaimed, "What have you brought me, Oh my Brother?" The religious then asked him if he was in mortal sin. The craftsman answered, "Yes," made his confession to the same priest and, the fever having left him, he took the pyx without any danger. Without extracting the Host, he fixed both Host and pyx, together with the sacred Wood, inside the same cross, with a crystal above it, as you can clearly see." The reliquaries of the jar and the bloodstained linen with the cross containing the miraculous Host are exposed in the Church of St. Augustine in Offida. The house of Richiarella was transformed into a small chapel. In 1973, the seventh centenary of the miracle was celebrated, and every year, on May 3rd, the citizens of Offida celebrate the anniversary of the miracle.



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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
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- \* Stabilize contributions. Allows parish to effectively manage monthly expenses, based on consistent support
- \* Secure and confidential. No need to store parishioners’ account information
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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

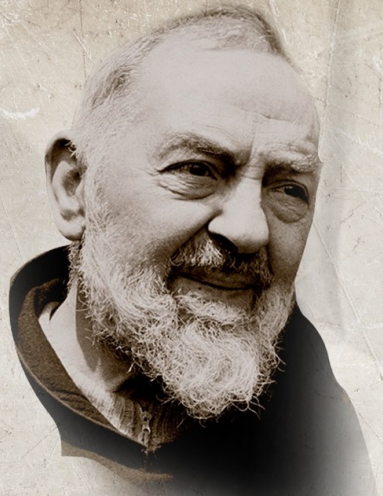
Total Restricted Pledges Collected: \$127,650.00

Total Cash Due to the Parish: \$307,003.67

as of 9/7/2023

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**THE RELICS OF SAINT PIO  
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**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  
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