

**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**

Aug 10/11: \$4,437.00

OLG: \$2,806.00

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# E-News

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — 18 AUGUST 2024

**The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.**

**Please Note:** Tuesday, August 20 – Friday, August 23: There will NOT be an 8:30 am Mass. The Church and Parish Office will be open 9 am -3 pm.

The **Winners of the August 10, 2024 Parish Raffle with St Roch Church** are: 1st Prize: #7336 - St. Stephen Church, Trumbull, CT - M. Miller; 2nd Prize: #10244 - St. Peter's R.C. Church, Bridgeport, CT - Y. Diaz; 3rd Prize: #31867 - St. Mary Church, Norwalk, CT - D. De Menezes; 4th Prize: #33497 - St. Roch's Church, Greenwich, CT - S. Curcuruto; 5th Prize: #2342 - St. Joseph, Shelton, CT - A. Smith; 6th Prize: #2521 - St. Joseph, Shelton, CT - J. DeMarco; 7th Prize: #80553 - St. Roch's Church, Greenwich, CT - K. Stoever; 8th Prize: #3416 - St. Clement of Rome Parish, Stamford, CT - S. Delago; 9th Prize: #30532 - Our Lady of Peace Church, Stratford, CT - D. Loban; 10th Prize: #632 - St. Joseph, Shelton, CT - S. Dunay; 11th Prize: #33902 - St. Roch's Church, Greenwich, CT - K. Littlefield; 12th Prize: #10769 - St. Edward the Confessor Church, New Fairfield, CT - D. Ipavich; 13th Prize: #21491 - Holy Name of Jesus Church, Stamford, CT - A. Gawel.

Save The Date: The St Marguerite-St Joseph Annual **Parish Picnic** will be Sunday, September 15, noon-3 pm at the upper lot of St Joseph Church. There will be great food, bounce

houses, games, and raffles. If you are able to donate a food dish or can volunteer to help, stop in the narthex for sign up information.

Final Session: As you've journeyed through this independent study of Jesus and the Eucharist, if you have kept a journal, you may want to read over your observations, thoughts, and questions. Have you gained a deeper appreciation and/or understanding of the Eucharist? Have you shared your insights with anyone else? Sign in to your account with Formed.org. Search for "Jesus and the Eucharist Session 7: **Bread for the Journey**". Watch the second half of the video. Begin at 1:02:30. Be sure to complete the home study by watching the ending message beginning at 1:50:12.

**Registration for 2024-25 Faith Formation Classes has closed.** See the calendar of classes at stmarguerite.org. For information, contact Mary Ellen at 203.775.5117, x215.

Mark Your Calendars: Please join us as we discuss the Biblical and Church teachings on death and eternal life in our four-part study program, **Eternal Rest**. We will meet Mondays on September 23, 30 and October 14, 21. Email metiernan@stmarguerite to reserve your workbook. Cost is \$16.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon, Aug 19:** *St John Eudes*  
8:30 Liv/Dec Mbrs of Madden, Murphy, and Malone families by Katy Murphy

**Tues, Aug 20:** *St Bernard*  
No 8:30 Mass

**Wed, Aug 21:** *St Pius X*  
No 8:30 Mass

**Thurs, Aug 22:** *Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
No 8:30 Mass

**Fri, Aug 23:** *St Rose of Lima*  
No 8:30 Mass

**Sat, Aug 24:** *St Bartholomew*  
4:30 +Eva and +Valmont Bernier by family

**Sun, Aug 25:** *21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:30 Ints of Neil Fusco by Carla and Mike Macera  
11:00 +Nicholas Cremonese by Nacinovich family;  
+Alvaro Moniz family by Bernier family  
5:00 Liv/Dec Mbrs of Madden, Murphy, and Malone families by Katy Murphy

**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, August 20**  
9:15 am - Legion of Mary



# Jesus and the Eucharist

As you've journeyed through this independent study of Jesus and the Eucharist, if you have kept a journal, you may want to read over your observations, thoughts, and questions. Have you gained a deeper appreciation and/or understanding of the Eucharist? Have you shared your insights with anyone else? Sign in to your account with Formed.org. Search for "**Jesus and the Eucharist Session 7: Bread for the Journey**". Watch the second half of the video. Begin at 1:02:30. Be sure to complete this video session by watching the ending message beginning at 1:50:12.

