

**ST. MARGUERITE  
BOURGOYS  
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

**Church is 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**

Nov 23/24: \$4,470.00  
OLG: \$1,785.00

**Staff**

Finance Council Chairman:  
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# E-News

## 1 DECEMBER 2024 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception.

Our **Annual Parish Collection** continues! We hope you will support it as your means allow. Your generous financial assistance keeps the parish on a stable foundation, allowing us to reach out to those in need, and provide education for those who are new to the faith and those who want to grow deeper in their life with Christ. Letters are at the entrances to the church. Cash/checks can be returned to the Parish Office or donate online at [osvhub.com/stmarguerite/giving/funds/parish-annual-collection](https://osvhub.com/stmarguerite/giving/funds/parish-annual-collection) or by scanning the QR code on the letter and in the church. A donation to the Collection is an investment in St. Marguerite's future. These funds support the parish directly, not the Bishop's Appeal. Thank you for your generosity!

The **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is celebrated on Monday, December 9. This is a holy day of obligation. Mass is at 8:30 am and 6:30 pm.

**Nativity Take A Chance:** The drawing for the beautiful olivewood musical creche, handmade in the Holy Land (\$350 value), will be on Sunday, December 8th after the 5 pm Mass. Tickets are \$5/chance and are sold after weekend Masses.

**Accountability Sunday** is December 1. All parishes in the Diocese are required to publish their financial reports on this day. To view the latest financial statements of St. Marguerite Parish, visit [stmarguerite.org](https://stmarguerite.org), on the home page click on the "Financials" tab, and then "2024 Year End Statement".

**2025 Calendars** are available for purchase in the narthex. They feature a beautiful Catholic painting each month and are only \$5 each. Our supply always runs out before the new year so get yours today!

Our Christmas **Garland of Gifts** benefits vulnerable pregnant women supported by the Sisters of Life Visitation Mission. Please take a tag(s) and return the items unwrapped to the boxes in the narthex by Sunday, December 8th. You can also purchase online at [sistersoflife.org/register](https://sistersoflife.org/register).

The **Sodality Group** invites the women of the parish to their next meeting on Monday, December 9 at 7 pm. Join them for some Christmas treats!

Envelopes for **Christmas Flowers** and for **Christmas** are available on the tables at the entrances to the Church.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Mon, Dec 2**

8:30 +Juliette Breton by Aberin family

**Tues, Dec 3: St Francis Xavier**

8:30 +Michael and +Helen Palica by Barbara Palica

**Wed, Dec 4: St John Damascene**

8:30 +Anna Guardo by Nacinovich family

**Thurs, Dec 5**

8:30 Ints of Michelle Roudenis by her dad

**Fri, Dec 6: St Nicholas**

8:30 +Nancy Ivanisko by her husband Francis

**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.

**Sat, Dec 7: St Ambrose**

4:30 +Stefanie Thelian by her daughter Erna Schoenborn

**Sun, Dec 8: Second Sunday of Advent**

8:30 +Alfredo and +Juliette Breton by Don and Claudette Perley

11:00 +Rev Walter Cizek, SJ by Fr Shawn;

Mass of Thanksgiving by Laurie Dwyer

5:00 +Joseph Sellmayer by Singer family

**THIS WEEK  
IN THE PARISH**

**Tues, Dec 3**

9:15 am - Legion of Mary

10 am - Rosary Making/Prayer Shawl



## ST MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS PARISH

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*You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion,  
and your generosity will be a thanksgiving to God. (2 Corinthians 9:11)*

November 2024

Dear St. Marguerite Parish Family,

I am pleased to report that St. Marguerite’s continues to enjoy God’s many blessings in our parish, our families, and in our Brookfield community.

