

**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

Mar 7/8: \$5,952.00
OLG: \$3,420.00

Staff

Finance Council Chairman:
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Music Director: Jack Basso



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E-News

15 MARCH 2026 - FOURTH 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.

Registration for 2026-27 **Faith Formation** classes: Classes start in first grade. Currently registered families were mailed registration forms. If you are new to the area or the parish, contact Mary Ellen Tiernan at 203.775.5117, x215, metiernan@stmarguerite.org for information about our programs.

Virtus Training: All volunteers in the Diocese of Bridgeport are required to comply with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy which requires you to attend the program "Protecting God's Children". To volunteer with the parish or Diocese, register for the program at virtus.org.

Save the Date for a Mother Daughter Tea Party on Sunday, May 31st at noon. Cost is \$5.

Join us August 5-7 for a **Sight and Sound Theatre** production of Joshua. See the flyers in the church for details and pricing.



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.

If you have not yet responded to the 2026 Bishop's Appeal, please reflect upon the importance of your support to ministry and outreach that relies upon the charity of the Diocese of Bridgeport. The challenge is immediate and far-reaching, but the solution is within our reach!

There are many options when deciding upon the best way to support the Appeal: make a pledge and spread out payments over 5-10 months; make an automatic monthly recurring gift; donate online at 2026BishopsAppeal.org; donate a one-time gift, and gift appreciated stocks or securities.

Please prayerfully consider supporting the Bishop's Appeal with a gift as your means allow. To donate, visit: 2026BishopsAppeal.org. Thank you for your support!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Mar 16
8:30 No Mass
Tues, Mar 17: St Patrick
8:30 No Mass
Wed, Mar 18: St Cyril of Jerusalem
8:30 No Mass
Thurs, Mar 19: St Joseph, Spouse of BVM
8:30 No Mass

Fri, Mar 20
8:30 No Mass
Sat, Mar 21
4:30 +Anthony Nacinovich by Nacinovich family
Sun, Mar 22: Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:30 Ints of Karen Johnson and family by Macera family
11:00 +Leonard Faccenda, Sr by Al and Mary Ann Mascia; +Margherita and +Tony Greco by family
5:00 pm Intentions of Biasetti family

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tues, Mar 17
9:15 am - Legion of Mary

10 am - Prayer Shawl /
Rosary Making

Fri, Mar 20
7 pm - Stations of the Cross



ACCOMPANYING NEIGHBORS IN NEED!



After losing his job and his home, **Aaron** felt overwhelmed and unsure where to turn. Through the compassionate outreach of **Catholic Charities' New Covenant Center in Stamford**, he found hope and someone to walk with him on his journey forward.

Dedicated staff accompanied Aaron as he searched for housing, regained stability, and re-entered the job market. With their guidance and support, he now has a new apartment and renewed hope for the future. His story reflects the life-changing impact of programs that serve those who are unhoused, seeking employment, and ready to rebuild their lives.

Stories like Aaron's are made possible through the **Bishop's Appeal**. Your generosity helps ensure that our neighbors in crisis are met with dignity, compassion, and the love of Christ.

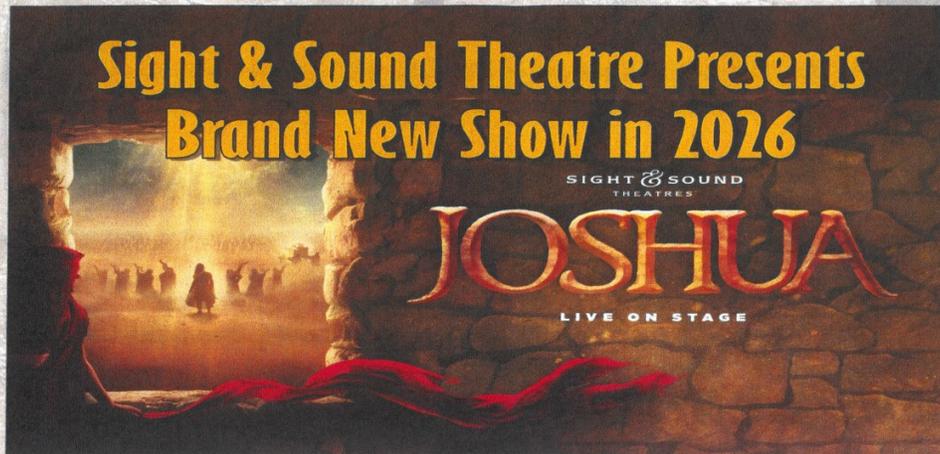
Thank you for supporting **Catholic Charities** and for helping transform lives through the Bishop's Appeal.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES, CLIENT
Aaron May

