

**ST. MARGUERITE
BOURGOYS
PARISH**

PASTOR

REV. SHAWN W. JORDAN

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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

June 8/9: \$4,412.00
OLG: \$4,848.00

Staff

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Kevin Sheehan

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E-News

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — 16 JUNE 2024

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Happy Father's Day! Today we remember and honor our fathers, step-fathers, fathers-in-law, grandfathers, and father-figures.

Tickets for the **2024 Raffle** with St. Roch Church are available through the Parish Office. First prize is \$20,000! Second prize is \$6,000; Third prize is \$4,000; Fourth-13th prizes are \$1,000. Tickets are \$25/each. St. Marguerite receives 50% of our total ticket sales. Tickets with check/cash payment can be returned to the Office by mail, in person, or placing them in the offertory basket. Drawing is Saturday, August 10 at 11 pm at St. Roch Fairgrounds.

For the month of June, Girl Scout Troop 50227 is collecting items (DIY craft kits, swim diapers, water and sand toys, trial sizes of shampoo, deodorant, etc.) for the **Center for Empowerment and Education** in Danbury. A collection box with the complete list of needed items is in the narthex.

Please read Bishop Caggiano's thank you letter to the parish for achieving our **Bishop's Appeal** goal. It is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you to everyone who made this possible because of your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, June 17

8:30 Liv/Dec Mbrs of the Madden, Murphy, and Malone families

Tues, June 18

8:30 +Joseph and +Jean McCabe by family

Wed, June 19: St Romuald

8:30 +Dr Robert Fischl by Aberin family

Thurs, June 20

8:30 +Laurel Cooley by Barbara Randall

Fri, June 21: St Aloysius Gonzaga

8:30 Ints of Ronni Gray by Ann Santi

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.

The annual Macksey/Elston Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, October 9 at Richter Park in Danbury. If you are interested in golfing, being a sponsor, or volunteering, contact Greg at gregdembowski@yahoo.com.

Our E-News features an independent home study bible course called **"Jesus and the Eucharist"** as a support for our diocesan Eucharistic Renewal. For each session, watch a short video at formed.org followed by reflections and questions to consider about the video. To set up an account with FORMED: Go to formed.org; Click on sign up for individuals; Enter the parish zip code: 06804; Click on St. Marguerite Bourgoys. Once on the site, search for "Jesus and the Eucharist Session 3: Am I Saved?" (Watch the first half of the video. It ends at 27:48.) There is no fee for this course or for signing up for Formed.

The **Savers FUNDrive** brought in \$291. Thank you to everyone who donated items!

Register your child for Faith Formation Classes for 2024-25! Classes begin in First Grade. For information, contact Mary Ellen Tiernan at 203.775.5117, x215.

Sat, June 22: Sts John Fisher and Thomas More

4:30 Ints of Benjamin Santiago by Nacinovich family

Sun, June 23: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 +Joan Ledoux and +Dolores Dee by friends

11:00 +Stan Kurpiewski by Denise Kurpiewski;

+Louis Pontillo, Jr. by Jedlinsky family

5:00 Intentions of Fiona Acevedo by Katy Murphy

June 17-23:

Our Altar Candles are for the living and deceased members of the Neumann family requested by the Masica family.

**THIS WEEK
IN THE PARISH**

Tues, June 18

9:15 am

Legion of Mary



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

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May 17, 2024

Reverend Shawn W. Jordan
Pastor
Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish
138 Candlewood Lake Road
Brookfield, CT 06804

Dear Father Jordan,

Allow me to congratulate you and the parishioners of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish for reaching and exceeding your 2024 Bishop's Appeal goal of \$65,700.

Please continue to promote the Appeal and encourage those who have not yet given to do so. All gifts pledged beyond your parish goal by June 30 will be returned to your parish to serve the needs you have identified.

I am grateful for your leadership, the commitment of your staff and volunteers and the generosity of your parishioners who are responding so generously to this year's Appeal, *One in Christ*. Our ministries focus on bringing unity in our Church and society and creating communities of faith. They foster spiritual growth, lead others back to the Church and introduce the love of our Lord to those who have never experienced His grace.

Our collective efforts are a tangible sign that we are together, *One in Christ*, to carry out Christ's mission in the world. I am optimistic we will be successful this year with our overall goal to meet the ongoing needs of our parishes, schools and other ministries and continue creating new paths of encounter to bring others to Christ.

