

**ST. MARGUERITE  
BOURGOYS  
PARISH**

**PASTOR**

REV. SHAWN W. JORDAN

138 Candlewood Lake Rd  
Brookfield, CT 06804  
203.775.5117  
stmarguerite.org  
office@stmarguerite.org

**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**

Dec 28/29: \$5,004.00  
OLG: \$2,449.00

**Staff**

Finance Council Chairman:  
Kevin Sheehan

Lay Trustees of the  
Corporation:

James Chester, Jr  
Scott Senete

Deacons:

Joseph P Cann, Vincent J Pia

Faith Formation Director:

Mary Ellen Tiernan

Bookkeeper: Larry Rice

Communications Manager:

Jean Piccorelli

Choir Director: Tory Gozzi

Music Director: Jack Basso



To donate to the  
Parish, scan the  
QR code. Thank  
you for your  
support!  
Text to Give  
475.244.9691



# E-News

## 5 JANUARY 2025 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Christmas Offertory:** The parish relies on the generosity of our parishioners and visitors to the annual Christmas collection to meet our budgeted expenses for the upcoming year. We are grateful to everyone for their generous donations which help us to meet our ongoing expenses and build up and expand the programs and activities of our parish in the future! If you have not yet sent in your gift, please do so by putting it in the basket at Mass, mailing it to the office, or making a donation at [stmarguerite.org](http://stmarguerite.org).

Support the **Annual Parish Collection!** 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](http://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.

**2025 Calendars:** There are a few 2025 calendars still available for \$5/each. Pick yours up today in the narthex.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon, Jan 6:** *St André Bessette*

8:30 +Jean Imundo by Nacinovich family

**Tues, Jan 7:** *St Raymond of Peñafort*

8:30 +William H Cutler by Father Shawn

**Wed, Jan 8**

8:30 +Joseph A McCabe by family

**Thurs, Jan 9**

8:30 +Kathleen McCabe by Katy Murphy

**Fri, Jan 10**

8:30 +Mother Anne Judellen Nasimiyu by Mary Frank

**TEXT TO GIVE:** 475-244-9691. We are keeping up with technology! With 97% of smart phone users texting at least once a day, our parish has decided to add the option to give via text. You can text an amount to 475-244-969, and your transaction will be processed through the Online Giving account associated with the phone number. If your phone number is not recognized, you can continue without an account, associate your number with an existing account, or create an account.

**Christmas in Africa Exhibit and Museum**

**Tour:** Saturday, January 17 at 10:30 am at the Knights of Columbus Pilgrimage Center in New Haven. This is a free private tour, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council of St Marguerite and St Joseph, of the exhibit of creches from around the world. Drive yourself or join a carpool leaving St Joseph's at 9 am. RSVP by January 16 to 203.733.7209, [gregdembowski@yahoo.com](mailto:gregdembowski@yahoo.com).

The new Diocese of Bridgeport **Called By Name Campaign's** goal is to identify faithful young men who may be open to discerning the priesthood. Bishop Caggiano encourages every family to create an environment where the idea of the priesthood is cherished and respected. Visit [stmarguerite.org](http://stmarguerite.org) and read his letter under "Breaking News".

**Sat, Jan 11**

4:30 +Richard Dembowski by Mario and Annette Nacinovich

**Sun, Jan 12:** *The Baptism of the Lord*

8:30 +Robert Amodio by Cann family

11:00 +Christine Power by Rosaline Cosgrove;

+Patricia Ann Mrocza by Carol and Brad Linder

5:00 +Janet Hite by Bob Zelle and Dee Ciancio

**Jan 6-12:**

Our **St Marguerite Candle** is for +Adeline Borchetta requested by Mary Ellen Tiernan

**THIS WEEK  
IN THE PARISH**

**Tues, Jan 7**

9:15 am - Legion of Mary



## ST MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS PARISH

138 Candlewood Lake Rd, Brookfield, CT 06804  
203.775.5117 / stmarguerite.org

*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*

Rev. Shawn W. Jordan  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



FEAST DAY OF

*St. Marguerite  
Bourgeoys*

JANUARY 12

**Join us for a  
celebration of  
St Marguerite Bourgeoys  
Feast Day  
on Sunday, January 5  
after the  
8:30 and 11 am Masses  
sponsored by  
the Sodality Group**





OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

## DIocese OF BRIDGEPORT

238 Jewett Avenue • Bridgeport, Connecticut 06606 • 203-416-1352 • FAX: 203-371-8323

January 5, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A Blessed Epiphany to you and your family!

