

**ST. MARGUERITE
BOURGOYS
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

Feb 7/8: \$4,310.00
OLG: \$3,449.00

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E-News

15 FEBRUARY 2026 - SIXTH 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.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent at 7 pm

Catholics are obligated to practice **Fasting and Abstinence** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. Fasting for adults, ages 18-59, consists of having one full meal, as well as two small meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Abstinence for individuals, ages 14+, refers to the absence of meat.

Office is Closed on Monday, February 16 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Our Diocese is hosting **Called By Name** on February 21-22. Parishioners will be invited to submit the name and contact information of young men (15-30s) who show promise in their faith and may be open to the priesthood. Cards will be provided at Mass. Names can be submitted online at bridgeportpriest.org.

Registration is open for the **New Day Bereavement Program** being held at St. Marguerite's. Questions? Call Carolyn at 203.404.0023 or visit thegrief.org.

VIRTUS—Safe Environment Program: In compliance with the Diocese of Bridgeport and to ensure the safety of our children, volunteers are required to complete Virtus training. Visit bridgeportdiocese.org/safe-environment/home/ for details.



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.

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 or to donate, visit: 2026BishopsAppeal.org. Thank you for your support!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Feb 16

8:30 Ints of Fr Brian Gannon by Aberin family

Tues, Feb 17: 7 Holy Founders of Servite Order

8:30 +Hugh O'Donnell by Piccorelli family

Wed, Feb 18: Ash Wednesday

8:30 Parishioners of St Marguerite's

Thurs, Feb 19

8:30 +Francesco Fata by Fata family

Fri, Feb 20

8:30 +Gloria Pennacchia by Clare and Sal Pennino

Sat, Feb 21: St Peter Damian

4:30 +Connie and +Paul Cook by Shirley Kocian

Sun, Feb 22: First Sunday of Lent

8:30 Mass of Hope by Lay Missionaries of Charity

11:00 +Peter Kirk by Eleanor Kirk;

Ints of Crutchfield family by Amy Pontillo

5 pm +Msgr Richard Shea by Bob and Dee Zelle

February 16-22:

Our **St Marguerite Candle** is for
the Intentions of Luz Sumba and family.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon, Feb 16
11:30 am - Kathleen Bacich Funeral

Tues, Feb 17
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



DIOCESE
OF
BRIDGEPORT

January 14, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in our Lord Jesus Christ.

As your bishop, one of my greatest responsibilities is to ensure that the faithful of our diocese will always have good and holy priests to shepherd them. And yet, priestly vocations are never the work of one person alone. They arise when the whole Church prays for, encourages, and calls forth those men whom God has chosen.

For this reason, our diocese is once again hosting **Called by Name on February 21-22**, during which I ask you to help me identify young men who demonstrate faith, generosity, and leadership.

You may recall this initiative from last year, through which the Vocation Office received over 300 submissions. We have seen tremendous fruit from this effort, with more men in discernment groups, attending events, and being accompanied by our Vocation Team.

In fact, I am pleased to report that we accepted **10 new seminarians this past fall, bringing our total number of seminarians for the diocese to 38. We also have at least 4 men in application for the next academic year.** I thank you for your prayers, support, and participation in last year's Called By Name campaign, which have all meaningfully contributed to this growth. But our work is not done!

To continue this momentum, we want to connect with even more incredible young men this year! I invite you to nominate young men in your community who live their faith with integrity, serve generously, and show potential for Christian leadership. Your nomination may be the spark that helps a young man open his heart more fully to God's call. Don't hesitate to nominate a young man again, we want to continue to support him.

You may use the cards provided at Mass or submit names online at bridgeportpriest.org. For those under 18, please include their parents' names as well.

This effort is dear to my heart. With your thoughtful participation, I am confident the Lord will raise up many new shepherds for his people. May this campaign bear lasting fruit for our diocese and for the salvation of souls.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport



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.



SUPPORTING VOCATIONS: A CALL ANSWERED

From childhood Masses to mission trips in remote villages, God has been faithfully guiding **Herley Mendez Torres' call to the priesthood**. Through the love and encouragement of his family, parish pastors, seminary faculty, and especially the support of **Bishop Caggiano**, Herley has grown in faith, fraternity, and joyful service to God's people.

The seminary has transformed his life, teaching him to trust more deeply in God, strengthening his prayer, and preparing his heart to serve the Church. This vital formation is made possible through the generosity of the faithful.

Your support of the Bishop's Appeal helps form future priests, ensuring they are prepared to walk with God's people and lead them to Christ.

Thank you for supporting vocations in our diocese. Please continue to **pray for Herley** and for all our seminarians as they discern and respond to God's call.

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS TODAY!

2026BISHOPSAPPEAL.ORG



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

The Silent Miracle of the Altar

“The hosts that are not consumed during Mass are reserved in the tabernacle, that small, sacred ‘dwelling’ you’ll find in our churches—marked by the burning lamp that silently proclaims: *Christ is truly here.*” The Silent Miracle

The exquisite tabernacle on the altar at St. Marguerite features the coronation of Mary, with Jesus and God and the Holy Spirit participating in placing the crown upon her head. This is not the original tabernacle, but one installed in the late 1990s, after the marble pedestal was constructed to support it. Kneeling angels gracefully support the tabernacle, reminiscent of the original design that God meticulously instructed Moses to create in Exodus 25:22 (RSV). God explains to Moses regarding the placement of the angels with their wings extended that it is “[t]here I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are upon the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you of all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel”. The mercy seat, mentioned again in Hebrews 9:5, has become a place of atonement for the Christian people through the most perfect tabernacle.

During daily mass this week, Fr. Shawn shared that the sacraments serve as the means through which God heals us today, much like how Jesus healed countless individuals in Galilee. He emphasized that the sacraments bind “the wounds so that we can continue moving forward in our pilgrimage with God walking beside us.” It is through these sacred rites that we receive the transmission of God’s grace. The Holy Eucharist is known as the Blessed Sacrament, where “in the Holy Eucharist, Christ is present wholly, body, blood, soul, and divinity, under the appearance of bread and wine.”

Saint Marguerite held a profound devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, which enabled her to guide her congregations closer to Jesus.



“We are very grateful that Saint Marguerite will become known and loved by the parishioners in this area of the diocese. In turn, we trust that she will be a source of strenght and unity for all those involved in establishing this new parish so that it will be for all of us a living example of Christian community.”

Sister Rosemary Cianciolo, CND, December 21, 1984

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