With personal best wishes and gratitude for your ministry to the faithful in our Diocese, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Frank J. Caggiano

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

*Dear Shawn -
I am very grateful
for your generous,
fraternal support.*

*God bless
+ bp hal*



Jesus and the Eucharist

As you continue your 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.

Search for “Jesus and the Eucharist Session 3: Am I Saved?” Watch the first half of the video. It ends at 27:48.

What Jesus did for us through his Death and Resurrection was the greatest act of love in history. Through this act he saved us. And then, desiring that we encounter him and allowing his Paschal Mystery to reach each of us, he gave us himself in the Eucharist. He did this for each one of us. Individually. But it is easy to feel unworthy of this gift of love. We may feel we have too much baggage. We may feel unlovable. But God didn’t come to reveal himself to us on a pedestal; he came to enter into our messy condition, no matter how messy! He came to fix us from within — to transform us from the inside out. Some might be surprised by how generous and abundant the love of God really is. We don’t deserve God’s love, but that’s the incredible reality of God’s mercy. This relationship with God isn’t all about our love for him. It’s about his love for us that changes our lives forever.

Some quotes to think about from the video:

- I think for a lot of people salvation is just fire insurance... But the reality is that in the New Testament, salvation isn’t just about what will happen to us after we die — it very much pertains to the here and now as well. In fact, what is it that we need to be saved from: we are enslaved by sin. ~ **Dr. Michael Barber**
- In the story of the miraculous catch of fish, Peter says, “Get away from me, Lord, I am a sinful man.”... Jesus responded “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” He saw something in Peter that Peter did not see in himself. He sees something in you that you don’t see in yourself too. ~ **Chris Stefanick**
- That’s all the moral framework of the Church and Christianity is... God is not trying to make us miserable; he is actually trying to make us thrive. ~ **Jim Beckman**
- The deepest part of the human problem of sin is that it does not have a human solution... God from the very beginning reaches down... to provide an answer, a solution to the human problem — and that’s what we see in Jesus Christ. In his Passion, Death and Resurrection, the whole answer to the human problem of waywardness and sin is provided. [We are given] a grace, a power, which lifts up fallen human nature. ~ **Dr. Sean Innerst**

Questions to consider:

Like Peter, what is holding you back from living in the full freedom and happiness that God has to offer?
How can you respond to Jesus’ invitation to discipleship?

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

Eucharistic Miracle of VEROLI

ITALY, 1570



During Easter of 1570, in the Church of St. Erasmus in Veroli, the Blessed Sacrament was exposed (at the time, the Blessed Sacrament was first placed in a round pyx and then placed in a large chalice, covered with a paten) for the 40 hours of public adoration. The child Jesus appeared in the exposed Host and manifested many graces. Today, the chalice where the Blessed Sacrament was exposed is kept in the same church of St. Erasmus and is used once a year at the celebration of Mass on Easter Tuesday.



Old print depicting the miracle



The document which records the sworn and written testimony of those witnesses who were present at the apparition

IL 20 MARZO 1570 SOLENNITA DI PASQUA
L'OSTIA SACROSANTA
RACCHIUSA IN DUPLICE CUSTODIA ARGENTEA
RAVVOLTA IN DRAPPO SERICO LEGATO
PER VIVISSIMA LUCE DI STELLA RAGGIANTE
E SORREGGENTE IL SSMO SACRAMENTO
SI RESE VISIBILE AGLI ADORATORI
QUINDI SI CONVERTI IN VEZZOSO BAMBINO
ELEVANTESI SULLA SOMMITA DEL CALICE
TRA NUVOLETTA E SOVRUMANI SPLENDORI
IL DI SEQUENTE

The commemorative tablet which recalls the miracle



The Church of St. Erasmus, Veroli



The chalice and the paten of the miracle



The chapel where the apparition occurred

At Easter in 1570, in the Church of St. Erasmus, the consecrated Host, according to the traditional rite at the time, was placed in a round silver container (pyx) and placed in a burse like holder – this was later placed in a large ceremonial silver chalice with its paten; the whole wrapped in an elegant silk cloth.

It should be mentioned that at that time exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance was not a widespread practice even though the Council of Cologne (1452) specifically referred to the monstrance.

It was the custom for each civil confraternity to be present for an hour of adoration before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. It was at one of these hours of adoration which had the members of the

Confraternity of Mercy (which predated both the Confraternity of Corpus Christi and of our Blessed Lady) vested in their black robes and kneeling in prayer.

