

**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**

Feb 14/15: \$4,652.00  
OLG: \$1,601.00

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# E-News

## 22 FEBRUARY 2026 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### Lent is a 40-Day Period of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving before Easter.

~ **Stations of the Cross:** at 7 pm in the Church, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. ~ 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.

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](http://thegrief.org).

Our Diocese is hosting **Called By Name** on February 21st-22nd. 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](http://bridgeportpriest.org).

The Knights of Columbus Candlewood Lake Council is selling **Palm Crosses** for \$20/each. See the poster in the church and in the narthex. The deadline to place an order is Sunday, March 15th. Pick up is on March 29th at St. Marguerite's. There will be some extras for pick up on March 29th. Scan the QR code or visit [candlewood-lake-council---knights-of-columbus.square.site/](http://candlewood-lake-council---knights-of-columbus.square.site/).



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.

The **Respect Life Ministry** supports the diocese's efforts to promote and uphold the Church's teaching on the dignity of human life in all its stages. The ministry works to support efforts to educate the laity on life issues, which include Catholic teaching, legislative initiatives, and public policies that impact the dignity and respect of the human person. It also supports efforts to promote peaceful prayer initiatives in the public square such as the 40 Days for Life Campaign, Holy Hours, and Rosary Rallies throughout the year in the Diocese.

To learn more or to donate, visit: [2026BishopsAppeal.org](http://2026BishopsAppeal.org). Thank you for your support!

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Mon, Feb 23:** *Saint Polycarp*

8:30 Liv/Dec of Madden, Murphy, and Malone families by Katy Murphy

**Tues, Feb 24**

8:30 +Robert D'Avanzo by William and Mary Prattella

**Wed, Feb 25**

8:30 +Attila Megeri by Katy Murphy

**Thurs, Feb 26**

8:30 +Rev William J O'Halloran, SJ by Fr Jordan

**Fri, Feb 27:** *St Gregory of Narek*

8:30 +Anna Nacinovich by Nacinovich family

**Sat, Feb 28**

4:30 +Nicholas Cremonese by Nacinovich family

**Sun, Mar 1:** *Second Sunday of Lent*

8:30 +Gary Luente by Rejean and Lili Blais

11:00 +Danilo Aberin by family;

Ints of Paula Morasco by Doreen Bernier

5 pm +Eileen Butler by Eileen & Jack Maloney

February 16-22:

Our **Altar Candles** are for the healing of Jill Potter requested by Tami Nimer.

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**Tues, Feb 24**  
9:15 am - Legion of Mary

**Fri, Feb 27**  
7 pm - Stations of the Cross



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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](http://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,

*Frank J. Caggiano*

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano  
Bishop of Bridgeport



## LENT: A JOURNEY OF HOPE

As we enter the holy season of **Lent**, the Church invites us to deepen our lives of **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. These sacred practices draw us closer to Christ and strengthen our communion with one another.

Lent is a journey of the heart, a time to reflect on God's mercy, renew our commitment to the Gospel, and grow in hope. This hope is not meant to be kept to ourselves; it reaches out, lifts up, and transforms lives.

United as **One in Christ**, we are called to share this hope with our brothers and sisters throughout our diocese. As you prayerfully make your Lenten sacrifices, please consider offering a gift to the **Bishop's Appeal**. Your generosity becomes a living sign of hope and a witness to our shared mission as the Church.

Be assured of our prayers as you begin your Lenten journey. May this season draw us ever closer to Christ and to one another.

