

**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 17/18: \$4,000.00
OLG: \$2,556.00

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E-News

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — 25 AUGUST 2024

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

Thank you to everyone who generously purchased tickets for the **St. Roch Raffle**. Even though no one from St. Marguerite won a prize this year, the parish did very well. Total sales were \$16,100, and we gave St. Roch \$8,012.50 for its share of running the raffle.

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. Tickets available soon.

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 Mary Ellen at metiernan@stmarguerite to reserve your workbook for \$16.

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, email Greg Dembowski at gregdembowski@yahoo.com.

Vendor applications are being accepted for the 32nd Annual **Fall Festival** being held on Saturday, November 9, 9 am-4 pm. Visit stmarguerite.org and the application is under "Breaking News". Questions? Email fallfestival@stmarguerite.org.

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

Parish Wish List: Thank you for helping the parish by donating items on our Wish List! The list is available at stmarguerite.org under the E-News link.

August 26-Sept 1:

Our Church Altar Candles are for the intentions of Isabel Quinde and her family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Aug 26

8:30 +Virginia McCafferty by Ann Santi

Tues, Aug 27: St Monica

8:30 +Michael and +Stella Miska by their son

Wed, Aug 28: St Augustine

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Thurs, Aug 29: The Passion of St John the Baptist

8:30 +Lillian Darula by Mike Miska

Fri, Aug 30

8:30 +Carline Crossman by Fr Shawn

Sat, Aug 31: BVM

4:30 Ints of Viola Dubos by Peter Dubos;
+Christopher Kinzig by Royland Langridge

Sun, Sept 1: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 +Dec Mbrs of Valliere family by Rejean and Lili Blais
11:00 +Octave and +Octavie Allain and +Eva and +Valmont Bernier 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 27
9:15 am - Legion of Mary

1:30 pm
Fatima Prayer Cell

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



ETERNAL REST™

THE ART OF DYING WELL



We all have very real questions about death.

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 to reserve your copy.



FALL FESTIVAL

VENDORS • CRAFTS • FOOD • AND MORE

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

ALBORAYA-ALMÁCERA



SPAIN, 1348

In 1348, a priest while on his way to visit some sick people in order to bring them Communion, slipped in the waters of a small river that he was crossing and overturned the ciborium which contained some consecrated Hosts. The poor priest, who had by now resigned himself to the loss, heard himself being called by some fishermen a short distance away inviting him to come closer to the shore in order to see several fish with discs in their mouth which appeared to be Hosts. The particles were immediately recovered and brought back to the church in a solemn procession in which the whole village participated.



Hermitage Church in Alboraya



Commemorative sculpture of the Miracle in the city-center



Mosaic on the exterior of the Church



In 1348, in the town of Alboraya-Almácer, a Eucharistic miracle occurred which seemed to recall episodes in the life of Saint Francis that demonstrate how, if men were to fully live in the grace of God, all God's creatures would live in harmony.

A priest, carrying a ciborium containing the Viaticum (sacrament) destined for some sick people, was crossing a river on mule-back when he was suddenly swept off his mount by a rushing wave. The priest tumbled into the water along with his ciborium, which was emptied of its precious content. The Hosts fell out and were being carried away by the current toward the mouth of the river nearby. The priest, barely saving himself, full of remorse, and lamenting what had occurred as he tried to free himself from the mud and the

waters, was approached by some fishermen who were stunned to have witnessed, in the place where the river water flowed into the sea, three fish, each with a little white disc in its mouth, resembling Communion Hosts.

The priest immediately ran to the church and returned to the river bank with another ciborium. He did everything in such a hurry, that he didn't even stop to ask himself if the fishermen's story was believable. Great was his joy when he saw that the three prodigious fish were there, almost completely out of the water, lifting the Hosts, intact, with their mouths, like little trophies. He fell to his knees, and extending his chalice, prayed as he had never prayed before in his entire life; and thus, he saw the fish deposit the Hosts in the chalice,

one after the other, and then dive and slither rapidly back into the water to disappear into the sea. Only at that moment did the priest notice that he was surrounded by a group of men and women who had witnessed the entire scene.

Today it is still possible to consult numerous documents testifying to the miracle. There even exists a small church, with two fish sculpted on the door, built on the site of the miracle, and two paintings reproducing the entire event.

Eucharistic Miracle of ALBORAYA-ALMÁCERA

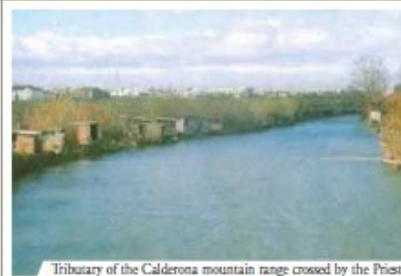
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Commemorative tablets of the Miracle



Tributary of the Calderona mountain range crossed by the Priest



Interior of the Parish of Almácer



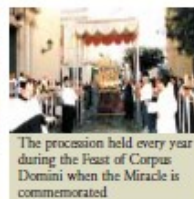
Commemorative Candle of the fish of Alboraya-Almácer



The fish in the Miracle are represented on door of the entrance to the Church



The fish place the Sacred Hosts in the chalice. The present fresco in the interior of the Parish of Almácer



The procession held every year during the Feast of Corpus Domini when the Miracle is commemorated



Detail of the main entrance to the Church constructed in memory of the Miracle





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.

Bereavement Ministry

**Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries
of the Diocese of Bridgeport**

Mass of Healing and Remembrance

*To remember loved ones lost to
suicide and healing for those
still grieving their passing.*

Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 5:30 pm

**St. Rose of Lima
46 Church Hill Road, Newtown, CT**



**"DISTANCE SEPARATES US BUT LOVE UNITES US,
AND DEATH ITSELF CANNOT DIVIDE US. FOR
THOUGH MY BODY DIE, MY SOUL WILL LIVE."
ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**



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

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

Link to Amazon Wish List:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/7W2VJHBHP8OI?ref_=wl_share

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of the parish!**



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Online Giving allows a donor 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!**

Donor Benefits:

- * **Convenient** anytime, anywhere access through the internet.
- * **Secure and Confidential.** Adheres to banking security standards.
- * **Flexible.** Start, stop, and change your contributions at any time.
- * **Simple.** No need to contact your bank or the parish office.
- * **Contribute** using direct withdrawal (ACH) or credit cards.

Parish benefits:

- * **Stabilize contributions.** Regularly scheduled gifts occur automatically. Allows parish to effectively manage monthly expenses.
- * **Direct Donations.** A simple way to contribute to individual events, holiday needs, classes, special donations, and more.
- * **Secure and Confidential.** No need to store donor account information.
- * **Efficient.** Participation saves time and expense in bookkeeping.
- * **Current.** A tool for people who prefer to use electronic services.