

**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 31/Feb 1: \$6,498.00
OLG: \$3,155.00

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E-News

8 FEBRUARY 2026 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

Registration is now open for the spring session of the **New Day Bereavement Program** being held at St. Marguerite's. See the flyers in the church for details. To submit a Program Inquiry Form, visit thegrief.org or call Carolyn Killian at 203.404.0023.

Forgot your offertory envelope? Blank envelopes are always available on the tables at the entrances to the church next to the printed copies of E-News.

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

The Knights of Columbus' **Coats for Kids Drive** was a huge success! Thank you for your support! Over 500 coats, 50 sweaters, and 200+ hats, gloves, mittens, scarves were given to the working poor and homeless.



The **2026 Bishop's Appeal** invites us to live out "The One", our diocesan vision of spiritual and pastoral renewal. United as One in Christ, we support ministries that accompany others in faith, reflect truth, beauty and goodness, and serve those in need throughout Fairfield County.

Your generosity helps the Diocese to: **Form priests, deacons, and laity** to preach, lead, and evangelize more effectively; **Provide tuition assistance** in partnership with Foundation in Education for families seeking a Catholic education; **Provide faith formation** to our diocesan communities; **Offer pastoral care** to the isolated, grieving, and ill; and **Assist individuals and families in crisis** through Catholic Charities and other outreach programs. To learn more or to donate, visit: 2026BishopsAppeal.org. Thank you for your support.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Feb 9

8:30 +Deceased Members of the Miska and Maleski families

Tues, Feb 10: St Scholastica

8:30 +Rev John Burke, OP by Father Jordan

Wed, Feb 11: Our Lady of Lourdes

8:30 +Millie Maluzzi by Frank family

Thurs, Feb 12

8:30 +William Clifford by Bruce Richards

Fri, Feb 13

8:30 Liv/Dec Members of the DeAlessio, Martin, and Bianco families

Sat, Feb 14: Sts Cyril, Monk, and Methodius

4:30 +Eva, +Valmont, and +Paul Bernier by family

Sun, Feb 15: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 +Robert Amadio by Cann family

11:00 Ints of Jennifer Griek and family by Macera family; +Michael Garritano by Sal Garritano

5 pm +Nancy Kelly by Linda Diorio

February 9-15:

Our **Altar Candles** are for
+Millie DeKoskie by family.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon, Feb 9
10:00 am - Cenacle

Tues, Feb 10
9:15 am - Legion of Mary



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

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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,

thomas 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

Matthew 16:18-20

18 And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

The Keys to the Kingdom

It is the stained-glass windows in our church that draw us into the stories, the Gospel, the letters of Peter and Paul. We capture a visual of the lead players, their acts of mercy, and are drawn to the truths that they convey, mercy, hope, trust, love, charity, and so on.

Teachers, parents, and clergy realize these visual lessons, these icons, are the best teaching tool to augment the lessons we learn through sacred scripture. They help us and our students to gain a deeper understanding of the things in which we are encouraged to have faith, the truths, the mysteries, the history of Christianity and our Catholicism.

"During Medieval times, when most people were illiterate and unable to read religious texts themselves, stained-glass windows provided a visual representation of important biblical events and figures."

(<https://pathoftheholyspirit.com/the-meaning-behind-stained-glass-windows-in-catholic-churches/>). Much like in our liturgical calendar, colors have certain specific meaning – red for sacrifice and martyrdom, blue divine for love, heaven, purity, purple for royalty, and gold for heavenly glory.

In this window, named "The Keys of the Kingdom" we see the sheep and the lamb, these symbolize the Passover Lamb, the pascal lamb, the sacrificial lamb. And the little one, 'bound' to his master looks out at his people, and smiles at them as if beckoning them to share the love of his shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ, and to follow Peter, the ruler of the flock.

He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." [Jesus] said to him, "Feed my sheep."

John 21:17



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- * **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.