We recently hosted Bishop Frank Caggiano for our Eucharistic Holy Hour and Procession as we prayed together, sang, and adored Our Lord as part of our nation’s Eucharistic Revival. We have 141 families currently in religious family formation, and our recent Bible study saw the largest attendance in my ten years as pastor! Your generosity allowed us to surpass the Bishop’s Appeal goal this year, and you also generously supported hurricane relief for those affected in Florida and the Carolinas. The parish continues to serve monthly meals to shut-ins, our Women’s Sodality provides many fellowship events where we gather as a parish family, and we had another successful Golf Tournament to benefit the parish Needy Fund.

**I would ask you please to continue making an investment in St. Marguerite’s future through our Parish Annual Collection (which stays in the parish, not the diocese). Your generous financial assistance keeps the parish on a stable foundation, allows us to reach out to those in need, and provides education for those who are new to the faith and those who want to grow deeper in their life with Christ.**

May God continue to bless us abundantly,

*Rev. Shawn W. Jordan*

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Pastor

**Yes! I will support St. Marguerite Bourgeoys with a gift to the 2024 Annual Collection.**

Please make your check payable to **St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish.**

Enclosed is my gift of: \$50 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_ \$1,000 \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

<https://www.osvhub.com/stmarguerite/giving/funds/parish-annual-collection>

**Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Brookfield**  
**Statement of Financial Position - Unaudited**  
**June 30,**

	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	605,396	566,708
Receivables	-	-
Prepaid Expenses	1,407	(84)
Property, Buildings & Equipment, Net	5,441,569	5,422,464
Investments	155,699	139,483
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 6,204,071</b>	<b>\$ 6,128,571</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payables to Vendors & Others	17,065	10,133
Due to Diocese	-	-
Special Collections	5,274	65
Other Accrued Expenses	2,035	1,597
Payroll Liabilities	(160)	0
Deferred Religious Ed Fees, Tuition, Other	25,220	27,713
Loans Payable	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>49,435</b>	<b>39,508</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Without Donor Restrictions	5,980,506	5,914,933
With Donor Restrictions	174,131	174,131
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>6,154,637</b>	<b>6,089,063</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 6,204,071</b>	<b>\$ 6,128,571</b>

**Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Brookfield**  
**Statement of Activities - Unaudited**  
**Year Ended June 30,**

	2024	2023
<b>REVENUE, SUPPORT AND OTHER CHANGES</b>		
Offertory Income	522,981	523,306
Religious Education Program	37,010	38,325
Votive	21,226	18,411
Mass Stipends	8,323	7,640
Gifts and Bequests	38,422	14,926
Assets Released From Restriction - Capital Projects	19,150	15,337
Assets Released From Restriction - Specific Expenses	-	2,143
<b>Total Revenue, Support and Other Changes</b>	<b>647,113</b>	<b>620,088</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Personnel Costs - Lay Employees	162,363	193,147
Personnel Costs - Clergy	75,882	77,800
Charitable Contributions to Organizations and Individuals	9,524	10,860
Cathedraticum Assessment	93,190	61,897
Professional Fees	37,494	28,236
Insurance	16,299	15,377
Supplies, Repairs & Maintenance and Other Services	201,889	169,992
Utilities	42,570	40,471
Religious Education Program Expenses	4,845	10,835
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>644,057</b>	<b>608,615</b>
<b>Income (Loss) from Operations before Depreciation</b>	<b>3,056</b>	<b>11,474</b>
Depreciation Expense	-	-
<b>Income (Loss) from Operations Before Other Income / Expenses</b>	<b>3,056</b>	<b>11,474</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME / EXPENSES</b>		
Fundraising, Net	33,547	44,595
Pre-School and Child Care Services, Net	-	-
Net Investment Income	17,373	14,767
Rental and Lease Revenue, Net	-	7,000
Cemetery Revenue	-	-
Gain and Loss on Sale of Assets	-	-
Interest Expense	-	-
Property Taxes	(173)	(215)
Restricted Contributions	30,921	37,300
Assets Released From Restriction - Capital Projects	(19,150)	(15,337)
Assets Released From Restriction - Specific Expenses	-	(1,793)
<b>Net Other Income / Expenses</b>	<b>62,518</b>	<b>86,317</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>65,573</b>	<b>97,791</b>



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**Thank you for your generous  
support of the parish!**



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**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.
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- \* **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.

