

**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

8 am-5 pm

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 9 am-3 pm

Rosary

Saturdays at 4 pm

Offertory

Nov 8/9: \$5,432.00
OLG: \$4,300.00

Staff

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E-News

16 NOVEMBER 2025 - 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Support the **Annual Parish Collection** with a gift. 2026 marks the 40th anniversary of the dedication of our Church. Your donations are an investment in the future of the parish. These funds directly support the parish and not the Diocese. Letters are available in the church.

Cash/checks can be submitted to the Parish Office. To donate online, visit <https://www.osvhub.com/stmarguerite/giving/funds/parish-annual-collection>, scan the QR code, or text 475.244.9691. Thank you for your support!

Next weekend, our parish is taking part in the **Faith of Our Fathers Campaign** to support the retired priests of our diocese. Envelopes are at the entrances to the church. More information is available at vianneytrust.org.

2026 Calendars are available for \$5 in the narthex. Each month features a traditional religious painting. Every year we sell out, so get yours today!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Nov 17: *St Elizabeth of Hungary*

8:30 +Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tues, Nov 18: *St Rose Philippine Duchesne*

8:30 Ints of Father Shawn by Aberin family

Wed, Nov 19

8:30 Ints of Father Shawn by Nacinovich family

Thurs, Nov 20

8:30 +Souls in Purgatory by Pat Indelicato

Fri, Nov 21: *Presentation of the BVM*

8:30 Ints of Our Lady of Perpetual Help by Jarvis family

Knights of Columbus News: Bowling Fundraiser: November 21 at 6:30 pm at Strikers (Brookfield). Cost is \$25/ bowler. **Coats for Kids:** November 1 - January 6, donations of new and gently used coats, gloves, mittens, hats, etc. accepted. A bin is in the narthex. Monetary donations also accepted.

To sign up for Father Shawn's sermons and for the extended version of E-News, including **"A Pilgrimage Through and With St. Marguerite"**, email the parish office (office@stmarguerite.org).

Our ladies Sodality group is selling **handcrafted rosaries**. Rosaries are made with crystal beads and available with a gold or silver crucifix and medal. Personalization is available. Cost is \$15 each. Order by December 1st for Christmas delivery. To order, email Carmela at cmangini@snet.net.

Forgot your offertory envelope? Blank envelopes are always available at the entrances to the church.

Sat, Nov 22: *St Cecilia*

4:30 +Donna DeFreitas by her mom and dad

Sun, Nov 23: *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

8:30 +Paul Bernier by Doreen Bernier

11:00 +Marcella and +Edward Leheny by Eleanor Kirk; +Neil Fusco by Babuini family

5 pm Liv/Dec of the Ivanisko family by Francis Ivanisko

**THIS WEEK
IN THE PARISH**

Tues, Nov 18
9:15 am - Legion of Mary



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ANNUAL PARISH COLLECTION



Your gift helps us to serve, grow, and uplift.

- maintain and improve our parish campus
- support our youth programs
- provide assistance to the needy
- support education for adult bible studies and Catholic schools

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ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS – THE CHURCH AND THE SAINT *A Pilgrimage Through and With St. Marguerite*



This was her pleasure, to cultivate young minds and imbue them with the love of virtue and religion, with sentiments of filial devotion towards that August Mother of God, to whom she was herself so peculiarly devoted.
(“Pearl”, p.50)

When she arrived in Ville-Marie, she found that few children survived to school age. She helped the remarkable Jeanne Mance, who ran the hospital, to change this tragedy. One of the first things she did was restore the Cross on Mount Royal after it was destroyed by hostile natives. She also undertook the construction of a chapel dedicated to Notre-Dame de Bon Secours.

In 1658, in a stone stable some 36 feet long which had been given to her by the governor for her use, she opened the first school in Montreal. Here she lived and taught and kept the young emigrant girls who came to seek a home in the new colony. In her reminiscences she writes, “Here, Huron, Iroquois and French Canadian met together, and together [spoke] the names of Jesus, of Mary, of faith, hope and love.” (“Pearl of Troyes”, p.52)

She also organized a convent patterned after the one which she had lived in while in Troyes. Her greatest desire had been to create a Congregation of itinerate sisters who would live in huts within the community of their students, much like she had done in Troyes. She never received permission to do this until many decades later. It was here, within this new Congregation, that a young Iroquois mother brought her nine-month-old daughter, sadly neglected, to Sister Marguerite to care for in their community. Sister Marguerite began to give catechesis and to assist pastorally in nearby parishes.

