ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS 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

April 27/28: \$4,195.00 OLG: \$1,334.00

Staff

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E-News

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — 5 MAY 2024

The month of May is dedicated to Mary, the mother of God.

The **Ascension of the Lord** is Thursday, May 9th. Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30 pm and Thursday, May 9th at 8:30 am. This is a holy day of obligation.

Mother's Day is May 12. Envelopes to remember your mother, grandmother, mother -figure, etc. (living or deceased) are in your envelope packet and in the back of the church. All mothers will be remembered at Masses in May.

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

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

The Diocesan Mass for the Eucharistic Renewal will be on Saturday, June 1st at 11 am at Fairfield University. Free coach bus transportation is provided from either Newtown or New Fairfield. Our parish has only 25 tickets. See Fr. Shawn for a ticket. 2024 Bishop's Appeal: A big thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to the Appeal! As of May 1st, St. Marguerite Parish raised \$52,787 bringing the parish to 80.35% of its \$65,700 goal. Thank you for your donations! For more information about the 2024 Bishop's Appeal, contact the Development Office at (203) 416-1312 or 2024BishopsAppeal @diobpt.org.

Do you knit or crochet? The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets every other Tuesday and welcomes new members. Instruction is available for beginners.

The Saturday 4 pm Rosary will be led by the Fatima Prayer cell on May 11th before the 4:30 pm Vigil Mass.

The Knights of Columbus Candlewood Council invites all men to join them for a **Bowling Night** on Thursday, May 16th, 8-10:30 pm, at
New Milford Lanes. Cost is \$25/person.
Proceeds will support the council's mission.

May 6-12

Our St Marguerite Candle is for +Charles J Spennicchia requested by Carmela Mangini and family

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, May 6

8:30 +Msgr John B Hossan by the parish **Tues, May 7**

8:30 +Frank Santi by Ann Santi

Wed, May 8

8:30 + James Casey, Jr by Maureen Casey 6:30 + Msgr Louis Mazza by Piccorelli family

Thurs, May 9: Ascension of the Lord 8:30 +James Casey, Jr by Maureen Casey Fri, May 10: St John of Avila, St Damien de Veuster 8:30 Ints of Nicole Sabella by Katy Murphy Sat. May 11

4:30 +Anthony Nacinovich by Annette and Mario

Sun, May 12: Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:30 +Florence Redden by Cann family

11:00 +Helen Iride by family; +Jay Crockett by Susan Crockett

5:00 +Robert Francis Gallagher by Fr Shawn

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, May 6 6 pm Sodality Tues, May 7

10 am

9:15 am Legion of Mary Prayer Shawl/Rosary Making

Always BIG things happening at harguerite!



SAVERS FUNDTIVE

Starting May 28th until May 31st, bring us your clothing, bedding, towels, and accessories (hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, belts, etc.), books (other than children's or cookbooks) in good, clean, and salable condition and bagged in kitchen garbage bags. Drop them in the parish hall or designated area. We will deliver to SAVERS and St. Marguerite will be paid by the pound for the items. No muss, no fuss!



TAG SALE



St. Marguerite's annual Tag Sale! June 1st from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with Special Preview Shopping on Friday, May 31st, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (\$5 admission on Friday only).

Every day from May 28th until May 31st, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (2:00 p.m. on Friday), bring us your kitchen items, vases, glassware, working electronics, lamps, radios, CDs/DVDs, records, shoes, sandals, handmade items, tablecloths, curtains, comforters, wallets, handbags, backpacks, candles, candle holders, children's books, cookbooks, toys, games, sports equipment, baby items (such as night lights, baby monitors, safety gates), picture frames, paintings/prints, Christmas decorations, costume jewelry, and small furniture items (such as low bookcases, hat racks, magazine racks) in good condition and we will price them to sell! (We apologize that we cannot accept items later than 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 31st.)



Eucharistic Procession May 19 — June 1

"THE ONE"

"The One" is our commitment to focus every aspect of the Church on bringing individuals closer to God. We achieve this goal by creating opportunities for encountering our Lord Jesus Christ and fostering communities that accompany and support each other on their faith journeys. "The One" is our preamble for an enduring Eucharistic Renewal, and is centered on encounter and accompaniment, and experiencing the truth, beauty and goodness of our faith.

A deep relationship with the person of Jesus Christ begins with an encounter—an experience of God that moves us, inspires us, challenges us, and improves us. We then accompany each other on our faith journey, in which we witness Truth (our absolute faith in God) Beauty (the engagement of heart in the faith) and Goodness (works of mercy). Through encountering our Lord Jesus Christ, and by embracing the truth, beauty, and goodness of our faith, we will, together, fall in love with God in the ultimate encounter with Christ: the Holy Eucharist and Sunday Mass.

