

**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 14/15: \$4,251.00  
OLG: \$1,689.00

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# E-News

## 22 MARCH 2026 - FIFTH 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.

Diocese of Bridgeport **Reconciliation**

**Monday:** March 30, 3-9 pm, at select

parishes, including St Joseph (Brookfield)

and St Peter (Danbury).

### 40 Hours Devotion in the CHAPEL—

March 31-April 2: Sign up for an hour in the  
narthex. Overnight adorers are especially  
needed.

### Registration for 2026-27 Faith Formation

classes: Classes start in first grade. Currently

registered families were mailed registration

forms and invoices. If you are new to the

area or the parish, contact Mary Ellen

Tiernan at metiernan@stmarguerite.org,

203.775.5117, x215, for information about

our programs.

Join us August 5-7 in Pennsylvania 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: \$37,667; 57.33% of Goal**

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.

We are hopeful that 100% of our registered households will respond to the 2026 Bishop's  
Appeal. While the level of sacrifice will differ from parishioner to parishioner, an Appeal gift this year  
is within the reach of the majority of our people. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Bishop's  
Appeal with a pledge, an automatic recurring gift, or one-time gift as your means allow. Your  
support is much needed and will be greatly appreciated!

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Mon, Mar 23:** *Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo*

8:30 +Patricia Spitzfaden by Katy Murphy

**Tues, Mar 24**

8:30 +Joan C Toomey by Patricia Spitzfaden

**Wed, Mar 25:** *The Annunciation of the Lord*

8:30 Blessed Mother's Intentions

**Thurs, Mar 26**

8:30 +Linda Corona by Grace and Tom Brennan

**Fri, Mar 27**

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

**Sat, Mar 28**

4:30 +Warren Meehan by his wife, Joan

**Sun, Mar 29:** *Palm Sunday*

8:30 +Patricia Nadeau by Rejean and Lili Blais

11:00 +Robert Pecora by Faith and Katherine Flynn;

+Kathy Lathrop by Al and Mary Ann Mascia

5:00 pm +Georgeanne Nimer Shields by Bob & Dee Zelle

March 23-29:

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

**THIS WEEK  
IN THE PARISH**

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

**Fri, Mar 28**  
7 pm - Stations of the Cross

**40 HOURS DEVOTION  
IN THE CHAPEL  
MARCH 31—APRIL 2**



**SIGN UP IN  
THE NARTHEX**

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS



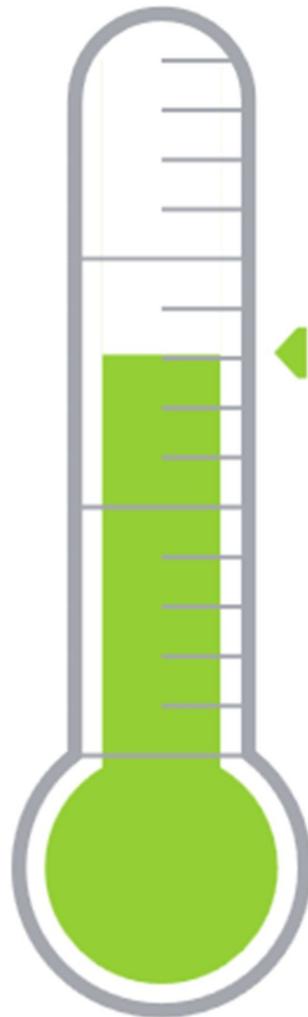
**Fridays at 7 pm**

# 2026 BISHOP'S APPEAL

Halfway there...  
57.33% of goal!

GOAL

**\$65,700**



PLEGGED  
**\$37,667**



## AMBASSADORS: SHARING FAITH, BUILDING COMMUNITY



In 2020, **Cate Gosselin** joined the **Ambassadors Program** to help rebuild parish life and share the faith with others. Guided by Monsignor Weiss and supported by God, she now participates in formation, fellowship, and welcoming new parishioners.

Through **monthly gatherings**, after-Mass coffee and fellowship, and family events, Ambassadors like Cate help others return to their faith while fostering a warm, supportive parish community. As Cate says, ***“Every day, we have the chance to serve by sharing our faith story or listening to someone else’s.”***

This ministry reflects the Bishop’s Appeal theme, One in Christ, bringing parishioners together to renew and strengthen the Church.

Support programs like the Ambassadors Ministry and more through your gift to the Bishop’s Appeal.

**MAKE A GIFT TODAY!**

[2026BISHOPSAPPEAL.ORG](https://2026BISHOPSAPPEAL.ORG)



# ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS - THE CHURCH AND THE SAINT

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

### Matrimony

Matrimony is the sacrament by which a baptized man and woman bind themselves for life in a lawful marriage, and receive the grace to discharge their duties.