The Eucharist is our daily bread, our sustenance, and our source of every grace and blessing. As Pope Francis highlighted in a homily on Corpus Christi in 2021: "To celebrate the Eucharist, we need first to recognize our thirst for God, to sense our need for him, to long for his presence and love, to realize that we cannot go it alone, but need the Food and Drink of eternal life to sustain us on our journey."  
(Corpus Christi, June 6, 2021)

The Mass – continued

#### Receiving the Eucharist:

Never receive the Eucharist in a state of mortal sin (see 1 Corinthians 11:27–29).

Fast from food and drink (except water or medicine) for at least one hour before receiving the Eucharist. (There is an exception for the elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them—see Code of Canon Law #919, para. 3).

Receive the Eucharist at least once a year during the Easter season.

#### Our participation in Mass:

We participate in Christ's sacrifice (see Colossians 1:24).

We intentionally give ourselves back to God when we prepare to receive the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is our offering of thanksgiving to God. The word "Eucharist" in Greek means "thanksgiving."

#### Eucharistic adoration:

"I look at Jesus, and Jesus looks at me."

Jesus is present in every tabernacle, waiting for us, desiring us.

#### Sent forth:

Ite, missa est — we are sent out from Mass with a purpose. The world needs us to share what we have received.

#### Questions to consider as we conclude our last session of Jesus and the Eucharist:

Reflecting on our seven sessions, what stood out to you the most? What is one thing you will take away from these sessions and begin to apply to your life?

What in your life can you bring to the altar to be transformed by God, like the bread and wine are?

How do you feel called to live out the mission we are given at the end of Mass, especially after receiving the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist?

#### Matthew 28:16–20 | The Commissioning of the Disciples

"The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.

"Then Jesus approached and said to them, 'All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And, behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.'"

**SAVE THE DATE**

**ST. JOSEPH & ST. MARGUERITE'S  
ANNUAL**

# PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPT 15, 12PM-3PM

UPPER LOT OF ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

FAMILY FUN | GREAT FOOD | BOUNCE HOUSES | GAMES | RAFFLES

\$8 per person/\$18 immediate household OR  
\$10 per person/\$25 immediate household if purchased day-of.  
Children under 5 are free.

## Volunteers Needed!

We won't be successful without your help. If you're able to donate a food dish and/or your time, please scan the code below to sign up.

For more information or sign up help, reach out to Greg at 203.733.7209 or [gregdembowski@yahoo.com](mailto:gregdembowski@yahoo.com)



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**What happens when we die?**

**What does Scripture teach about death?**

**How do we prepare for the life to come?**

**Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life through Eternal Rest.**

**Join us for this four session study on Mondays at 6:30:  
September 23 – September 30 –  
October 14 – October 21**

**Study Guides for the program are available in the parish office for \$16.00. Email Mary Ellen at [metiernan@stmarguerite.org](mailto:metiernan@stmarguerite.org) to reserve your copy.**



# FALL FESTIVAL

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VENDORS • CRAFTS • FOOD • AND MORE

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

9 AM - 4 PM | FREE ENTRY



**ST MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS PARISH**  
138 CANDLEWOOD LAKE RD, BROOKFIELD, CT 06804

**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 SANTAREM

PORTUGAL, 1247



The Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem, together with that of Lanciano, is considered among the most important. Numerous studies and canonical analysis were carried out on the relics. The Host changed into bleeding Flesh and Blood flowed out of it. Both relics are preserved to this day in the Church of St. Stephen in Santarem.



Interior of the Shrine of the Most Holy Miracle



Church of the Most Holy Miracle, Santarem



House where the miracle occurred



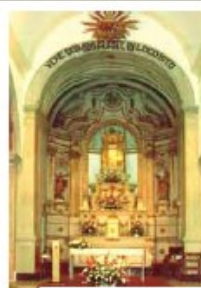
Altar where the relic of the miracle is preserved



Cruet containing the Blood from the Host



Pedro Crasbeeck, Print of 1612 that shows exactly the glass ampulla in which was miraculously found the Host of the miracle



Interior of the church



Relic of the miraculous Host

Some Popes granted plenary indulgences to this Eucharistic miracle: Pius IV, St. Pius V, Pius VI, and Pope Gregory XIV. Still today, in the Church of St. Stephen of Santarem, it is possible to admire these precious relics.

