#### ST. MARGUERITE **BOURGEOYS 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

#### Rosary

Saturdays at 4 pm

#### Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 9 am-3 pm

#### Offertory

Jan 25/26: \$4,184.00 OLG: \$1,640.00

#### Staff

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## E-News

#### 2 FEBRUARY 2025 - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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 brochure with more details is available in the church. Questions? Call Mary Ellen at 845.600.5425.

The Feast of St Blaise is Monday, February 3. We will have the traditional **Blessing of the** Throats after the 8:30 am Mass.

Registration for the spring session of the New Day Bereavement Program at St Marguerite's is now open. Meetings will be held on Thursdays, 2-3:30 pm, March 27-May 29. Complete a Program Inquiry Form at ctcemeteries.org/newday or call Carolyn at 203.404.0023.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive: Sunday, February 16, 8am-1pm in the Hall. For an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1.800.733.2767. Thank you for your support of their Coats for Kids Drive. They were able to deliver over 500 coats, hundreds of gloves, hats, and scarves to Brookfield Social Services to benefit families in need.

#### One in Christ, 2025 Bishop's Appeal: 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. Our future priests receive exceptional formation, support, and education as they pursue their call to serve God and His Church. Over a process that typically takes between seven and nine years, our men are formed in the spiritual life, pastoral care, and selfknowledge. They are instructed in the rich history of our Catholic theological tradition, ultimately leading to a Master's degree in theology before Ordination. Through your gift to the Appeal, the Diocese is better able to support men who are discerning priesthood so that they may respond to that call and serve you as good and faithful shepherds. To learn more, visit 2025BishopsAppeal.org. St. Marguerite's goal: \$65,700.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Feb 3: St Blaise, St Ansgar 8:30 +John Guardo by Nacinovich family Tues. Feb 4

8:30 +Rev William Sangiovanni by Fr Shawn

Wed, Feb 5: St Agatha 8:30 +Fern, +Joe, and +Peter Rajcula

by Joe and Leslie Rajcula Thurs, Feb 6: St Paul Miki and Companions 8:30 +Bob Caraluzzi by William Fedorich

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

families by DeAlessio family

Sat, Feb 8: St Jerome Emiliani; St Josephine Bakhita 4:30 Intentions of Scott Smith and Family by Macera family

Sun, Feb 9: The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 +Bob Caraluzzi by Paula Morasco 11:00 +Gerda and +Helmuth Maass by Maass family; +Deceased Members of Bernier family by Doreen 5:00 +James Henrietta by Bob Zelle and Dee Ciancio

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, Feb 4 9:15 am - Legion of Mary

10 am -Prayer Shawl/Rosary Making ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS & ST. MARIANNE COPE PARISHES

## SHRINES FRANCE

**OCTOBER 7 - OCTOBER 17, 2025** 

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL SACRE-COEUR

CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

BASILICA OF ST. THÉRÈSE

PARIS, LYON, NEVERS, LOURDES







## FEBRUARY 11, 6PM

INFORMATION

MEETING

ST. MARGUERITE HALL

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

VISIT HTTPS://GATEWAY.GOCOLLETTE.COM/LINK/1297239 OR CONTACT MARY ELLEN AT MARYELLENTIERNAN@ICLOUD.COM OR 845.600.5425



## NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM SPRING SESSION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Thursday afternoon 2:00 – 3:30 pm

March 27 - May 29

\*\*NOTE - There will be NO Group on April 17, as that is Holy Thursday\*\*

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.





Community of Giving

### **Knight of Columbus Blood Drive**

Sunday February 16, 2025 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church
138 Candlewood Lake Rd., Brookfield, CT 06804

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).





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"We, though many, are one body in Christ." – Romans 12:5 –





**SCAN HERE** TO GIVE TODAY!

www.2025BishopsAppeal.org



## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT!**

Through your generous gift to the Bishop's Appeal, the Diocese is better able to support men who are discerning priesthood, so they may respond generously and courageously to that call and serve you as good and faithful shepherds.



#### 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, though 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.

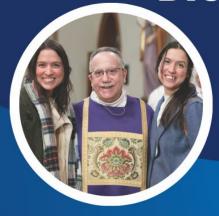
Thank you for your gift to the 2025 Bishop's Appeal. May God bless you.

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Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano Bishop of Bridgeport



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Sign up for recurring giving today! Visit: www.2025BishopsAppeal.org

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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:**

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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.