

**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

May 11/12: \$4,846.00
OLG: \$1,321.00

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E-News

PENTECOST SUNDAY — 19 MAY 2024

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

2024 Bishop's Appeal: A big thank you to everyone who has generously donated to the Appeal! St. Marguerite has met its \$65,700 goal! Thank you!!

Food For the Journey: Join us on Sunday, June 9, 10 am-3 pm, for a day of prayer and reflection on the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist at the Montfort Retreat House at the Lourdes Shrine in Litchfield. Cost is \$50 and includes a hot lunch and snacks. Contact Mary Ellen at metiernan@stmarguerite.org to sign up before May 20. Transportation is on your own but carpools will be available.

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 FUNDdrive** will be held Saturday, June 1 with a Preview Day of May 31. Collection days will be after Memorial Day. See flyers for acceptable items to donate.

The **Diocesan Mass for the Eucharistic Renewal** will be on Saturday, June 1 at 11 am at Fairfield University. See Fr. Shawn for a ticket. Bus transportation is provided.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, May 20: *The Blessed Virgin Mary*
8:30 Liv/Dec Mbrs of Kenny family by Barbara Randall

Tues, May 21: *St Christopher Magallanes*
8:30 Ints of Fr Shawn by Nacinovich family

Wed, May 22: *St Rita of Cascia*
8:30 +Andrew Tran by Aberin family

Thurs, May 23
8:30 +Jean Davin by Davin and Rowan family

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.

Over the course of the next 14 weeks, our E-News will feature an independent home study bible course called **"Jesus and the Eucharist"** as a support for our diocesan Eucharistic Renewal. (The Eucharistic Miracles series explaining miracles of the Holy Eucharist around the world by Blessed Carlo Acutis will also continue in E-News.) For each session, you will have a short video to watch at formed.org followed by reflections and questions to consider about the video. If you have not yet set up an account with FORMED, please follow these instructions: Go to the website: formed.org; Click on sign up for parish; Enter the parish zip code: 06804; Click on St. Marguerite Bourgoys. Once you are on the site, in the search bar, type Jesus and the Eucharist. Then follow the instructions for each week's session to see where to start and stop the video and how to reflect on each one. (THERE IS NO FEE FOR THIS COURSE OR FOR SIGNING UP FOR FORMED!)

The **2025 Mass Book** is open for intentions. Contact the office for available dates/times.

Save the Date:

Golf Tournament: Wednesday, October 9
Fall Festival: Saturday, November 9

Fri, May 24

8:30 +Flora Jean Erickson by Jo-Ann Gargiulo

Sat, May 25: *St Bede the Venerable*

4:30 +Grace and +Robert Haggarty by Bernier family

Sun, May 26: *The Most Holy Trinity*

8:30 +Stan Kurpiewski by Denise Kurpiewski

11:00 +Warren Meehan by Joan Meehan;

+Dr Robert Fischl by Aberin family

5:00 +Joan Ledoux and +Dolores Dee by friends

**THIS WEEK
IN THE PARISH**

Tues, May 21
9:15 am Legion of Mary

10 am
Prayer Shawl / Rosary Making



Jesus and the Eucharist

As you journey through this independent study of Jesus and the Eucharist, you may want to keep a journal of your observations, thoughts and questions. Sign in or set up your account (use zip code 06804 under parish sign up) with [formed.org](https://www.formed.org).

Search for “Jesus and the Eucharist Session 1: What’s our story?”

(WATCH ONLY THE FIRST HALF OF THE VIDEO – ABOUT 38 MINUTES)

We all love a good story — from the characters and the twists and turns of a captivating plot to the dynamics of a conflict and the resolution at the end. The Bible is the story of God’s love for us. It begins with him creating us out of love, redeeming us by that love, and finally transforming us in his love. This divine author is love — an exchange of love within the life of the Blessed Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What a story!