MAKE YOUR GIFT TO THE BISHOP'S APPEAL TODAY!
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St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church & St Marianne Cope Parish Presents:



Lancaster, PA

**Dinner with an Amish Family • Amish Countryside Tour
Seltzer's Smokehouse Tour**

August 5-7, 2026 Wed-Fri

Day 1: We depart via deluxe motorcoach for our tour to Lancaster, PA - the heart of the Amish Country. 2 nights at the **COMFORT SUITES LANCASTER**, featuring spacious guestrooms, indoor pool, fitness center. This evening prepare for a unique and truly memorable experience as we enjoy an **AUTHENTIC AMISH DINNER** prepared by an Amish family. Enjoy their kind and gracious hospitality as the family serves you a delicious Penn Dutch feast.

Day 2: Venture out onto the roads less traveled through the heart of the Amish farmlands. Enjoy picturesque scenery, see the pristine farms, visit an Amish Broom Shop and a Quilt Shop to chat about quilt making. Explore **KITCHEN KETTLE VILLAGE** with lunch on own before taking our preferred reserved seats this afternoon at Sight & Sound Theatre for **"JOSHUA."** From the banks of the Jordan River to the towering walls of Jericho, JOSHUA is a miraculous adventure for the whole family. Journey alongside the people of Israel as they navigate their new-found freedom in an unforgiving wilderness. When Joshua is called to replace Moses as their faithful leader, tensions mount in the midst of dwindling supplies and approaching armies. With one last fortified city standing between the Israelites and the Promised Land, unexpected help emerges from behind enemy lines and Joshua's trust in God's plan is put to the ultimate test. Smorgasbord dinner at **HERSHEY FARM RESTAURANT**.

Day 3: Step inside the world of old-fashioned craftsmanship at **SELTZER'S SMOKEHOUSE** in Palmyra, PA. Enjoy a guided tour of this fourth-generation, family-run smokehouse, where you'll learn how their famous meats are made using traditional Pennsylvania Dutch recipes and slow, hardwood smoking methods. Watch the process up close, discover the rich history behind this local favorite, and sample the distinct, savory flavor that makes Seltzer's a true regional treasure. A delicious and educational experience you won't forget!

COST: \$699 pp double / triple
\$849 pp single Based on 40

Includes: Deluxe motorcoach, 2 nights hotel, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, sightseeing & admissions as per itinerary, Friendship Tours Escort, Driver & Tour Director Gratuity

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DEPARTURE: 1. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, 138 Candlewood Lake Rd, Brookfield
2. St. Marianne Cope Parish, 340 Hudson St, Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, NY

DEPOSIT: \$150 pp by May 6, 2026

FINAL PAYMENT: June 17, 2026

CHECKS PAYABLE & MAILED TO: Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Church
138 Candlewood Lake Rd, Brookfield, CT 06804

FOR RESERVATIONS: Mary Ellen Tiernan 845-600-5425

CANCELLATION POLICY: If a passenger cancels from deposit to June 24, 2026 fee of \$50 pp; June 25 to July 22, 2026 fee of \$150 pp; no refunds if cancelled on July 23, 2026 or later unless a substitute is provided.

Trip Protection Coverage is strongly recommended. Trip Protection offers coverage for Cancellation for covered medical reasons, Interruption, Emergency Medical, Travel Delay, & more.

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Fill A Bag for 40 days!

This Lent, every day for 40 days find a piece of clothing you no longer wear and place it in a black trash bag! Then bring it to us on the following day:

**April 11, 2026
8:00am - 11:00am
St. Joseph Church
376 Main St, Danbury, CT 06810**



For more information email:
info@crewlfm.org



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

PALM CROSSES

"HE IS RISEN"

2026



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Brookfield, Connecticut



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

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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.