BRIDGEPORT DIOCESE EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

On Pentecost Sunday, May 19, the Blessed Sacrament arrives from the Archdiocese of Hartford to Bridgeport. Thus begins our joyful and profound four-day encounter with the Holy Eucharist. Hundreds of faithful will march through Bridgeport, with Corpus Christi-style Eucharistic Stations and Adoration at five parishes.

As the procession proceeds through eight towns and 19 parishes, our days, evenings and nights will be filled with Masses, local processions, Holy Hours and overnight Adoration. A Rosary procession will be held at Saint John Cemetery in Norwalk and at the Saint Margaret Shrine in Bridgeport. Local town processions will occur in Ridgefield, Norwalk, Stamford and Greenwich, and several parishes will host campus processions. Each morning begins with the celebration of Mass; each evening ends with overnight Adoration. Events are designed to inspire all Church faithful to attend and will engage schoolchildren, young adults and all ethnic groups.

Beginning on Thursday, May 23 and for the nine days that follow, special events for all parishes will occur in every region within our diocese, including Adoration, Masses and processions. Our joyful 14 days will culminate with a Mass of Thanksgiving at Fairfield University on the morning of June 1, with over 3,500 faithful expected to attend.

	DAY ONE: SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024 (Bridgeport)
12:00 pm	Receipt of the Holy Fucharistic from the Arch House of Hard Land Bild
12:15 pm	Receipt of the Holy Eucharistic from the Archdiocese of Hartford at the Bridgeport Harbor Marina (via boat) Procession: Bridgeport Pier to Blessed Sacrament, Bridgeport
1:00 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration: Blessed Sacrament, Bridgeport
2:00 pm	Procession: Riessed Sacrament, Pridament to Saint Could and Marie 1984
2:30 pm	Procession: Blessed Sacrament, Bridgeport to Saint Cyril and Methodius, Bridgeport Holy Hour/Adoration: Saint Cyril and Methodius, Bridgeport
$\frac{2:30 \text{ pm}}{3:30 \text{ pm}}$	Procession: Saint Cyril and Methodius, Bridgeport to Saint Mary, Bridgeport
4:00 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration: Saint Mary, Bridgeport Holy Hour/Adoration: Saint Mary, Bridgeport
5:00 pm	Holy Hour (Saguich) Saint Mary, priageport
6:00 pm	Holy Hour (Spanish): Scripture, Homily, Litany of the Sacred Heart, Benediction, Saint Mary, Bridgeport Procession: Saint Mary, Bridgeport to Saint Michael, Bridgeport
6:30 pm	Eucharistic Station (outdoors): Saint Michael, Bridgeport
7:00 pm	Procession: Station (outdoors). Saint Michael, Bridgeport
8:00 pm	Procession: Saint Michael, Bridgeport to Saint Charles Borromeo, Bridgeport
9:30 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration: Scripture, Homily, Litany of the Sacred Heart, Benediction; Saint Charles Borromeo, <i>Bridgeport</i> All night Adoration: Saint Charles Borromeo, <i>Bridgeport</i>
9:00 am	Y TWO: MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024 (Bridgeport Fairfield Ridgefield Westport Norwalk)
10:00 am	Celebration of Mass: Saint Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport
11:00 am	Procession: Saint Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport to Saint Margaret Shrine, Bridgeport
11:30 am	Procession with Rosary: Saint Margaret Shrine, Bridgeport (campus procession)
12:15 pm	Adoration: Saint Margaret Shrine, Bridgeport
1:00 pm	Eucharistic Station (outdoors): Our Lady of the Assumption, Fairfield
4:00 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration/Campus Procession: Saint Thomas Aquinas, Fairfield
5:00 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration: Saint Mary, Ridgefield
7:00 pm	Procession: Saint Mary, Ridgefield (procession through town)
8:00 pm	Eucharistic Station (campus procession), Church of the Assumption, Westport
9:00 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration: Scripture, Homily, Litany of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Benediction; Saint Mary, Norwalk
9:30 pm	1 Toccssion. Saint Ivially, Ivorwalk (procession through town)
5.50 pm	All night Adoration: Saint Mary, Norwalk
0.00	DAY THREE: TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024 (Norwalk Darien Stamford)
8:00 am	Celebration of Mass: Saint Matthew, Norwalk
9:00 am	Procession: Saint Matthew, Norwalk to Saint John Cemetery, Norwalk
9:30 am	Eucharistic Station: Saint John Cemetery, Norwalk, (with Rosary procession through cemetery)
11:00 am	Procession: Saint John Cemetery to Saint Matthew, Norwalk
12:00 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration/Campus Procession: Saint Thomas More, Darien
2:30 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration: Saint Mary's, Stamford
4:30 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration: Saint John the Basilica, Stamford
5:30 pm	Procession: Saint John the Basilica, Stamford (campus procession)
7:00 pm	Stational Chapel: Saint Gabriel Chapel, Stamford
7:30 pm	Procession: Saint Gabriel Chapel to Saint Cecilia Church, Stamford
8:00 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration: Scripture, Homily, Litany of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction; Saint Cecilia, Stamford
9:30 pm	All light Adoration: Saint Cecina, Stamford
2.22	DAY FOUR: WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024 (Stamford Greenwich)
8:00 am	Benediction: Saint Cecilia, Stamford
9:00 am	Celebration of Mass: Saint Cecilia, Stamford
10:00 am	Procession: Saint Cecilia, Stamford to Saint Gabriel, Stamford
11:00 am	Holy Hour/Adoration: Saint Gabriel, Stamford
12:30 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration: Saint Mary, Greenwich
2:00 pm	Procession: Saint Mary, Greenwich
3:00 pm	Transfer of Blessed Sacrament: Saint Mary, Greenwich to the Archdiocese of New York; Saint Don Bosco, Port Chester