I write to invite you to reflect on a matter of profound importance in the life of our Church — the call to priestly vocations. The priest is called to be a shepherd, a servant, and a visible sign of Christ's presence among us. Without the priesthood, we would not have the Eucharist, and without the Eucharist, we would not have the Church.

In 2025 we are launching the **Called by Name Campaign to identify faithful young men who may be open to discerning the priesthood**. I invite you to submit the names of young men aged 16-40 who love Christ and the Church, and who exhibit qualities of faith, leadership, and a heart for service. **You can submit names at [www.bridgeportpriest.org](http://www.bridgeportpriest.org).**

As we recognize the importance of priestly vocations, we must also recognize our responsibility to foster them. God continues to call men to the priesthood, but they need our support to hear and respond to His call. We, as a community of faith, must pray fervently for an increase in vocations.

I also urge every family to create an environment where the idea of the priesthood is cherished and respected. Parents, speak openly with your sons about the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood. Encourage them to seek God's will in their lives and help them discern how they may be called to serve the Church.

Through the grace of God and our collective efforts, may we see a new generation of priests who will continue to serve the Church with love, faith, and dedication.

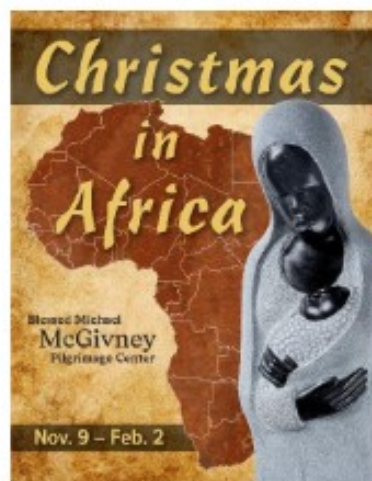
May the Lord bless you and keep you always in His love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Frank J. Caggiano*

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano  
Bishop of Bridgeport

# Christmas in Africa Exhibit and Museum Tour



- WHEN** Saturday, January 18, 2025. Tour starts at 10:30 am.
- WHERE** Knights of Columbus Pilgrimage Center  
1 State Street, New haven, CT 06511  
203-865-0400
- WHAT** FREE, private tour sponsored by members of the St. Joseph and St. Marguerite Knights of Columbus. The tour will include an exhibit of a variety of crèche's with different stables and mangers from around the world, and a Christmas Tree Festival display.
- WHO** All St. Joseph and St. Marguerite parishioners and their families are invited.
- WHAT** Drive individually or join our car pool that will leave from St. Joseph parking lot at 9:00 am. Parking at the museum is under the building and is FREE.
- RSVP by Jan 16** Call Greg Dembowski, 203-733-7209 or e-mail  
GregDembowski@yahoo.com
- OPTIONAL** Following the tour there will be a group lunch at a local restaurant.

*Are you looking for a school where your child will grow, be challenged, and feel loved? Learn the difference a St. Mary School education can make!*

# **ST. MARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

**PRE-K TO GRADE 8**



**Wednesday, January 22**

**6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Please rsvp on our website:

[www.stmarybethelct.org](http://www.stmarybethelct.org)

For more information,, please contact

Geraldine Henn, Enrollment Director:

[Admissions@StMaryBethelCT.org](mailto:Admissions@StMaryBethelCT.org)

or call (203) 744-2922.

