

**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 28/Mar 1: \$6,364.00  
OLG: \$3,805.00

**Staff**

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# E-News

## 8 MARCH 2026 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

~ **Stations of the Cross:** Fridays 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.

Knights of Columbus Council 11913, serving St. Marguerite and St. Joseph parishes, is assessing if there is an interest to form a **Columbiettes Auxiliary** to our council. The Columbiettes is a women's auxiliary organization of the Knights of Columbus (columbiettes.com). Please call or text Brian Frame at 203.417.9702 if you are interested or have further questions.

Our Ladies' Sodality invites you to a **St Patrick / St Joseph Sacred Grounds Coffee** next Sunday, March 15th in the Hall after the morning Masses. There will be lots of delicious food and coffee! Irish Soda Bread (\$8/each) will be available for purchase and orders for handmade rosaries will be taken.

**Palm Crosses** for \$20/each are available for purchase from the Knights of Columbus Candlewood Lake Council. The deadline to place an order is Sunday, March 15th. Pick up is March 29th. There will be extra crosses available for purchase on Sunday, March 29th. Scan the QR code on the poster or pick up a form to order.

**Please note:** On Sunday, March 15th, there will NOT be a 5 pm Mass. Additionally, Monday, March 16th-Friday, March 20th, there will not be an 8:30 am Mass. Office and Church will be open 9am-3pm, Monday-Thursday.



**St Marguerite Parish Goal: \$65,700**  
**Pledged: \$25,615; Paid: \$10,700; % of Goal: 39**

The **2026 Bishop's Appeal** is the major source of revenue for supporting the ministries and agencies of the Diocese of Bridgeport.

The Bishop's Appeal helps sustain ministries like Young Adult outreach, creating spaces where young Catholics encounter Christ, form lasting communities, and grow as one Church. When young adults unite in faith, the Lord brings joy, strength, and renewed hope to our parishes.

Please prayerfully consider supporting the Bishop's Appeal with a pledge or one-time gift as your means allow. To donate, visit: [2026BishopsAppeal.org](http://2026BishopsAppeal.org). Thank you for your support!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon, Mar 9: Saint Frances of Rome**  
8:30 +Mary and +Maureen McGuire by Barbara Randall

**Tues, Mar 10**  
8:30 +Joanne Gabryszewski by Doreen Bernier

**Wed, Mar 11**  
8:30 +Joe and +Norma Bernier by family

**Thurs, Mar 12**  
8:30 +Dorothy Mangone by Nacinovich family

**Fri, Mar 13**  
8:30 Living/Deceased Members of DeAlessio, Martin, and Bianco families

**Sat, Mar 14**

4:30 +William Kocian and +Brenda Austin by Shirley Kocian

**Sun, Mar 15: Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8:30 +Marion Bruce by Caraluzzi family  
11:00 +Kathy Lathrop by the families of Aly Bennett, Hadley MacDonald, and Jennie Patts;  
+Kathy Lathrop by Madeline and Ingo Maass  
No 5 pm Mass

**THIS WEEK  
IN THE PARISH**

**Tues, Mar 10**  
9:15 am - Legion of Mary

**Fri, Mar 13**  
7 pm - Stations of the Cross

**Sat, Mar 14**  
10:30 am - Pasquale Cremonese funeral

# SACRED GROUNDS COFFEE

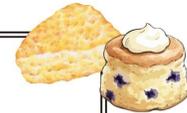


Let's Celebrate in the Hall!

Sunday, March 15  
(Laetare Sunday)  
after the  
8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
Masses



\*Coffee and tea



\*Irish breakfast foods and baked goods

\*Traditional St. Joseph's Day table with  
Italian breads and desserts

\*French fare for St. Marguerite

\* Irish soda bread



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with

## Irish Soda Bread

For sale at Sacred Grounds Coffee  
Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> after the  
8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses



\$8  
EACH

Loaves baked by members of the  
St. Marguerite Ladies' Sodality



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

# PALM CROSSES

## "HE IS RISEN"

# 2026



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**

Candlewood Lake Council  
Brookfield, Connecticut



\$20 each - pre-ordered only - online w/credit card or cash/check with paper form

Order Deadline: Sunday, March 15, 2026 @ 6:00pm

Pick-up on Palm Sunday - March 29, 2026 at St Marguerite's OR St Joseph's (must select one location only)

Choice of Bow colors: Purple, Lavender, Pink, Fuchsia, White, Yellow, Light Blue and Royal Blue.