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.

As the Bishop's personal initiative, the **Guild of the** Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (or "Jesus Guild" for short) is a key component of The One. From its home in the woods of Georgetown, it runs apostolates throughout the Diocese, inviting an encounter with beauty through the sacred arts. This might be by attending 'Heart to Heart', our contemporary music mission; or taking part in the Saturday Art School, or perhaps engaging with our new Oratory Choir for Girls. Striving for excellence in all that it does, the Jesus Guild pays particular attention to the needs of young people and young adults, offering formation and events that provide an authentic encounter with the person of Christ. Your donation to the Jesus Guild is an investment in the future of the Church and a true partnership in the Bishop's vision for diocesan renewal.



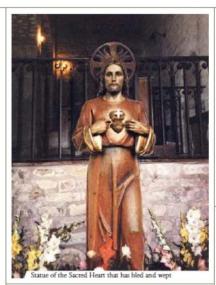
Please reflect upon the importance of your support to ministry and outreach that relies upon the charity of the Diocese of Bridgeport. The challenge is immediate and far-reaching, but the solution is within our reach. Thank you for your support!

The Statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Bled Repeatedly

ROSANO

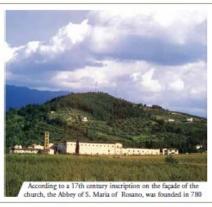
ITALY, 1948

In the monastery church of Rosano is venerated the statue of the Sacred Heart which bled and wept on various occasions. The statue, which is of natural height, was donated in 1948 by a devout person to fulfill a promise made during World War II. Christ's face has an intense expression of manly sweetness which invites all to prayer. The Heart is at the center of his chest, surrounded by a crown of thorns.

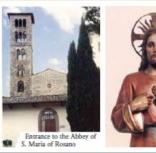












rom Bishop Luciano Giovanotti's letter of April 4, 1948.

"In the evening of April 4, 1948, the first Sunday after Easter, during the chanting of vespers, people noticed for the first time that drops as if of blood were falling from the eyes of the statue. In June of that year, another miracle occurred "stunning and unexpected": the flow of blood. These events occurred repeatedly between 1948 and 1950 and were corroborated by many eyewitnesses, by the nuns themselves and particularly by the abbess, Mother Ildegarde Cabitza, of holy memory. In the monastery archives are preserved many sworn testimonies even of priests, preachers and visitors, together with medical analyses of the blood, as well as finger towels and purificators soaked with blood. One of the most endearing testimonies is that of Monsignor Angelo Scapecchi, who later

became Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Arezzo. From the archives we learn of the investigation of the Visitator, Father Luigi Romoli, O.P., sent by the Holy Office, who personally interrogated all the nuns, imposing the strictest secrecy on the community. Subsequently, on November 14, 1950, the Holy Office ordered the statue to be removed so as to keep it in a secret location. It was brought back to Rosano in 1952. The community of nuns of Rosano lived these events with intimate joy and great devotion but with great reserve, so much so that, as we learn from the chronicles, they were not distracted from their daily duties. On the contrary, they lived their monastic life even more intensely, according to the Benedictine motto: Ora et Labora. The weeping and the flow of blood were considered inexplicable from a natural and

