

**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

Jan 17/18: \$2,972.00
OLG: \$2,456.00

Staff

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E-News

25 JANUARY 2026 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Tax Contribution Statements for 2025 for donations totaling \$250+ are available in the narthex. Statements include all donations received by December 31, 2025. Please pick up your statement this weekend.

The **extended version of our E-News** is emailed every Friday morning. It is also available on the home page of our website, stmarguerite.org. A bonus — most Sunday evenings, Father Shawn's homily is emailed to subscribers. To join our email list, email office@stmarguerite.org. Stay involved by staying informed!

Please read **Bishop Caggiano's 2026 Bishop's Appeal Message** in this week's E-News and on our website.

The **Parish's bills** don't take a respite for winter weather. Missed offertory can be brought/mailed to the office, or placed in the basket or the donation boxes at the entrances to the church. Please consider signing up for online giving (visit the "Donate" tab at stmarguerite.org for details). Thank you for your continued support! Text to give: 475.244.9691.

Men's Parish Retreat — Pilgrims of Hope:

March 6-8 at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford. To register, visit holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats or call 860.760.9705.

Donations for the **Brookfield Food Pantry** are being collected at the parish. A bin is in the narthex near the bulletin board.



The **2026 Bishop's Appeal** begins this weekend. The Appeal provides the funds for the pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Bridgeport. This year's theme, **One In Christ**, seeks to unite the diocese in service, compassion and faith as we work together to bring our sisters and brothers together to encounter and embrace the power of the Lord Jesus in our lives. This week you will receive a letter from Bishop Caggiano on this year's Appeal, please take time to read the information thoroughly, give prayerful consideration on how you can help and make your sacrificial gift to the campaign. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Jan 26: St Timothy and St Titus

8:30 +Robert Prattella by family

Tues, Jan 27: St Angela Merici

8:30 Intentions of Biasetti family

Wed, Jan 28: St Thomas Aquinas

8:30 +Jean McCabe & Sheila Goehrke by family

Thurs, Jan 29

8:30 +Patricia Boraski by Mike Miska

Fri, Jan 30

8:30 Liv/Dec of DeAlessio, Martin, & Bianco family

Sat, Jan 31: St John Bosco

4:30 +Elizabeth & John Lanno by Shirley Kocian

Sun, Feb 1: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 +Larry Bitler by Rejean and Lili Blais

11:00 +Elizabeth Ouchterloney by Eileen & Jack

Maloney; +Steven Oneto by Amy Pontillo

5 pm +Matthew Hatcher by Katy Murphy

**THIS WEEK
IN THE PARISH**

Tues, Jan 27

9:15 am - Legion of Mary

TAX STATEMENTS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

\$250+

**NOW AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX .
PLEASE PICK YOURS UP TODAY!**



**QUESTIONS?
EMAIL OFFICE@STMARGUERITE.ORG**

ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS – THE CHURCH AND THE SAINT

A Pilgrimage Through and With St. Marguerite

“Ora et Labora”

Behind the altar at St. Marguerite’s is “The Holy Family” stained-glass window. In it we see an angel holding a banner with the phrase “Ora et Labora”. In his instructional book, *Wisdom of the Heart*, Peter Kreeft explains that the Benedictine motto, ‘ora et labora’, (pray and work), reflects two intertwined aspects of our lives that are designed to gradually merge. This unity is perfected only in heaven, but it can be practiced while we are here on earth.

As our Christmas celebrations conclude, we now find ourselves back in “Ordinary Time”, a time for spiritual growth through performing “ordinary” catholic practices like daily mass, bible study, and community service so that we may grow in our spiritual maturity.

Kreeft further adds, “we have been given Christ’s single principle for improving this world. It is ‘Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven’. We are to find God everywhere because He is everywhere... How do we find Him... we seek Him... we seek by listening...” We listen to Him in prayer. We are silent in God’s presence.

He goes on to say that Mary serves as our role model. “We become like Mary in prayer, impregnated by the Holy Spirit. We are reborn and we inherit the kingdom of heaven.” (Kreeft, Peter, *Wisdom of the Heart* – Chapter 7: Silence: The Language of the Heart, Tan Books, 2025).

We are so fortunate to have our patroness, St. Marguerite, always in our midst as she exemplifies what it means to live an extraordinary catholic life.



The Holy Family - the School of Love

“They were holy because they placed God at the center of their family life, they loved and sacrificed for one another, and they radiated that love to others in the redemptive mission of the Word Incarnate.” (EWTN, Dec. 28, *Holy Family*).

“The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.”
Psalm 19:1 ESV

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Thank you for your generous support!

#10 security envelopes, no window, self seal
#9 envelopes, no window, self seal

Link to Amazon Wish List:
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 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.

*"Become his one family:
in the one Christ, we are one."
Pope Leo XIV*



ONE *in Christ*

2026 Bishop's Appeal
DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

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Bishop Caggiano's 2026 Bishop's Appeal Message

My Dear Friends,

I come to you with a joyful and grateful heart, for the Holy Spirit is working powerfully in our midst. Over the last few years, you have heard me say that we are in the work of renewal — of bringing new life, both individually to our own discipleship and collectively to our common life as a Church.

Well, now we're beginning to see the fruits of those efforts, and those fruits are growing. Our Mass attendance is up 22 percent in the last three years. We have more seminarians than we've had in 30 years ... and much more.

This is the moment for us to continue to apply ourselves so we can do even more. For that, I need your help in supporting the ministries that are the foundation of our Church and in funding the new initiatives that are giving further and even greater life to our Church.

My friends, I urge you to open your heart and ask what it is that we can do as our next step in supporting what the Lord is doing. I am always grateful for your generosity, so please consider a sacrificial gift in support of the 2026 *One in Christ* Bishop's Appeal, which will allow the renewal to continue to grow. Then, we can become the light to those around us, and to all people, who will see the light that you and I have found in Jesus Christ.

Thank you and please give generously so that we can continue the good work that God has begun with you and me.

Thank you and may God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Frank J. Caggiano

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

BISHOP'S APPEAL FUNDS

GOAL: \$8,000,000

Teaching and Preaching the Gospel\$3,641,500

Institute of Catholic Formation	\$ 467,250
• Face of Prayer	
• Childhood Faith Formation	
• Pastoral Support	
Ministry for Youth – Post-Confirmation Formation	\$ 143,000
Formation of Seminarians and Priests	\$ 1,041,500
Formation of Deacons	\$ 275,000
Vicar Stipends	\$ 21,500
Bishop's Scholarship Fund	\$ 700,000
Catholic Academy of Bridgeport	\$ 300,000
Communications	\$ 643,250
Veritas Catholic Network	\$ 50,000

Serving Our Community\$1,699,500

Catholic Charities of Fairfield County	\$ 500,000
St. Catherine Center for Special Needs	\$ 200,000
Nursing Homes	\$ 462,000
Pastoral Care of the Sick and Elderly	\$ 429,500
Priests Assigned to Special Ministries	\$ 90,000
Respect Life	\$ 18,000

Together in Faith...\$2,084,000

Support of Retired Priests	\$ 1,101,000
Stephen Ministries	\$ 30,000
Seton Collaborative	\$ 166,000
Campus Ministry and Young Adult Support	\$ 135,000
Choir Director	\$ 67,000
Tribunal and Safe Environment	\$ 485,000
Guilds	\$ 100,000
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 575,000

Total ABA Goal Allocation\$8,000,000

**In the spirit of financial transparency, the cost to conduct the Bishop's Appeal totals 7 cents on the dollar based on the 2025 Bishop's Appeal goal. Fundraising expenses may also provide additional support to a number of these areas.*