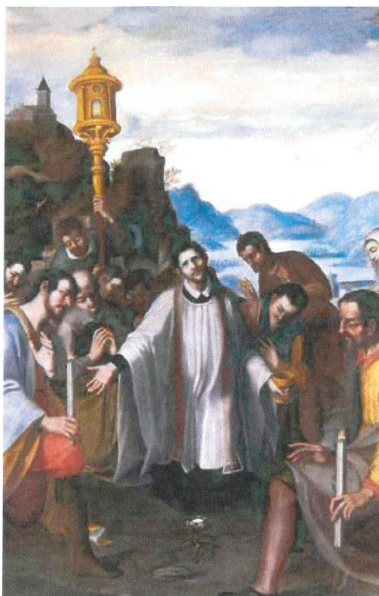


# Eucharistic Miracle of ETTISWIL

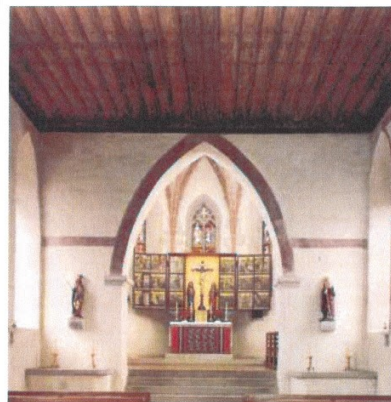
SWITZERLAND, 1447



At Ettiswil, there is a shrine dedicated to a Eucharistic miracle that happened in 1447. Ann Vögtli, a member of a satanic sect, was able to steal the pyx containing the large Host from the parochial church. The Host was found close to a fence in the middle of some nettles bushes, lifted high up and surrounded by a vivid light, divided in 7 pieces united among them so that they looked like a flower. Many Popes granted indulgences to the shrine's visitors. The great feast of the miracle's chapel takes place on the "Laetare" Sunday and on the two following days.



Painting portraying the Miracle of Ettiswil, Museum Hiéron, Paray-le-Monial



Interior of the Shrine



Detail of the altar-piece in which the phases of the miracle are portrayed



Relic of the Miracle



Altar-piece on which the scenes of the miracle are portrayed



Ettiswil Shrine

The most important document that describes the miracle is the "Protocol of Justice". This was compiled on July 16, 1447 by Hermann von Russeg, Lord of Buron. Its translation reads: "On Wednesday, May 23, 1447, the Blessed Sacrament was stolen from the parish Church of Ettiswil, and soon after it was found by Margaret Schulmeister, a young lady and a swineherd. It was not far from the parish church close to the fence, thrown on the ground among nettles. It looked like a bright flower." After close investigation, the police arrested the young lady, Anna Vögtli from Bischoffingen, who soon of her own accord confessed everything: "Having slipped my hand in the narrow iron gate, I got hold of the large Host. But as soon as I went beyond the cemetery wall, the Blessed Sacrament became so heavy that I was

unable to carry it any longer. Being unable to go forward and to go backward, I get rid of the Host by throwing it close to a fence, in the nettles".

*The sacred Host* was discovered by Fraulein Margaret Schulmeister, a swineherd. She stated that "Once I arrived with my pigs close to the place where the Blessed Sacrament had been thrown, my animals did not want to go further. I asked the help of two men who were passing by on their horses. The two men saw in the grass the stolen Host divided in seven sections. Six of them were forming a flower similar to a rose and a great light was surrounding them." The local parish priest was informed. He, at once, together with all the parishioners, went there to pick up the Host and to bring it back to the church. He picked up the six

sections, but when he wanted to pick up the main central section, this stuck to the ground before everybody's eyes. This partition was interpreted as a sign and it was decided to build a chapel precisely at that place where the Host had disappeared. The six sections were kept in the church of Ettiswil and became object of great veneration by the inhabitants of the village and of foreigners. God did many miracles there. The chapel and the altar were consecrated on Dec. 28, 1448: a year and half after the events.

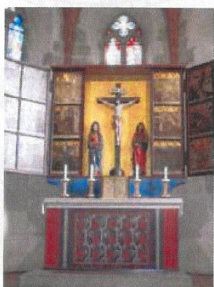


The Eucharistic Miracle of Ettiswil, Switzerland, 1447. Source: miracolieucaristici.org.

*Eucharistic Miracle of*

# ETTISWILL

SWITZERLAND, 1447





Our List is empty! Thank you to the generous donors who continue to support the parish by purchasing items from our Wish List!

Link to Amazon Wish List:  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/7W2VJHBHP8OI?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/7W2VJHBHP8OI?ref_=wl_share)

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



**ONLINE GIVING**

visit [stmarguerite.org](http://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:**

**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,

- \* **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.

**NEW!! Text to Give!!**  
**475-244-9691**

We are keeping up with technology! With 97% of smartphone users texting at least once a day, our parish has decided to add the option to give via text. You can text an amount to 475-244-969, and your transaction will be processed through the Online Giving account associated with the phone number. If your phone number is not recognized, you can continue without an account, associate your number with an existing account, or create an account.