human point of view. My venerable predecessor, Bishop Giovanni Giorgis, saw in these events of Rosano an appeal from the Lord 'to fidelity, reparation and prayer.' [...] Beloved brothers and sisters, with great devotion and pride let us look back on the events that took place in our diocese fifty years ago and see them as signs of the Lord's benevolence and love and an invitation to a serious and profound reflection. With great ardor, let us joyfully renew our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. And as we receive this message, let us ask for the gift of an ever deeper conversion to his love, for the grace of an increase of apostolic fervor, as well as for the gift of numerous holy vocations to the priesthood and religious life, so as to make Christ the Heart of the world. Looking at the Heart of Jesus, we will joyfully draw life from the fountain of salvation!"

We've added a few items to our Wish List:

- ~ Pentel® Energel® Deluxe RTX Gel Pens, Medium Point, 0.7 mm, Assorted Barrels, Black Ink, Pack Of 3
- ~ Fosmon 2-in-1 USB C & USB 3.0 to Dual HDMI Display Adapter, 1x 4K@30Hz & 1x 1080p, Multi-Monitor Display (3 Separate Screens) Extender Splitter for macOS, MacBook, Windows, Chromebook ~ VELCRO Brand ONE-WRAP Cable Ties | 25Pk | 8 x 1/2" Black Cord Organization Straps | Thin Pre-Cut Design | Wire Management for Organizing Home, Office and Data Centers

Wish LIST

Link to Amazon wish list: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ ls/7W2VJHBHP8OI?ref =wl share

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

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



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

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish We Stand With Christ Campaign Redemption

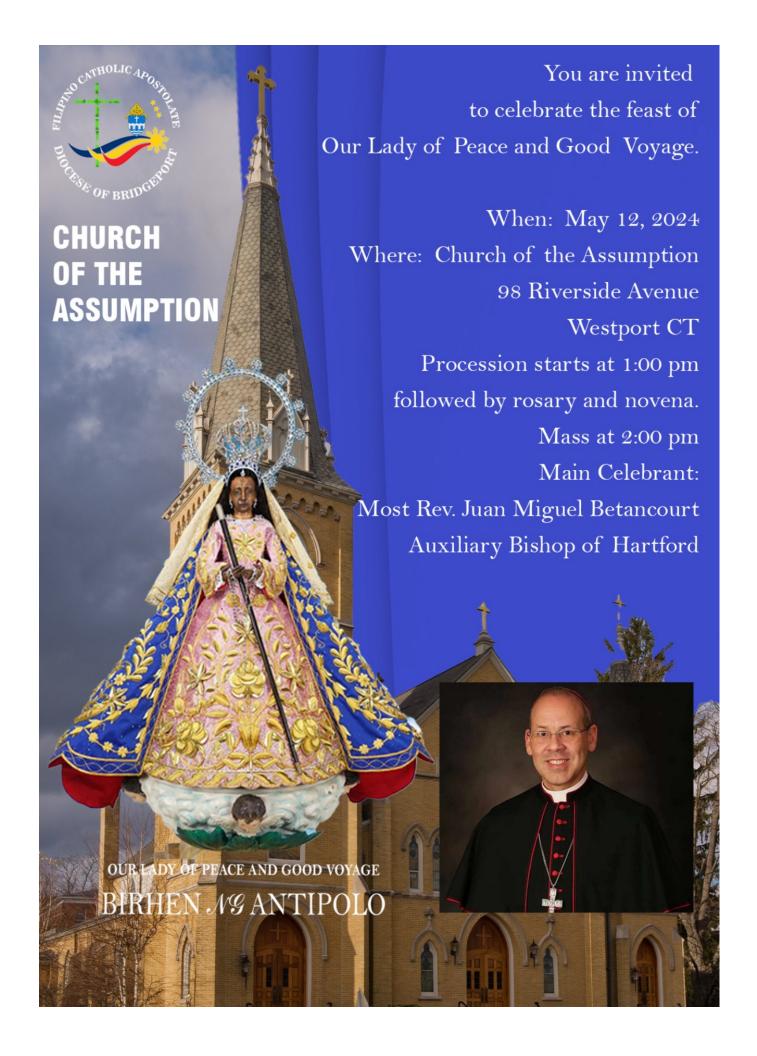
* Unrestricted Pledges Collected: \$502,305.34

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.





MAY 15-19, 2024

RIDES, GAMES, RAFFLE, FOOD & FUN!

Bethel Municipal Center
1 School Street - Bethel