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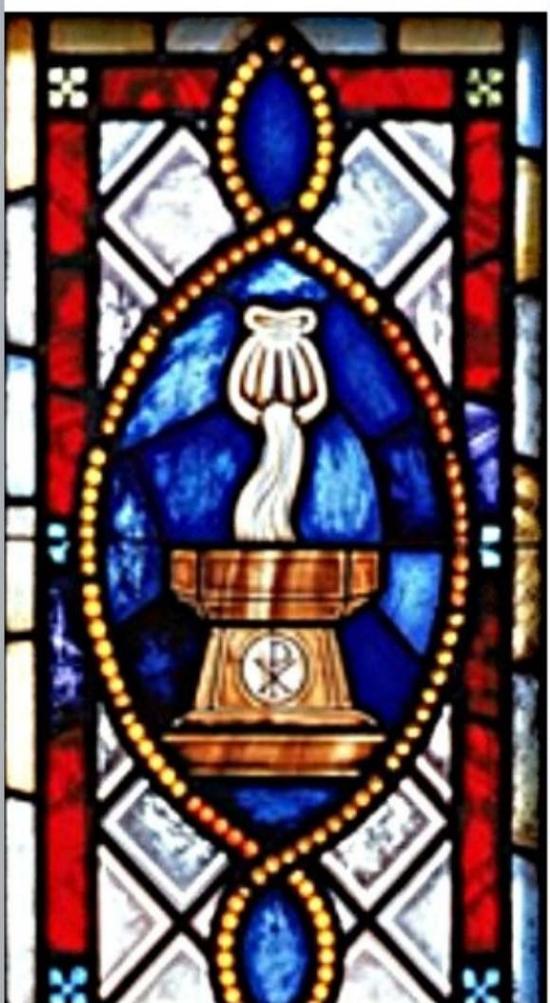
# ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS – THE CHURCH AND THE SAINT

## A Pilgrimage Through and With St. Marguerite

### The Sacrament of Baptism

"Baptism is the sacrament that gives our souls the life of sanctifying grace by which we become children of God and heirs of heaven. It takes away original sin," as stated on our website under 'The Seven Sacraments'. The sacramental stained-glass windows of our sanctuary were donated by various families in the parish. This window located at the top left of the altar, indicating baptism, was donated by the McGGetrick Family. These windows were installed in the church in the late 1990's as part of the transformation of the church initiated by Fr. Audette.

This particular design incorporates a shell with water flowing from it symbolizing washing away of original sin. The water is flowing into a baptismal font. The font has the 'Chi-Ro' symbol inscribed on the front. These are the two letters at the beginning of the Greek word for Christ, Χριστός (Christos). As we have seen in the other stained-glass windows that we have visited in the church, the use of red, blue and gold are also significant representing divine wisdom and the Blessed Mother, sacrifice and purification, and heavenly glory. The elliptical shapes surrounding the design also portray the array in which God has ordered the universe.



In chapter 6 of his letter to the Romans, Paul teaches us how important this rite of baptism is in our lives within the church community as the body of Christ.

3 Know you not that all we, who are baptized in Christ Jesus, are baptized in his death?  
4 For we are buried together with him by baptism into death; that as Christ is risen from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also may walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.  
6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin may be destroyed, to the end that we may serve sin no longer."

(Romans 6:3-6 DRA)

Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys was baptized on Good Friday, April 17, 1620, in the French city of Troyes. It was there that she received her catechesis from her devout mother and father, and through her beloved church of Saint-Jean. It was also there, as a member of the body of Christ, that she felt the enormous power of the Blessed Virgin calling her to begin her work of charity and teaching.



During medieval times, a separate building would be built to allow those in the church community to worship who had not yet been baptized called the Baptistry from the Greek word for bathing place. It was a separate building where the adults underwent catechesis culminating in full immersion in a baptismal font. The baptistry represented spiritual rebirth. One famous such structure is the Pisa Baptistery that is located in the same complex as its askew bell tower the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Deadline: Sunday (March 15, 2026) - Pick Up: Palm Sunday (March 29, 2026)

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**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](http://www.Thegrief.org)**

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



## ST MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS CHURCH INVITES YOU TO SUPPORT OUR MISSION AND PROGRAMS THROUGH OUR ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM.



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For questions, email us at [office@stmarguerite.org](mailto:office@stmarguerite.org)

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