# Eucharistic Miracle of PONFERRADA

SPAIN, 1533



In the Miracle of Ponferrada, Juan De Benavente decided to steal the tabernacle containing a precious silver ciborium with numerous consecrated Hosts inside from his very own parish. With only the passing of time and miraculous circumstances the recovery of the stolen Hosts, which remained perfectly intact, was made possible.



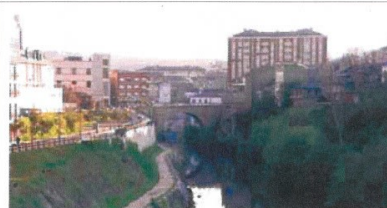
Painting that depicts the miracle, currently housed in the new church of St. Peter



New Church of St. Peter, Ponferrada



Exact sight where the Hosts where found



Sil River, near the Arenal Field, where Juan de Benavente wanted to throw the tabernacle containing the Hosts



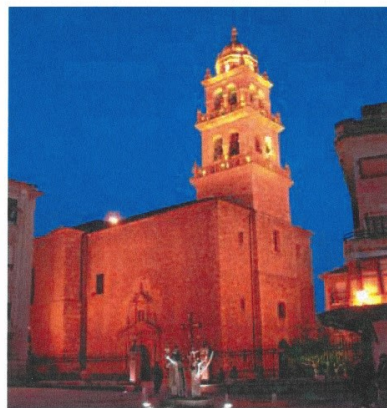
Street named in honor of the recovery of the miracle



Ancient church of St. Peter, demolished in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, where the painting of the miracle was previously housed, Ponferrada



The Virgin of the Evergreen Oak



Church of St. Mary where the miracle took place, Ponferrada

Juan De Benavente lived in Ponferrada with his wife. It was apparent that he was very devout and religious. In fact every evening he stopped in church to pray. One day, during his prayer time, he succumbed to greed and seized the tabernacle, a simple wooden container, in which there was a precious silver ciborium containing some consecrated Hosts. He fled from the church and headed towards the Sil River in order to pitch the cheap wooden tabernacle, but when he tried to launch it into the water he could not because of its sudden immense weight. So he returned home where he hid everything and said nothing to his wife. During the night continuous flashes of light came from the tabernacle arousing the suspicion of his wife. So Juan decided to go out and dispose of his sacrilegious stolen goods. He reached a place the townspeople called the

Arenal Field and threw the tabernacle and consecrated Hosts into the middle of the blackberry patch. The discovery of the crime brought dismay among all of the population and Juan became increasingly nervous and anxious, also because he did not know how to sell the silver ciborium without getting caught.

*Near the Arenal Fields,* the owner of the land, Diego Nuñez de Losada, set up a target practice for entertainment during the feast days. During the time frame in which the sacred Hosts were still in the blackberry patch, eyewitness reported seeing flashes of light at night and strange doves hovering during the day. The crossbowmen tried in vain to hit the doves. The miller Nogaledo decided then to capture the doves with his hands and ventured

into the blackberry patch discovering the tabernacle and the sacred Hosts from where the intense flashes of light originated. Shook up, he went straight towards the church where the bells were ringing in the distance. The return of the sacred Hosts was organized via a solemn procession. Juan was overcome with remorse and decided to plead guilty. In the place of the recovery of the miraculous Hosts a chapel was immediately constructed. In 1570 the parish priest planned the expansion of the building and instituted a solemn annual procession on the eighth day of the Feast of Corpus Christi in memory of the miracle.





# COATS FOR KIDS



Every \$25 donation will buy a quality winter coat for a local area child or adult in need.  
Funds are collected year long, and coats are distributed in the fall.