As we reflect on the beginnings of Sister Marguerite’s life in New Canada, we are struck with the understanding of her devotion to conversion, education, and charity toward all souls. We as parishioners of St. Marguerite church, in our formation classes and adult education, in our acts of charity, our many forms of outreach and the love and compassion that we share with our fellow parishioners are certainly inspired by Marguerite’s patronage, prayers and protection of us all.



First they must be taught to love school; only then could she teach them to love God.
(“Marguerite Bourgeoys, Pioneer Teacher”. Saint Mary Genevieve, p.54)



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November 2, 2025
Feast of All Souls

Dear Friends in Christ,

In every age of the Church, the Lord has provided faithful shepherds—men who have offered their lives so that others might encounter Christ in the sacraments. Over the decades, our priests have baptized our children, witnessed our marriages, comforted us in times of grief, and nourished us with the Eucharist.

Our parish priests have been true spiritual fathers, and as they age, it is our duty to care for them with the same generosity they have shown us. **To meet this responsibility, our diocese has established the St. John Vianney Trust, an independent non-profit with the sole mission of caring for our senior and infirm priests in the Diocese of Bridgeport.**

It is important to recognize that retirement does not end a priest's ministry. Senior priests continue to celebrate Mass, hear confessions, and offer pastoral guidance wherever they are needed. Our diocese has more than 70 priests past retirement age, a number that is projected surpass 100 priests within 15 years.

Despite dramatically rising healthcare costs, our diocese is committed to providing care for our older priests, but we need more financial resources to do so. Your generosity will ensure that these faithful men, many of whom serve well into their eighties, can continue to minister and live their remaining years with dignity


Scripture reminds us to “honor your father and mother” (Ex 20:12), and that “kindness to a father will not be forgotten” (Sir 3:14). This principle certainly applies to our earthly fathers, but it is equally true of our spiritual fathers—our parish priests. **And so I invite you to give generously to the Faith of Our Fathers campaign.**

Finally, please join me in praying for our beloved priests who have passed away, as well as those who are in the autumn of life. As their strength wanes, our support must grow stronger.

With sincere gratitude,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

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Warm Winter Wear Donations Kicks off November 1 and ends January 6 to support the working poor and homeless in our community.

We need: New hats, gloves, scarves, and coats for kids ages 10-18. Gently used coats and outerwear will also be accepted.

Donation receptacles, decorated by our Ignite Youth, will be located in the vestibule for donation drop off.

BOWLING NOVEMBER 21 **FUNDRAISER** @ 6:30PM



**\$25 per
bowler**

Price Includes:

2 hours of bowling

1 slice of pizza

1 non-alcoholic beverage



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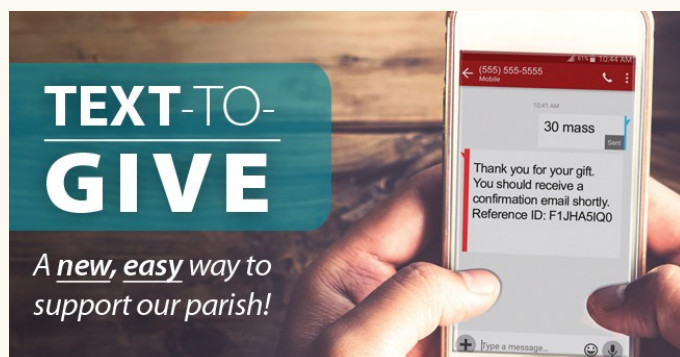
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**For more information please contact Tom Davanzo at
tdavanzo60@gmail.com**

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Universal 11205 (8.5x11) Colored Paper (goldenrod)
Universal 11024 (8.5x11) Colored Paper (pink)
Black Sharpie, Fine Tip, 12 ct, permanent marker

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