To order view this QR code from your iPhone or iPad's camera. You will be brought to our order web site.

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# ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS – THE CHURCH AND THE SAINT

## *A Pilgrimage Through and With St. Marguerite*

### Reconciliation, Confession

"The sacrament of Reconciliation is the sacrament by which the sins committed after baptism are forgiven through the absolution of the priest and sanctifying grace is restored to the penitent. It was instituted by Jesus Christ on the first Easter Sunday night. And, the first Easter Sunday night, our Lord fulfilled His promise to give His Apostles the power to forgive sins. Jesus said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive they are forgiven, and whose sins you shall retain they are retained' (John 20:21-23)." The Seven Sacraments.

Entering this period of Lent, parishioners are preparing themselves for Christ's healing mercy. We prepare by looking honestly at our choices, our actions, and the places we fall short. We are assisted in this examination through fasting which helps strip away some of the practices that we may enjoy that distract us from seeing our faults clearly. Daily liturgies guide us deeper, exposing our defects, such as hypocrisy, hardened hearts, injustices and lack of self-restraint into which we have sunk low. Christ reassures us again and again. And when we recognize our sin, "call, and the Lord will answer; ... cry for help, and He will say, '**Here I am.**'" (Isaiah 58:9, ASV)

As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, we hand "our imperfect self over to the One who responds by handing us back our true self through his gift of self on the cross. The Lord sets before us life and death, and asks us to 'choose life' by obediently taking up Christ's cross" (Magnificat - February 2026, p. 292).

**PSALM 51:3-4.**

**A HEART CONTRITE AND HUMBLLED, O  
GOD, YOU WILL NOT SPURN.**

**HAVE MERCY ON ME, O GOD, IN YOUR  
GOODNESS;**

**IN THE GREATNESS OF YOUR  
COMPASSION WIPE OUT MY OFFENSE.  
THOROUGHLY WASH ME FROM MY GUILT  
AND OF MY SIN CLEANSE ME.**



*This sacramental window of Reconciliation was donated by the Ryan and Novakowski Families.*

*In the window are depicted:*

- 1) the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven which Christ handed to Peter at the time that Christ gave the church the power to forgive sins.
- 2) The stole which the priests wears when he administers the sacraments.
- 3) Praying hands symbolizing the penitent who is sorrowfully confessing, seeking God's mercy and forgiveness.



## YOUNG ADULTS UNITED IN CHRIST!



Growing up in a deeply faith-filled family, **Emma Ratnaval** longed for a lifelong community rooted in Christ. After college, a simple invitation from a friend led her to a **Young Adult Ministry** gathering, an unexpected blessing that reconnected her with peers who desired holiness, authentic friendship, and a vibrant Catholic life.

Through choir, Bible studies, faith-sharing discussions, and joyful fellowship, Emma discovered a place where young adults pray together, support one another, and boldly live out their faith. This ministry also allowed her to share her gifts of music, leadership, and hospitality in service to God and His Church.

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Emma's journey reminds us that when young adults unite in faith, the Lord brings joy, strength, and renewed hope to our parishes.



**YOUNG ADULT SPOTLIGHT**  
Emma Ratnaval

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*Save the Date*

**MOTHER DAUGHTER**

*Tea Party*





**Sunday, May 31**  
after 11 a.m. Mass

**Cost is \$5 per person**  
(Grandmas, Aunts,  
Godmothers also welcome!)

**More information to follow**

*Hosted by the St. Marguerite Ladies' Sodality*

**ONLINE GIVING**

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INVITES YOU TO SUPPORT OUR  
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**St Marguerite Bourgeoys Church  
BROOKFIELD, CT**

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