Some quotes to think about from the video:

1. “Ta Biblia” means “the books” in Greek. It’s 73 books in one big story. What story is it?... It’s very simply a love story. ~ Chris Stefanick
 2. So who is God? The Bible says God is love. ~ Dr. Edward Sri
 3. God is love... And out of that love comes this creative work which gives life to you and me and to every good gift to which he supplies. ~ Dr. Sean Innerst
 4. Your life, it’s part of a love story... You are the beloved... An act of love is what brings us from nothingness into existence. ~ Chris Stefanick
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Question to consider:

What experience have you had where you felt God’s immense love for you?



ONE *in Christ*

2024 Bishop's Appeal

DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

Goal: \$65,700

Raised: \$65,700

Thank You!



**American
Red Cross**



In Service to One, In Service to All.

Join us in answering the call to help others—give blood!

**Blood Drive Sponsored by
Brookfield Knights of Columbus**

**St. Marguerite
Bourgeoys Church**

Held in the Hall
138 Candlewood Lake Rd.
Brookfield, CT 06804

**Friday, May 24, 2024
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org Or
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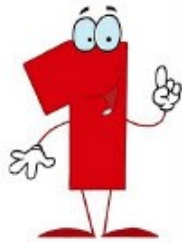
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Always BIG things happening at St. Marguerite!



SAVERS FUNDrive
savers

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.)

SAVERS



Clean out your closets for St Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish!

Gently used and sellable:

Men's, women's, children's clothing and shoes
Accessories – hats, belts, scarves, gloves, wallets,
handbags, backpacks etc.

Home textiles – linens, blankets, bath towels,
tablecloths, curtains, sleeping bags etc.

(bring in kitchen garbage bags)

Books, CD's, DVD's, VHS tapes and record albums
(bring in manageable boxes)

(no library books, text books or encyclopedias
can be accepted)

Collection starts on May 25th through June 1
to the parish hall between 9-am - 4pm

TAG SALE

SATURDAY

JUNE 1st

8:30 AM – 5:30 PM

ST. MARGUERITE PARISH

138 Candlewood Lake Road, Brookfield

home décor | kitchen items | CDs/DVDs | shoes
baby toys/books/gear | Christmas decorations
small furniture | electronics | purses
costume jewelry | tablecloths | linens

PREVIEW DAY: Friday, May 31st, 5-7pm

\$5 admission fee on this day only

SAVE THE DATE

FALL GOLF

FUNDRAISER

Join us for a fantastic day of golf, camaraderie, and the vibrant colors of autumn at our annual Golf Tournament.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9



**RICHTER PARK GOLF COURSE
100 AUNT HACK RD
DANBURY**



RAIN DATE: OCTOBER 16



Choral Vespers
with
Benediction

St. Peter Schola
Glen Segger, Director

Motets by
Elgar, Hassler, Messiaen, and French

Friday, May 31, 2024
7:00 pm

St. Peter Church, Danbury



*Towards
Eucharistic
Renewal*

2024



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 Eucharistic from the Archdiocese of Hartford at the Bridgeport Harbor Marina <i>(via boat)</i>
12:15 pm	Procession: Bridgeport Pier to Blessed Sacrament, <i>Bridgeport</i>
1:00 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration: Blessed Sacrament, <i>Bridgeport</i>
2:00 pm	Procession: Blessed Sacrament, <i>Bridgeport</i> to Saint Cyril and Methodius, <i>Bridgeport</i>
2:30 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration: Saint Cyril and Methodius, <i>Bridgeport</i>
3:30 pm	Procession: Saint Cyril and Methodius, <i>Bridgeport</i> to Saint Mary, <i>Bridgeport</i>
4:00 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration: Saint Mary, <i>Bridgeport</i>
5:00 pm	Holy Hour <i>(Spanish)</i> : Scripture, Homily, Litany of the Sacred Heart, Benediction, Saint Mary, <i>Bridgeport</i>
6:00 pm	Procession: Saint Mary, <i>Bridgeport</i> to Saint Michael, <i>Bridgeport</i>
6:30 pm	Eucharistic Station <i>(outdoors)</i> : Saint Michael, <i>Bridgeport</i>
7:00 pm	Procession: Saint Michael, <i>Bridgeport</i> to Saint Charles Borromeo, <i>Bridgeport</i>
8:00 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration: Scripture, Homily, Litany of the Sacred Heart, Benediction; Saint Charles Borromeo, <i>Bridgeport</i>
9:30 pm	All night Adoration: Saint Charles Borromeo, <i>Bridgeport</i>