The most authentic document about this Eucharistic miracle was taken immediately by the chancery; it is preserved in the archives of the Church of St. Erasmus. The detailed deposition and account of the miraculous event is given by a Giacomo Meloni who was among the first witnesses. His testimony follows: "Raising my eyes towards the chalice, I saw a most brilliant star at the base of the chalice's cup and above the star, the Blessed Sacrament in the size of the host used by the priest at Mass. The star was attached to the Blessed Sacrament (...). The vision ended when small children in adora-

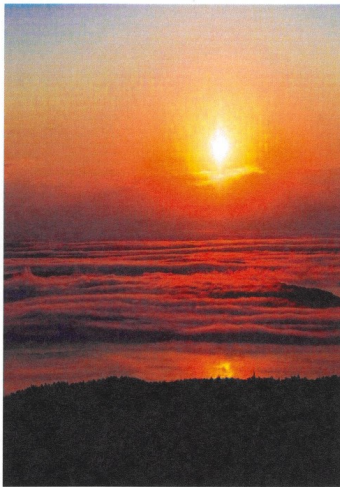
tion, similar to small angels, were seen around the sacred host...". To this day, this miraculous event is commemorated with solemn ceremony in the presence of the bishop.

The chalice, its paten and the silver pyx where the Blessed Sacrament was exposed, have all been preserved and they remain with the relics/ reliquaries of the saints. The sacred species (the consecrated bread) of the miraculous Host of Veroli was consumed after 112 years.

In 1970 on the occasion of the 4th centenary of the miracle, the 3rd Eucharistic Congress of the Diocese of Veroli-Frosinone was celebrated. The adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every first Friday of the month, with all other churches being closed (...).

NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM
FALL SESSION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Thursday afternoons 2:00 – 3:30pm
September 12 – November 7



Your loss may be recent or long ago.

We are here to help you on your journey to healing where you are invited to share your story, and to find comfort in a supportive, confidential environment.

God will support you in your sorrow, and He will walk with you as you begin your journey through loss to healing.

Meetings take place in a small-group confidential setting at:

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church
138 Candlewood Lake Road
Brookfield

Meetings are led by trained bereavement facilitators. There is no charge.

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church 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.

<https://ctcemeteries.org/bereavement-support/newday-ministry/>

Once the form is submitted, you will hear from one of our bereavement ministers regarding the next steps.



JOIN US FOR

IGNITE'S MOVIN' UP AND PREVIEW CELEBRATION: FIELD DAY STYLE!

FRI, JUNE 21

6:30PM - 8:00PM @ ST. JOSEPH
FOOD, COMMUNITY, AND
FIELD DAY FUN!

THIS IS A SPECIAL NIGHT AS WE
SAY GOODBYE TO OUR 8TH
GRADERS, AND HELLO TO
INCOMING 7TH GRADERS

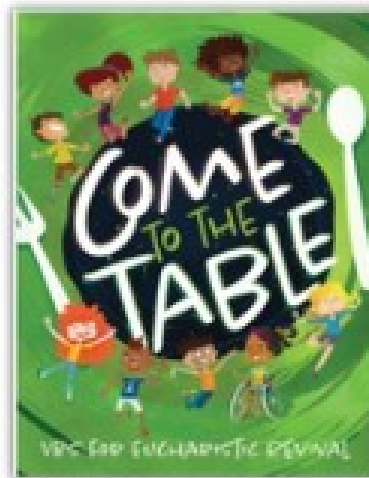
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



St. Joseph Church
VBS

JULY 8-12, 8AM-12PM
\$10/DAY, \$45/WEEK

When you eat with Jesus, anything can happen!



For children entering grades 1-5.

Sign up by scanning the code:



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, OR TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE EMAIL
GRACE.ZALOSKI@STJOSEPHBROOKFIELD.COM, OR CALL THE
PARISH OFFICE AT 203.775.1035.

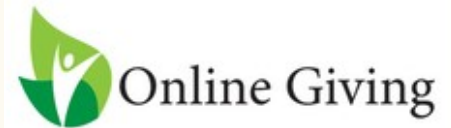


Just added:

Bonsai Paper Shredder Lubricant Sheets, 24-Pack (8.4 x 5.9 inch/Piece)

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: \$188,603.17*
Total Restricted Collected: \$140,000.00
Total Cash Due to the Parish: \$328,603.17
as of 6/2/2024

* Unrestricted Pledges Collected: \$507,331.34
Less: ACA Share (\$73,000.00)
Less: Fundraising Expenses (\$57,125)
Less: Foundations Allocation (\$188,603.17)

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