

**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

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

Jan 4/5: \$4,890.00
OLG: \$5,412.00

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E-News

12 JANUARY 2025 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Thank You to our Christmas season volunteers, especially the Reisert Family for assembling the outside creche, Don Perley and Rejean Blais for assembling the inside creche, Wanda Perugini and Mrs. Tiernan for decorating the church and narthex, and for our Choir giving us the sounds of Christmas we all enjoy. The Advent and Christmas seasons wouldn't be the same without your generous service to the parish.

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.

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 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Jan 13: *St Marguerite (transferred)*

8:30 +George Meyerle by Nila Aberin

Tues, Jan 14

8:30 +Grace O'Rouke by Rejean and Lili Blais

Wed, Jan 15

8:30 +Fern, +Joe, and +Peter Rajcula by Joe and Leslie

Thurs, Jan 16

8:30 +Doreen Prange by Feeney family

Fri, Jan 17: *St Anthony*

8:30 Ints of Charles Thomas Bourgeois by his daughter, Alexandra

Jan 13-19:

Our **Altar Candles, Sacramental Wine, and Hosts** are in memory of +Ruth L Schwartzkopf requested by her daughter, Tami Nimer.

Our **St Marguerite Candle** is for the intentions and protection of Genisis Macao, who is serving in the armed forces requested by her family.

We have some exciting news for 2025! Our parish is sponsoring a customized **trip to France with Collette Tours!** The tour begins on October 7th, and we land in Paris. It's a particularly exciting time since Notre Dame has just reopened after the devastating fire five years ago. Some of the highlights of the tour will include Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (St. Catherine Laboure), Lisieux (St. Therese), the UNESCO site of the Cathedral of Chartres, Nevers (St. Bernadette), Paray-le-Monial (St. Margaret Mary Alacoque), Lyon (Basilica of Notre Dame), Ars (St. Jean Marie Vianney), LaSalette, Avignon and Carcassonne (UNESCO sites). The trip ends in Lourdes where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette. We return on October 17th. A full color brochure with more details is available if you are interested in learning more. Questions? Call Mary Ellen at 845.600.5425.

The 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 and read his letter under "Breaking News".

Christmas in Africa Exhibit and Museum Tour:

Saturday, January 18 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.

Sat, Jan 18: BVM

4:30 +Rev Richard E Harvey by Fr Shawn

Sun, Jan 19: *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 +Alfred, +Réal, and +Daniel Breton by Perley family

11:00 +Louis Caraluzzi by family;

+Patricia Callahan by Maria Vida

5:00 +Milinda Daye by Katy Murphy

**THIS WEEK
IN THE PARISH**

Mon, Jan 13
10 am - Cenacle

Tues, Jan 14
9:15 am - Legion of Mary



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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 ___



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



FEAST DAY OF

*St. Marguerite
Bourgeoys*

JANUARY 12

**Feast Day Mass transferred
to Monday, January 13.**



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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.**

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.

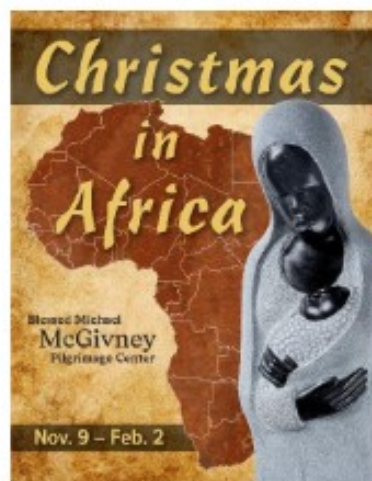
May the Lord bless you and keep you always in His love.

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

For more information,, please contact

Geraldine Henn, Enrollment Director:

Admissions@StMaryBethelCT.org

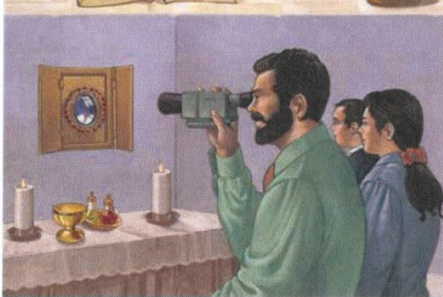
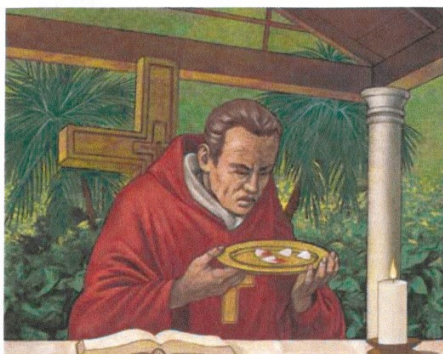
or call (203) 744-2922.

