

**ST. MARGUERITE
BOURGOYS
PARISH**

PASTOR

REV. SHAWN W. JORDAN

138 Candlewood Lake Rd
Brookfield, CT 06804
203.775.5117
stmarguerite.org
office@stmarguerite.org

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

April 6/7: \$5,295.00
OLG: \$4,656.00

Staff

Finance Council Chairman:
Kevin Sheehan

Lay Trustees of the
Corporation:

James Chester, Jr
Scott Senete

Deacons:

Joseph P Cann, Vincent J Pia

Faith Formation Director:

Mary Ellen Tiernan

Bookkeeper: Larry Rice

Communications Manager:

Jean Piccorelli

Choir Director: Tory Gozzi

Music Director: Jack Basso

To subscribe to E-News,
email office@stmarguerite.org.



E-News

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER — 14 APRIL 2024

The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist

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

St. Marguerite Priest Pension Fund envelopes for April 20/21 are to be put in the first collection. Thank you for your generosity!

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

Sodality will lead the **Rosary** on Saturday, April 20 at 4 pm.

VIRTUS—Safe Environment Program: 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/

In collaboration with the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Eucharistic Revival, the Blessed Michael

McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven presents an exhibit, **True Presence:** The Eucharist in History and Art, March 23-September 8. Admission and onsite parking are free. For information, call 203.865.0400.

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 information, contact the Development Office at (203) 416-1312 or 2024BishopsAppeal@diobpt.org. As of April 10, St. Marguerite Parish raised \$50,732 bringing the parish to 77.22% of its \$65,700 goal. Thank you for your donations!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Apr 15

8:30 Ints of Kane family by IHS TLM Community

Tues, Apr 16

8:30 Ints of Ronni Gray by Ann Santi

Wed, Apr 17

8:30 +Rev Thomas H Moriarty by Fr Shawn

Thurs, Apr 18

8:30 Ints of Fr Omar by a friend

Fri, Apr 19

8:30 Ints of Bishop Joseph Strickland by
Katy Murphy

Sat, Apr 20

4:30 +William H Cutler, Sr by Fr Shawn

Sun, Apr 21: Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 +Margaret Smith by Caraluzzi family

11:00 +Albert Pizzirusso by Foley family;

+Louis Pontillo, Jr by Madeline and Ingo Maass

5:00 +Joan Ledoux and Dolores Dee by friends

April 15-21

Our Sanctuary Candle (Chapel) is in memory of Harry Davies requested by DeKoskie family.

Our St Marguerite Candle (narthex) is in memory of Kate Schmid requested by Trish and Lorenzo.

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**

Tues, Apr 16
9:15 am Legion of Mary



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.

"The Bridge", Center for Entrepreneurship provides resources and mentorship to young adults for growth in their Catholic faith while making an impact on their local communities. It is aimed at welcoming, engaging and forming young adults in the life of the Church. "The Bridge" provides college age young people and graduates mentoring opportunities with successful Catholic businesspersons who will assist them as they begin their professional careers. These mentoring relationships will also provide the tools by which interested young adults can work and address some of the local social problems that affect people throughout our Diocese. Thank you for making a gift to the Bishop's Appeal and supporting "The Bridge".

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.

SCAN ME

GET MORE INFORMATION AT
2024BISHOPSAPPEAL.ORG

Eucharistic Miracle of RIMINI

ITALY, 1227



This Eucharistic Miracle was performed directly by Saint Anthony after he was challenged by a certain Bonovillo to demonstrate the truth of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The most ancient biography of Saint Anthony, *L'Assidua* (The Untiring), carries Bonovillo's exact words: "Father! I tell you before all these people: I will believe in the Eucharist if my mule, after fasting for three days, eats the Host which you offer him rather than the fodder which I give him." The mule, despite the fact that it was exhausted by hunger, knelt before the Host and refused its food.



Temple of the Most Holy Eucharist, Rimini



Eucharistic Miracle of Saint Anthony, Salvaerra de Magoa, Church Maria, Portugal



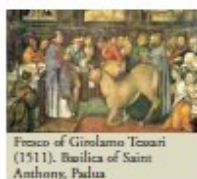
Donatello di Nicolo di Betto Bardi, called Donatello, *Miracle of the Mule*, (1416-1448) Padua, Basilica of the Saint



Domenico Beccafumi, *Saint Anthony and the Miracle of the Mule* (1537) Louvre, Paris



Altar constructed on the trunk of the column from which Saint Anthony performed the miracle



Fresco of Girolamo Tuzari (1511), Basilica of Saint Anthony, Padua



Church of Saint Anthony - Toros



Miracle of Saint Anthony, Collection of the Diocesan Museum of Milan

In Rimini, it is still possible today to visit the church that was built in honor of the Eucharistic miracle performed by Saint Anthony of Padua in 1227. This episode is also cited in "Begninitas," considered one of the most ancient sources regarding the life of Saint Anthony. "This saintly man was speaking with a faithless heretic who was opposed to the sacrament of the Eucharist and whom the saint had nearly led to the Catholic faith. But, after numerous arguments, this heretic declared: 'If you, Anthony, produce a miracle and demonstrate to me that the Body of Christ is truly in Communion, I will completely renounce my heresy and immediately convert to the Catholic faith. Why don't we have a wager? I'll keep one of my beasts locked up for three days to feel the torments of hunger. Then I will bring it forth in public and show it food. You

will stand in front of it with what you maintain is the Body of Christ. If the beast, leaving aside its food, hurries to adore its God, I will share the faith of your Church.'" Saint Anthony, illuminated and inspired from above, accepted the challenge.

At the chosen day and hour, the priest and heretic entered the Grand Piazza (today the Three Martyrs Piazza). Saint Anthony was followed by Catholic faithful; Bonovillo (this was the name of the Catharist heretic) by his allies in unbelief. The saint held between his hands the consecrated Host, contained in a monstrance; the heretic held his hungry mule. The saint, after having requested and obtained silence, turned to the mule with these words: "In virtue and in the name of your

Creator, who I, as unworthy as I am, hold in my hands, I tell and order you: Come forward immediately and render homage to the Lord with all due respect so that heretics and evildoers will understand that all creatures must humble themselves before their Creator whom priests hold in their hands at the altar." And immediately the animal, refusing the food offered by its master, docilely approached the priest. It bent its front legs before the Host and paused there in a reverently. Anthony's adversary was true to his word, and threw himself at the saint's feet denouncing publicly the errors of his ways. From that day, he became one of the most zealous cooperators of the miracle-working saint.



Our Wish List is currently empty due to the generosity of our supporters! Thank you!!!

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

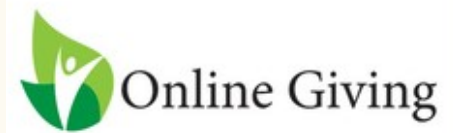
Link to Amazon wish list:

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 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)

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