

**ST. MARGUERITE  
BOURGEOYS  
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**

8 am-5 pm

**Office Hours**

Mon-Thurs: 9 am-3 pm

**Rosary**

Saturdays at 4 pm

**Offertory**

Nov 22/23: \$4,994.00  
OLG: \$2,114.00

**Staff**

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# E-News

## 30 NOVEMBER 2025 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Please support the **Annual Parish Collection** with a gift. 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. Donate online at <https://www.osvhub.com/stmarguerite/giving/funds/parish-annual-collection>, scan the QR code, or text 475.244.9691. Thank you for your support!

The **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is celebrated on Monday, December 8th. This is a holy day of obligation. Mass is at 8:30 am and 6:30 pm. The Parish Office is closed.

All parishes in the Diocese publish their financial reports on Accountability Sunday, December 7th. To view ours, visit [stmarguerite.org](http://stmarguerite.org), and click on the **Financial Statements** tab.

Read this week's **online version of E-News** for a continuation of the historical background of St Marguerite.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Mon, Dec 1**

8:30 +Dr Nicholas Mascoli & +Ellen Mascoli  
by Sean Murphy

**Tues, Dec 2**

8:30 +Juliette Breton by Aberin family

**Wed, Dec 3: St Francis Xavier**

8:30 +Thomas MacDonald by Tiernan family

**Thurs, Dec 4: St John Damascene**

8:30 +Anna Guardo by Nacinovich family

**Fri, Dec 5**

8:30 +Helen & +Michael Palica by Barbara Palica

Our **Christmas Garland of Gifts** for the Sisters of Life Visitation Mission in New York City is in the narthex. Please take a tag and return the unwrapped item to the box in the narthex before December 15th. For the sisters' Amazon gift registry, visit [sistersoflife.org/registry](http://sistersoflife.org/registry). The Mission supports vulnerable pregnant women.

Envelopes for **Christmas Flowers** are available at the entrances to the church. Intentions will be remembered at all Masses in the Christmas season.

### Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids:

Nov 1 - Jan 6, donations of new and gently used coats, gloves, mittens, hats, etc. are accepted. Bin is in the narthex. Monetary donations also accepted.

The Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center's **2025 Christmas Exhibit** is open through February 1st. It features art and creches from across the globe. The Center is located at 1 State Street in New Haven. Admission and parking are free.

**Sat, Dec 6: St Nicholas**

4:30 +Donna DeFreitas by her mom and dad

**Sun, Dec 7: Second Sunday of Advent**

8:30 Ints of Frank Celentano by Piccorelli family

11:00 +Dec Mbrs of Persick family by

Nacinovich family; +Ashlyn Jude Rathbun by

Benfari family

5 pm +Hermiline, +Yvonne, +Emma, & +Arthur

LeBlanc by Doreen Bernier

**THIS WEEK  
IN THE PARISH**

**Tues, Dec 2**  
9:15 am - Legion of Mary



# Give with Grace

## 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


### HOW TO GIVE



Give in person/Mail to Office  
Visit [osvhub.com/stmarguerite](https://osvhub.com/stmarguerite)  
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# FEAST *of the* IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 8th

MASS  
SCHEDULE

Monday,  
December 8

8:30 am  
6:30 pm

Holy Day of Obligation



THE NEWTOWN CENTRE OF CLASSICAL BALLET & VOICE

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# The Nutcracker Suite

*Sunday, December 7th  
Edmond Town Hall*

One performance included in the Holiday Festival general admission ticket  
or buy additional tickets for \$20 at the door. Shows at 12:00 & 2:30 P.M.

All proceeds benefit Newtown Youth & Family Services.

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

During her early years in Montreal, Bourgeoys visited women in their homes, teaching them literacy skills. She also arranged a work party to construct the Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel, the first stone church built on the island of Montreal. This chapel, now situated in Montreal, Quebec, was completed in 1771, replacing an earlier structure that had been destroyed by fire in 1754. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys played a pivotal role in the construction of the original stone church, which was finished in 1678.



In 1658, Marguerite Bourgeoys returned to France to invite young women to New France, aiming to fortify the community and recruit members for the Congrégation de Notre-Dame. She envisioned a community of religious women dedicated to providing education for girls and social assistance for the colonists. Unlike traditional nuns, the Sisters of the Congrégation de Notre-Dame would not be confined to a convent; instead, they would travel freely as teachers and missionaries.

During her visit, Bourgeoys successfully recruited three women. She later expressed her commitment to them, stating, "I promised that we would have bread and soup and that we would work for our living." The congregation engaged in sewing and laundry while managing a small farm to support its religious, pastoral, and educational endeavors in Montreal.

