

**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

Church is open

9 am-5 pm

Rosary

Saturdays at 4 pm

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 9 am-3 pm

Offertory

Jan 18/19: \$4,729.00

OLG: \$2,415.00

Staff

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475.244.9691



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E-News

26 JANUARY 2025 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The **One in Christ, 2025 Bishop's Appeal** begins this weekend. Your support of the Bishop's Appeal is an investment in hope, healing, and renewal. It enables the Diocese to launch transformative ministries, support pastoral care and outreach, empower future generations, and provide critical assistance to those in need. An investment in the programs and ministries of the Appeal allows us to unite as One in Christ to bring to life all the diocesan ministries, programs, and agencies that deliver the pastoral care and human services that no single parish can provide on its own. This week you will receive a letter from Bishop Caggiano on this year's Appeal. Please take the time to read the information thoroughly, give prayerful consideration on how you can help, and make your sacrificial gift to the campaign. For information, call 203.416.1470 or visit 2025BishopsAppeal.org. On the tables at the entrances to the church, there are pamphlets with details as well.

Tax Statements for contributions \$250+ in 2024 are available in the narthex. Statements include all donations received by December 31, 2024. Please pick up your statement this weekend.

The next **Women's Sodality Meeting** will be Monday, January 27 at 6 pm. New members are always welcome and invited to join the group for their meeting.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Jan 27: *St Angela Merici*

8:30 Ints of Joan Andrews Bell by Katy Murphy

Tues, Jan 28: *St Thomas Aquinas*

8:30 +George Meyerle by William Fedorich

Wed, Jan 29

8:30 +Jean McCabe and +Sheila Goehrke by family

Thurs, Jan 30

8:30 Ints of Digna Lliguizaca requested by family

Fri, Jan 31: *St John Bosco*

8:30 Liv/Dec Mbrs of the DeAlessio and Martin families by DeAlessio family

We have some exciting news for 2025! Our parish is sponsoring a customized **trip to France with Collette Tours!** An **Information Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11 at 6 pm in the Hall.** 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.

To subscribe to our weekly digital **E-News**, send your email to office@stmarguerite.org.

Join us for **First Saturday Rosary** at 4 pm on February 1.

Sat, Feb 1: *BVM*

4:30 +Donna DeFreitas by her mom and dad

Sun, Feb 2: *The Presentation of the Lord*

8:30 +Robert Mollica, Sr by Rossi family

11:00 +Rita Guariglia by Maria Vida; Ints of Celeste

Vodola and family by Macera family

5:00 +Norene Brady by Katy Murphy

Jan 27-Feb 2:

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

**THIS WEEK
IN THE PARISH**

Mon, Jan 27
6:00 pm - Sodality

Tues, Jan 28
9:15 am - Legion of Mary

1:30 pm -
Fatima Prayer Cell



Bishop Caggiano's 2025 Bishop's Appeal Message

My Dear Friends,

We have embarked on a great adventure for the spiritual and pastoral renewal of our diocese. We call this renewal "The One" because we stand together as one family, accompanying and assisting each other to transform lives. I come to you with a joyful and grateful heart to ask for your support of the 2025 Bishop's Appeal, which gives us the resources to invite people to encounter Christ and be accompanied in faith.

An investment in the programs and ministries of the Appeal allows us to unite as One in Christ to bring to life all the diocesan ministries, programs, and agencies that deliver the pastoral care and human services that no single parish can provide on its own. Among the new ministries the Appeal will support are the Diocese of Bridgeport Guilds. These associations aim to deepen Christian discipleship and provide a network of support based on a common profession, interest, or vocation. This year, the diocese will introduce the St. Thomas More Guild for those in the legal profession and the St. Timothy Guild for young adults.

The diocese is also launching the Stephen Ministry, which is a ministry of accompaniment that provides one-to-one care for those in parishes and communities who are facing life difficulties, such as grief, divorce, job loss, or illness. We all know that a moment of sickness or suffering can be a personal challenge, but also a moment that allows us to experience the mercy, love and presence of Christ. For the chaplains and ministers who care for our sick, whose work is sponsored by the Appeal, we are deeply grateful. The Appeal also helps children by giving them an opportunity, through the Bishop's Scholarship Fund, to unlock their potential and future.

Love in action is the work of Catholic Charities, which reaches out to those who are homeless, hungry, who are looking for employment and shelter, and who are looking for hope. The Appeal allows that noble work to continue.

At this moment in our nation's history, there is a growing number of young adults searching for a new direction that will give them encouragement and hope. The Church will lead them to an encounter with Christ. Then, they can go out into the world and be his missionaries. The Appeal supports seminarian and diaconate education, and promotes initiatives that form youth and parents through the Institute for Catholic Formation.

So my friends, I thank you for your generosity and support, and I ask you to pray with me that the Holy Spirit will inspire the work we are doing — the work of renewal that will bear great fruit, not because of our efforts, but because He will have abundantly blessed what we do.

Thank you for your gift to the 2025 Bishop's Appeal. May God bless you.

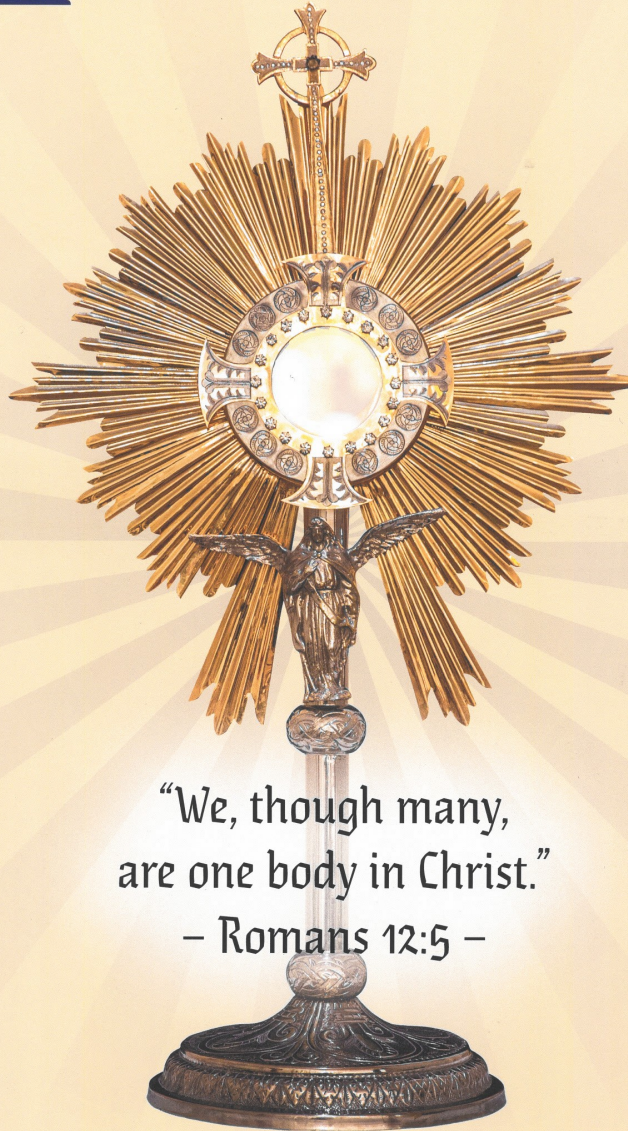
Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport



ONE *in Christ*

2025 Bishop's Appeal

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*"We, though many,
are one body in Christ."*

- Romans 12:5 -



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www.2025BishopsAppeal.org

Our List is empty!

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

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Thank you for your generous support 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.

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