

**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 24/25: \$3,283.00
OLG: \$1,648.00

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E-News

1 FEBRUARY 2026 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The **Parish's expenses** continue uninterrupted, regardless of winter storms. With January already bringing two weekends of significant snowfall, we are grateful for your continued generosity. Offertory contributions that could not be made in person may be mailed or delivered to the parish office, placed in the collection basket, or in the donation boxes at the entrances to the church. Please consider enrolling in online giving (details available at the "Donate" tab at stmarguerite.org). Contributions may also be made via text at 475.244.9691. Your support is appreciated.

Men's Parish Retreat — Pilgrims of Hope:

March 6-8 at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center. To register, call 860.760. 9705.

Ash Wednesday is February 18. This day marks the start of Lent, the 40-day period of prayer and fasting before Easter. The blessing and imposition of ashes will take place at the 8:30 am Mass.

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 sermon is emailed to subscribers. To join our email list, email office@stmarguerite.org. If you signed up but aren't don't see the emails in your inbox, check your junk or spam folders. Stay involved by staying informed!



The **2026 Bishop's Appeal** provides the funds for the pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Bridgeport. 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 self-knowledge. 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 generous gift to the Bishop's Appeal, the Diocese is better able to support men who are discerning priesthood that they may respond generously and courageously to that call and serve you as good and faithful shepherds. To learn more please visit: 2026BishopsAppeal.org. Thank you for your support.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

8:30 +Kathleen Kreger-Trezza by Trezza family

Tues, Feb 3: *St Blaise, St Ansgar*

8:30 +John Guardo by Nacinovich family

Wed, Feb 4

8:30 +Rev William Sangiovanni by Father Jordan

Thurs, Feb 5: *St Agatha*

8:30 +Joanne Caruno by Katy Murphy

Fri, Feb 6: *St Paul Miki and Companions*

8:30 +Peter Gianatiempo by Patts family

Sat, Feb 7: *BVM*

4:30 +Erik Schoeneborn by Mary Ellen Tiernan

Sun, Feb 8: *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 +Rev Francis Posluszny by Mike Miska

11:00 +Louis Pontillo, Sr. by family;

+Rudolph Hafkemeyer by Elsie Flynn

5 pm +Miriam Bowman by Rich and Laureen Leshik

**THIS WEEK
IN THE PARISH**

Tues, Feb 3
9:15 am - Legion of Mary

10 am - Prayer Shawl / Rosary
Making



Ash Wednesday February 18

**Distribution of ashes at
Mass at 8:30 am only**

Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return



New Day Bereavement Program
Spring Session Registration Now Open
March 19 – May 21
Thursday afternoons 2:00 – 3:30pm
No session April 2

Your loss may be recent or long ago. We are here to help you on your journey to healing where you are invited to share your story, and to find comfort in a supportive, confidential environment.

God will support you in your sorrow, and He will walk with you as you begin your journey through loss to healing.

Meetings take place in a small-group confidential setting at

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys
138 Candlewood Lake Rd.
Brookfield

Meetings are led by trained bereavement facilitators. There is no charge.

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys 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.

www.Thegrief.org

Once the form is submitted, you will hear from one of our bereavement ministers regarding the next steps.

*"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.*

ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS – THE CHURCH AND THE SAINT

A Pilgrimage Through and With St. Marguerite



Queen of Heaven Window - a generous gift from Beatrice P. Sommer and gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gagne, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Geddes, Mrs. Natalie DiBella and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Grandmaison

Revelations 12 (NAB)

¹ A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. ² She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. ³ Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems... ⁵ She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne...

⁷ Then war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled against the dragon. The dragon and its angels fought back, ⁸ but they did not prevail and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ The huge dragon, the ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, who deceived the whole world, was thrown down to earth, and its angels were thrown down with it.

On our rear nave wall, and opposite to the Holy family window is this window, "Queen of Heaven", depicting the crowned Queen Mother holding Jesus. Also depicted are St. Benedict (6th century monk, brown habit), who promoted his Rule for monastic life, "Ora et Labora", and St. Augustine of Hippo (4th century bishop, red robes). Augustine was the author of "Confessions" in which he wrote "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."

Notice in the bottom right corner of the window St. Augustine holds a framed painting depicting Archangel Michael and his angels casting out Satan and his minions.

From what is now understood, Fr. Audette designed the coat of arms at the bottom of this window, but that has not been confirmed. The double-barred "Patriarchal" cross symbolizes both St. Benedict and St. Augustine as Western church Patriarchs. Both of the saints hold their shepherd staff or bishop's crozier associated with their particular orders and rules.

In the words of St. Benedict XVI in the 3rd part of his work, *The Spirit of the Liturgy*, "...let us not forget the glorious art of Gothic stained glass! The windows of the Gothic cathedrals keep out the garishness of the light outside, while concentrating that light and using it so that the whole history of God in relation to man, from creation to the Second Coming, shines through."

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#10 security envelopes, no window, self seal
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