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ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS – THE CHURCH AND THE SAINT

A Pilgrimage Through and With St. Marguerite

Confirmation

“Confirmation is the sacrament through which the Holy Spirit comes to us in a special way and enables us to profess our faith as strong and perfect Christians and witnesses of Jesus Christ” The Seven Sacraments.

Joseph Forbes, in his *Novena to St. Marguerite Bourgeoys*, reminds us that our patron saint emanated “willingness to sacrifice and offer her life for the wellbeing of others, and showcases a remarkable level of selflessness and dedication to the services of others...Despite her eventual canonization, [she] remained humble, dedicated to her cause, and committed to the values she upheld, emphasizing the importance of humility despite recognition and acclaim.”

This stained glass window to the left of the altar, represents Confirmation, and was a generous gift from the Carroll family, led by Pat Spitzfaden.

The Holy Spirit is portrayed as a dove. Radiating from Him are rays of light casting down tongues of fire.

Confirmation is an ongoing Pentecostal act of our Lord,



Saint Marguerite found inspiration for her mission in two mysteries of the Holy Rosary that guide the Church in Lent. The **Visitation** shows Mary bringing comfort to St. Elizabeth, calling Catholics to visit the sick and give alms with generous hearts.

But, it is the second, **Pentecost**, that St. Marguerite held close to her heart, and works powerfully in our lives, not only during Lent but during our entire life.

The **Catholic Catechism**, CC1302, states that “It is evident from its celebration that the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost.”

St. Thomas Aquinas, in his *Summa Theological*, teaches, that at Confirmation, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, imprint on the Christian soul a certain character, “[t]his ‘character’ perfects the common priesthood of the faithful, received in Baptism, and the confirmed person receives the power to profess faith in Christ publicly and ...officially.”

When our Patroness embarked for New Canada, she powerfully exemplified Aquinas’ meaning. She knew that she faced peril, and possible death, hardship and deprivation, but “she told herself she was working for God and in Him she could do all things.” (Sister Mary Genevieve, *Marguerite*, P.69).

“God is not satisfied if we preserve the love we owe our neighbour; we must preserve our neighbour in the love he ought to have for us.”

“The sisters ought to ask in fervent prayer for the graces they need to succeed in their work”.
St. Marguerite Bourgeoys



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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!)

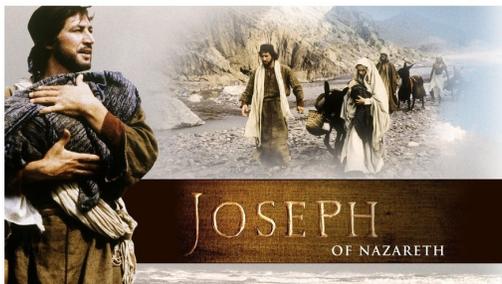
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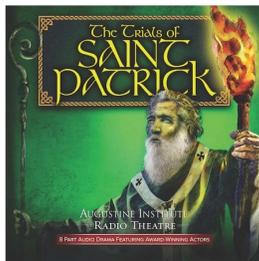
This Week on Formed

Week of March 15, 2026



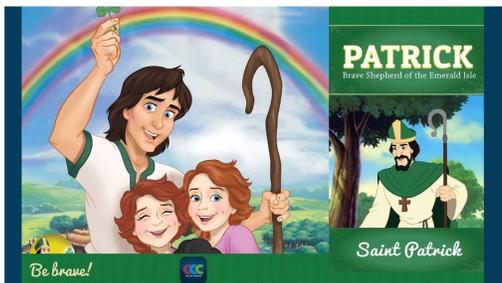
Joseph of Nazareth

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



The Trials of Saint Patrick

The Trials of Saint Patrick, a powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy, and forgiveness. With skilled actors and cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination and sparking inspiration.



Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle

Fun-loving Patrick had it easy at his parents' seaside villa. At 16, he thought he had it made for life—that is, until the day riders kidnapped him to nearby Ireland. Now a slave and shepherd, Patrick faced a bleak and uncertain future. To survive, he'd have to conquer cold, hunger, wild beasts, and even worse enemies.

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