According to the date recorded in the document commissioned by King Alfonso IV in 1346, on February 16, 1266, in Santarem, a young woman overcome with jealousy for her husband, consulted a sorceress who told her to go the church and steal a consecrated Host to use for a love potion. The woman stole the Host and hid it in a linen cloth that immediately became stained with Blood. Frightened by this, she ran home and opened the kerchief to see what had happened. To her amazement, she saw that the Blood was gushing from the Host. The confused woman

stored the Particle in a drawer in her bedroom. That night the drawer began to emit brilliant rays of light which illuminated the room as if it were daytime. The husband, also aware of the strange phenomenon questioned his wife, who was obligated to tell him everything.

*The next day*, the couple informed the pastor, who went to the home to remove the Host and return it to the church of St. Stephen in solemn procession, accompanied by many religious and lay people. The Host bled for three consecutive days. It was then placed in a beautiful reliquary made of beeswax. In 1340 another miracle occurred. When the priest opened the tabernacle, he found the beeswax vase broken into many pieces; in its place was a crystal vase containing the Blood mixed with

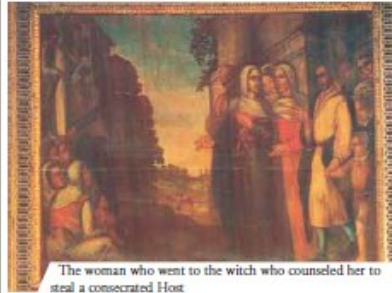
the wax. The Sacred Host is now preserved in an 18th century Eucharistic throne, above the main altar. The Church of St. Stephen is now known as the Shrine of the Holy Miracle. Throughout the centuries, on various occasions, the Host gave new emissions of Blood and in some cases various images of our Lord were seen in it. Among the witness of this prodigy is also St. Francis Xavier, the apostle of the Indies, who visited the shrine before going on the missions. Every year, since the miracle occurred, on the second Sunday of April, the precious relic is processed from the home of the couple to the Church of St. Stephen. The couple's home became a chapel in the year 1684.

# *Eucharistic Miracle of* **SANTAREM**

PORTUGAL, 1247



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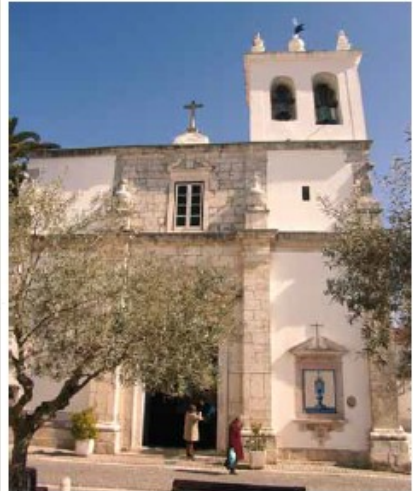
The woman who went to the witch who counseled her to steal a consecrated Host



The woman takes communion and steals the Host without realizing it



The husband of the woman discovers the theft noticing that rays of light were emanating from the kitchen cupboard. He opened the cupboard and saw a bloody Host which had changed into Flesh



Commemorative medallion of the Miracle of Santarém



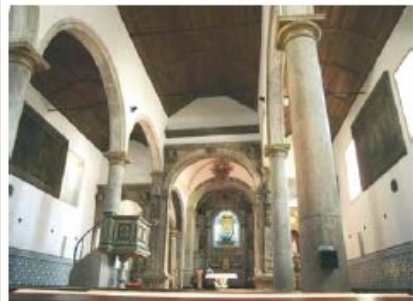
The home of the sacrilegious woman who was converted in the small chapel, Santarém



Pedro Crasbeeck, Print of 1612 that shows exactly the glass ampulla in which was miraculously found the Host of the miracle



The local authorities rush to return the miraculous Host to the church







**NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM**  
**FALL SESSION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

**Thursday afternoon 2:00 – 3:30 pm**

September 12 – November 7

New Day is a faith-based non-denominational bereavement ministry that meets for 9 consecutive weeks to discuss an array of topics, designed to help you journey through the grief of whatever loss you may be facing, both recent or in the distant past.

Meetings take place in a small-group confidential setting at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, 138 Candlewood Lake Road, Brookfield, CT and are led by trained bereavement facilitators. There is no charge for this program, however, registration is required.

St. Marguerite's 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

<http://Ctcemeteries.org/newday>

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



~ Avery Labels Presta 94107, 12 labels per sheet (2"x2" square), 25 sheets, 300 labels

~ Neenah Capitol Bond Paper, 8.5x11, White, 24 lb

~ Copy paper, white, 8.5x11, 20 lb, 92 brightness

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