DAY TWO: MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024 *(Bridgeport | Fairfield | Ridgefield | Westport | Norwalk)*

9:00 am	Celebration of Mass: Saint Augustine Cathedral, <i>Bridgeport</i>
10:00 am	Procession: Saint Augustine Cathedral, <i>Bridgeport</i> to Saint Margaret Shrine, <i>Bridgeport</i>
11:00 am	Procession with Rosary: Saint Margaret Shrine, <i>Bridgeport</i> <i>(campus procession)</i>
11:30 am	Adoration: Saint Margaret Shrine, <i>Bridgeport</i>
12:15 pm	Eucharistic Station <i>(outdoors)</i> : Our Lady of the Assumption, <i>Fairfield</i>
1:00 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration/Campus Procession: Saint Thomas Aquinas, <i>Fairfield</i>
4:00 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration: Saint Mary, <i>Ridgefield</i>
5:00 pm	Procession: Saint Mary, <i>Ridgefield</i> <i>(procession through town)</i>
7:00 pm	Eucharistic Station <i>(campus procession)</i> , Church of the Assumption, <i>Westport</i>
8:00 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration: Scripture, Homily, Litany of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Benediction; Saint Mary, <i>Norwalk</i>
9:00 pm	Procession: Saint Mary, <i>Norwalk</i> <i>(procession through town)</i>
9:30 pm	All night Adoration: Saint Mary, <i>Norwalk</i>

DAY THREE: TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024 *(Norwalk | Darien | Stamford)*

8:00 am	Celebration of Mass: Saint Matthew, <i>Norwalk</i>
9:00 am	Procession: Saint Matthew, <i>Norwalk</i> to Saint John Cemetery, <i>Norwalk</i>
9:30 am	Eucharistic Station: Saint John Cemetery, <i>Norwalk</i> , <i>(with Rosary procession through cemetery)</i>
11:00 am	Procession: Saint John Cemetery to Saint Matthew, <i>Norwalk</i>
12:00 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration/Campus Procession: Saint Thomas More, <i>Darien</i>
2:30 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration: Saint Mary's, <i>Stamford</i>
4:30 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration: Saint John the Basilica, <i>Stamford</i>
5:30 pm	Procession: Saint John the Basilica, <i>Stamford</i> <i>(campus procession)</i>
7:00 pm	Stational Chapel: Saint Gabriel Chapel, <i>Stamford</i>
7:30 pm	Procession: Saint Gabriel Chapel to Saint Cecilia Church, <i>Stamford</i>
8:00 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration: Scripture, Homily, Litany of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction; Saint Cecilia, <i>Stamford</i>
9:30 pm	All night Adoration: Saint Cecilia, <i>Stamford</i>

DAY FOUR: WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024 *(Stamford | Greenwich)*

8:00 am	Benediction: Saint Cecilia, <i>Stamford</i>
9:00 am	Celebration of Mass: Saint Cecilia, <i>Stamford</i>
10:00 am	Procession: Saint Cecilia, <i>Stamford</i> to Saint Gabriel, <i>Stamford</i>
11:00 am	Holy Hour/Adoration: Saint Gabriel, <i>Stamford</i>
12:30 pm	Holy Hour/Adoration: Saint Mary, <i>Greenwich</i>
2:00 pm	Procession: Saint Mary, <i>Greenwich</i>
3:00 pm	Transfer of Blessed Sacrament: Saint Mary, <i>Greenwich</i> to the Archdiocese of New York; Saint Don Bosco, <i>Port Chester</i>



Eucharistic Miracle of SIENA

ITALY, 1730



In the Basilica of San Francesco in Siena, 223 consecrated Hosts are kept intact for 276 years. Archbishop Tiberio Borghese closed unconsecrated hosts in a sealed tin box for ten years. The scientific commission put in charge when the box was reopened, found only worms and rotted fragments. The Siena event is against any physical and biological law, the scientist Enrico Medi stated: "This direct intervention from God is the miracle [...], accomplished and maintained for centuries, to testify to the permanent reality of Christ in the Eucharistic sacrament".