Eucharistic Miracle of BETANIA

VENEZUELA, DECEMBER 8, 1991



On December 8 of 1991, Father Otty Ossa Aristizábal was celebrating Mass in the chapel of the Shrine of Betania in Cúa and during the consecration, saw the Host bleeding. The miraculous Host is preserved in the city of Los Teques, at the convent of the Augustinian Recollects Nuns of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, where It is permanently exposed for the adoration of the faithful and It is visited every year by numerous pilgrims coming also from abroad. Many prodigious events have taken place, connected to the Host of the Miracle, among the one which stands out that occurred to a young American who filmed the miraculous Host pulsating like a heart, while It was exposed to the faithful.



The Tabernacle where the relics of the Host from which blood flowed were kept



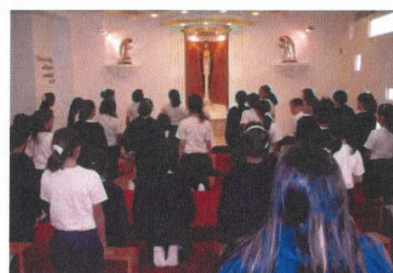
H. E. Most Reverend Pio Bello Ricardo who has approved the Eucharistic Miracle of Betania



The new Tabernacle located in the chapel of Perpetual Adoration at the convent of the Augustinians Recollects of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Los Teques, where the relics of the Eucharistic Miracle of Betania have been transferred.



The Shrine of Finca Betania where the Miracle occurred



This Eucharistic Miracle occurred during the midnight Mass of December 8, 1991, at the Marian Shrine of Finca Betania in Cúa, Venezuela. Father Otty, Chaplain of the Shrine, thus describes the event: "After having consumed one of the pieces of the large Host which I had divided into 4 parts, I returned them to the paten. A little later I looked down towards the paten and I could not believe what I saw: one of the pieces of the Host that I divided was showing a red spot and from It a red substance began to emanate, similar to the manner in which blood escapes from a wound. After Mass, I took the Host and preserved It safely in the sacristy of the Shrine. The next day, at 6 in the morning, I went to see the Host and verified that some blood continued to flow that a little later began to dry. However, still today, the blood appears as fresh. The strange thing is that the blood flowed only from one side of the Particle, nevertheless, without staining the remainder

of the Eucharistic species". During the Mass there were numerous pilgrims who immediately verified that the priest did not have wounds from which the blood present in the Host could have flowed. Besides, from the analyses, the result concluded that the blood of the priest did not match the one of the Particle. The Host of the Miracle was subjected to some special studies, requested by the then Bishop of Los Teques, H. E. Most Reverend Pio Bello Ricardo, and the results confirmed that the blood was human blood of type AB positive which matches the one found in the cloth of the Shroud of Turin and in the Host of the Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano, that occurred in Italy in 750 AD and was analyzed by 500 commissions of the World Health Organization. Since then the Host has been an object of veneration and of devotion on the part of thousands of pilgrims coming not only from Venezuela but from the whole world. It is possible to go to the convent of the Augustinian Recollects Nuns of

the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Los Teques to see the miraculous Host all the days of the year at any hour in their chapel devoted to Perpetual Adoration. A young faithful from New Jersey, Daniel J. Sanford, having gone on a pilgrimage to the Convent of the Augustinians to see the bleeding Host, was able to film another miraculous episode. Here is the story: "On the 12th of November of 1998 I went on pilgrimage to Betania with a prayer group and they took us to see the miraculous Host of Betania in the Chapel of the Augustinian Sisters of Los Teques. Our spiritual director, Father Mazzarella, celebrated the Mass. After the celebration ended he opened the door of the Tabernacle which contained the Host of the Miracle. With great astonishment I saw that the Host was as if in flames, and there was a Pulsating Heart that was bleeding in Its center. I saw this for about 30 seconds or so, then the Host returned to normal. I was able to film a part of this miracle with my video camera..."

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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.

