

**ST. MARGUERITE
BOURGOYS
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

Easter: \$12,773.00

Easter Special Gift: \$2,871.00

OLG: \$2,174.00

Holy Land: \$1,768.00

Staff

Finance Council Chairman:

Kevin Sheehan

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Corporation:

James Chester, Jr

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Mary Ellen Tiernan

Bookkeeper: Larry Rice

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Jean Piccorelli

Choir Director: Tory Gozzi

Music Director: Jack Basso



E-News

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER — 7 APRIL 2024

The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist

Register your child for Faith Formation Classes for 2024-25 today! Classes begin in First Grade. Register now before classes fill up. For information, email Mary Ellen at metiernan@stmarguerite.org.

Our annual **Tag Sale and Savers FUNDrive** will be held Saturday, June 1. Collection days will be after Memorial Day.

In collaboration with the U.S. Catholic bishops' Eucharistic Revival, the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center presents an exhibit, **True Presence: The Eucharist in History and Art**, March 23-September 8. The McGivney Center is located at 1 State Street in New Haven and is open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am-4 pm. Admission and onsite parking are free. For information, call 203.865.0400.

Cenacle to honor Our Lady: All are invited to join them for prayer, the Rosary, spiritual readings, and consecration to the Blessed Mother. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month, 10-11 am. Next meeting is April 8.

The Women's **Sodality Group** will meet on Monday, April 8 at 6 pm.

The Fatima Prayer Cell will lead the **Rosary** on Saturday, April 13 at 4 pm.

2024 Bishop's Appeal: Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to the Appeal. Over the years, many corporations in the Diocese have participated in the Matching Gift Program. When making your pledge to the 2024 Bishop's Appeal, please consult with your employer to determine if they match gifts. If your company does participate, the Diocese of Bridgeport or its designated agencies such as Catholic Charities, Catholic Academy of Bridgeport, or Foundations in Education, may qualify for these additional funds to support the Bishop's Appeal. The company match will increase the dollar amount received at no extra cost to you. A list of Matching Gift companies has been posted at 2024BishopsAppeal.org. For further information, please contact the Development Office at (203) 416-1312 or 2024BishopsAppeal@diobpt.org. As of March 22, St. Marguerite Parish raised \$46,362, bringing the parish to 71% of its \$65,700 goal. Thank you for your donations!

The **Shrine of Lourdes Retreat** originally scheduled for April 20 has been postponed.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Apr 8: *The Annunciation of the Lord*

8:30 +Frank Randall by Barbara Randall

Tues, Apr 9

8:30 +Virginia McCafferty by Ann Santi

Wed, Apr 10

8:30 +Frank Santi by Ann Santi

Thurs, Apr 11: *St Stanislaus*

8:30 +Julia Clarkson by Caraluzzi family

Fri, Apr 12

8:30 +James Carroll by family

Sat, Apr 13: *St Martin I*

4:30 +Mary Murphy by Barbara Randall

Sun, Apr 14: *Third Sunday of Easter*

8:30 Intentions of Chester family by Piccorelli family

11:00 +Deceased Members of Allain family and

+Eva and Valmont Bernier by Bernier family

5:00 +Mary Donovan by Thomas and Shelly Roach

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, Apr 8

10 am Cenacle

6 pm Sodality

Tues, Apr 9

9:15 am Legion of Mary

10 am Rosary Prayer Shawl



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.

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. Thank you for your support!

Donate at 2024BishopsAppeal.org.

Eucharistic Miracle of PATIERNO (NAPLES)

ITALY, 1772



On August 29, 1774, the Curia of the Archbishop expressed itself favorably regarding the miraculous finding and unexplainable preservation of the Hosts stolen from the Church of St. Peter's in Patierno on February 24, 1772.

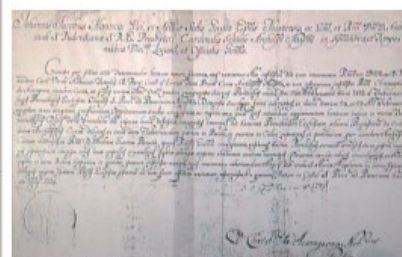
In 1971 the Eucharistic Year of the diocese had been established in order to allow the community to capture the essence of the Eucharistic miracle. Unfortunately in 1978 some unknown thieves were able to steal the relic with the miraculous Hosts of 1772.



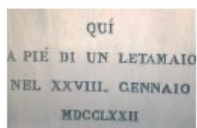
St. Peter's Church, Patierno



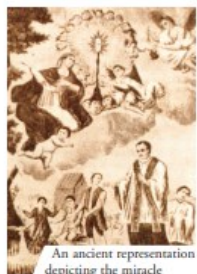
A plaque at the place where the Hosts were found



Document in which Cardinal Ursi elevates St. Peter's Church to a diocesan Eucharistic shrine



Reliquary of the miracle



An ancient representation depicting the miracle



In 1772, unknown thieves stole a certain number of consecrated Hosts that were found a month later in the lands of Duke Delle Grottolelle underneath manure. However the Sacred Hosts were completely intact. The appearance of mysterious lights and a dove made it possible to see where the Hosts were buried. Saint Alphonsus Liguori described this miracle in detail and took the opportunity to reawake the faith and devotion of the people towards the Eucharist.

The Vicar General, Monsignor Onorati drew up the minutes of the diocesan trial which lasted two years from 1772 to 1774. In the minutes it was stated that the appearance of the lights and the intact preservation of the consecrated Hosts "has been and is an authentic miracle operated by God to illustrate more and more the truth of the

Catholic dogma and increase the worship towards the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist."

Among the various testimonies there were also those of three renowned scientists of the time among which was Dr. Domenico Cotugno of the Royal University of Naples and they all agreed in saying that "The intact preservation of the Hosts cannot be explained with physical principles and they surpass the power of natural agents. Therefore, they must be considered as miraculous." In 1972 Professor Pietro De Franciscis, teacher of human physiology at the University of Naples confirmed the above statement.

In 1967, Cardinal Corrado Ursi, on the occasion of the elevation of the Church of St. Peter to a

diocesan Eucharistic Sanctuary said "The prodigious event of St. Peter is a gift and a divine warning for the whole archdiocese. Its voice must never weaken but must urge the faithful of all times to consider the message regarding the 'Bread of Life for the salvation of the world' launched by Christ at Cafarnas."



- white 8.5x11 copy paper 20 lb, 92 bright
- Avery A to Z Dividers for 3 Ring Binders, item #11844
- Gift cards to BJ's, Costco, and Amazon

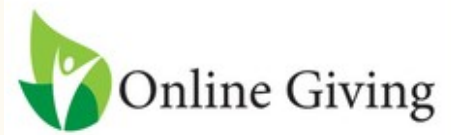
The Amazon list gives the details on the requested item but items can be purchased at any store or website.

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



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A CAMPAIGN FOR THE DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

**St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish
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Campaign Redemption**

Total Pledged: \$891,485.34
Total Unrestricted Parish Allocation: \$186,090.17*
Total Restricted Collected: \$140,000.00
Total Cash Due to the Parish: \$326,090.17
as of 4/4/2024

* Unrestricted Pledges Collected: \$502,305.34
Less: ACA Share (\$73,000.00)
Less: Fundraising Expenses (\$57,125)
Less: Foundations Allocation (\$186,090.17)

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