Basilica of St. Francis, Siena



Interior of St. Francis Church in Siena



The Sacred Hosts of Siena



His Holiness John Paul II in 1980 in Siena in adoration before the Hosts of the miracle



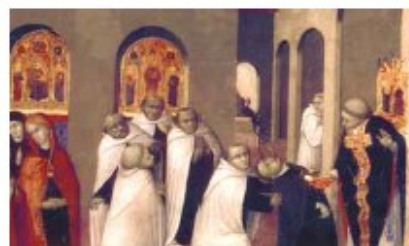
The sacred Hosts in the processional monstrance



Detail of a painting depicting the Hosts of the miracle in Santa Maria in Provenzano



Fourteen tests were made to verify the condition of the Hosts. The most scientific one was the one wanted by St. Pius X in 1914, in the presence of many scientists



This painting of Master Stefano di Giovanni, known as "il Sassetta," is preserved in England in the Bowes Museum in Barnard Castle. It depicts the scene of another Eucharistic miracle that took place near Siena in a Carmelite monastery. The painting depicts a Carmelite monk who, tormented by doubts regarding the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, is freed from the devil after receiving Communion

Among the most important documents that describe the miracle, there is a memoir written by a certain Macchi in 1730, in which is written that on August 14, 1730 some thieves were able to enter San Francesco's Church in Siena, and stole the chalice containing 351 consecrated Hosts. After three days, on August 17th, in the alms box of the sanctuary of Santa Maria in Provenzano, in the dust, were found the 351 consecrated Hosts intact. The entire population celebrated the finding of the consecrated Hosts which were right away taken back to the church of San Francesco in a solemn procession. With the passing of time the Hosts were not altered. Many times, distinguished men examined them with every means available and the conclusions were always the same: "The sacred Hosts are still fresh, intact, uncorrupted, chemically pure, and do not

present any sign of alteration". In 1914, Pope St. Pius X authorized a test to which many professors of health, chemistry and pharmaceuticals, among whom was also the well-known Professor Siro Grimaldi.

The final conclusion of the edited report stated: "The sacred Hosts of Siena are the classic example of the perfect conservation of particles from unleavened bread consecrated in the year 1730, and constitute a unique phenomenon, full of interest which reverses the natural laws of conservation of organic matter, [...] It is strange, surprising, abnormal: the laws of nature have been reversed, in the glass there was mold, the unleavened bread has been more refractory of the crystal [...] it is a unique fact contained in the annals of science."

Additional tests were done in 1922, in occasion of the transfer of the Hosts in a cylinder of pure crystal, in 1950 and 1951. Pope John Paul II, during a visit in the city of Siena on September 14, 1980, said regarding the Hosts: "It is the Real Presence!" The permanent miracle of the sacred Hosts is kept in the Chapel Piccolimini in the summer months and in the Chapel Martinozzi in the winter months. Numerous are the initiatives that induce the citizens of Siena in honor of the sacred Hosts: the tribute of the political districts, the respect of children having recently made their First Holy Communion, the solemn procession in the celebration of Corpus Christi, the Eucharistic ceremony at the end of September, the day of the Eucharistic adoration of the 17th of each month in memory of the finding of August 17, 1730.

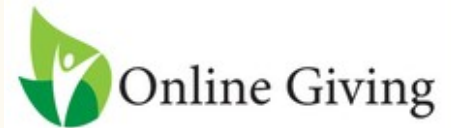


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St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish We Stand With Christ Campaign Redemption

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)

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