In 1660, the congregation underwent inspection by François de Laval, the first Roman Catholic bishop of Canada and the inaugural bishop of Quebec. He was notably impressed by the austere living conditions of the Sisters whose income was primarily dedicated to charity and education.

(Cited from <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/marguerite-bourgeoys>)

*"...in toil and drudgery, night and day we worked, so as not to burden any of you. 9 Not that we do not have the right. Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us"*  
*(2 Thess 3:8-9 NASV).*

**Saint Marguerite Bourgeoy's Parish, Brookfield**  
**Statement of Financial Position - Unaudited**  
**June 30,**

	2025	2024
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	770,786	605,396
Receivables	-	-
Prepaid Expenses	354	1,407
Property, Buildings & Equipment, Net	5,441,569	5,441,569
Investments	155,866	155,699
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 6,368,574</b>	<b>\$ 6,204,071</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payables to Vendors & Others	12,431	17,065
Due to Diocese	-	-
Special Collections	6,173	5,274
Other Accrued Expenses	1,208	2,035
Payroll Liabilities	(160)	(160)
Deferred Religious Ed Fees, Tuition, Other	24,525	25,220
Loans Payable	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>44,177</b>	<b>49,435</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Without Donor Restrictions	6,150,266	5,980,506
With Donor Restrictions	174,131	174,131
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>6,324,397</b>	<b>6,154,637</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 6,368,574</b>	<b>\$ 6,204,071</b>

**Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Brookfield**

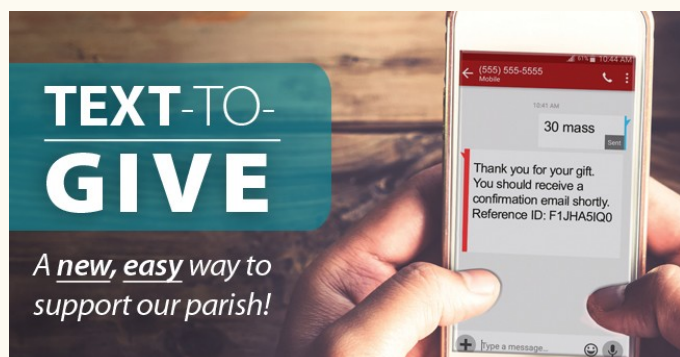
**Statement of Activities - Unaudited**

**Year Ended June 30,**

	2025	2024
<b>REVENUE, SUPPORT AND OTHER CHANGES</b>		
Offerory Income	545,818	522,981
Religious Education Program	33,244	37,010
Votive	18,377	21,226
Mass Stipends	5,731	8,323
Gifts and Bequests	45,786	38,422
Assets Released From Restriction - Capital Projects	-	19,150
Assets Released From Restriction - Specific Expenses	-	-
<b>Total Revenue, Support and Other Changes</b>	<b>648,956</b>	<b>647,113</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Personnel Costs - Lay Employees	157,155	162,363
Personnel Costs - Clergy	79,808	75,882
Charitable Contributions to Organizations and Individuals	27,581	9,524
Cathedraticum Assessment	69,816	93,190
Professional Fees	39,455	37,494
Insurance	17,695	16,299
Supplies, Repairs & Maintenance and Other Services	170,882	201,889
Utilities	42,329	42,570
Religious Education Program Expenses	12,891	4,845
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>617,613</b>	<b>644,057</b>
<b>Income (Loss) from Operations before Depreciation</b>	<b>31,343</b>	<b>3,056</b>
Depreciation Expense	-	-
<b>Income (Loss) from Operations Before Other Income / Expenses</b>	<b>31,343</b>	<b>3,056</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME / EXPENSES</b>		
Fundraising, Net	98,823	33,547
Pre-School and Child Care Services, Net	-	-
Net Investment Income	33,498	17,373
Rental and Lease Revenue, Net	-	-
Cemetery Revenue	-	-
Gain and Loss on Sale of Assets	-	-
Interest Expense	-	-
Property Taxes	-	(173)
Restricted Contributions	6,097	30,921
Assets Released From Restriction - Capital Projects	-	(19,150)
Assets Released From Restriction - Specific Expenses	-	-
<b>Net Other Income / Expenses</b>	<b>138,417</b>	<b>62,518</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>169,760</b>	<b>65,573</b>



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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 475.244.9691, 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.

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

**Thank you for your generous support!**

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)



**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](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:**

- \* **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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HELPING BROOKFIELD CHILDREN EXPERIENCE THE  
JOY OF CHRISTMAS

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.