God instituted matrimony in the Garden of Eden, when He created Adam and Eve and said "for this reason a man leaves his father and mother, and clings to his a wife, and the two become one flesh". (Gen.2.24) (<https://stmarguerite.org/the-seven-sacraments>).

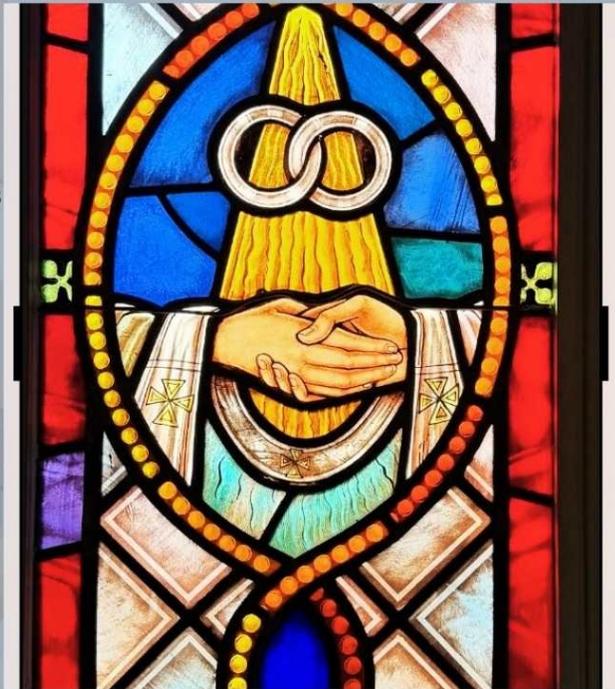
The Catechism of the Catholic Church, addressing matrimony, states that "By reason of their state in life and of their order, [Christian spouses] have...special gifts ." This grace proper to the sacrament of Matrimony is intended to perfect the couple's love and to strengthen their indissoluble unity. By this grace they "help one another to attain holiness in their married life and in welcoming and educating their children."



*And Abraham said, "The Lord, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my birth, and who spoke to me and who swore to me, saying, 'To your descendants I will give this land,' He will send His angel before you, and you will take a wife for my son from there."*

Gen.24.7 NAB

In her biography, *Marguerite Bourgeoys and Her Community*, Sister St. Ignatius Doyle, writes that Marguerite upon her second voyage from France to Villa Marie brought with her "several of the King's protégées...As these were destined to be the future wives and mothers of the colony, [Marguerite] thought it proper to...[teach] them the essentials of housekeeping, and, moreover, prepared their hearts and minds by suit instructions for the responsibilities awaiting them as wives and mothers." (p.78) "Inspired by the Blessed Virgin—Mother and Spouse—who guided the apostles in the Cenacle, our patroness sought to create enduring partnerships among her young maidens.



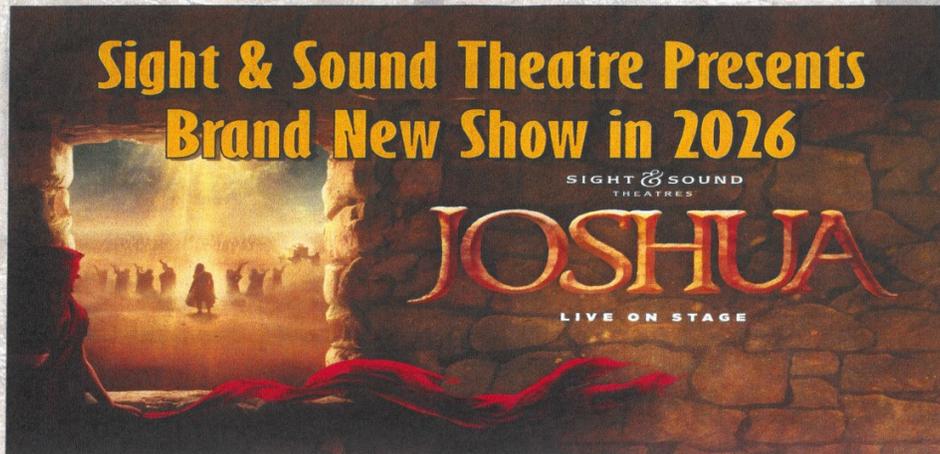
*The Sacrament of Matrimony Window  
This window was generously donated in loving memory of Mrs. Viola M. Blake.*

*Symbolism of Interlocking Wedding Rings  
The two interlocking wedding rings symbolize unity; they are inseparable and represent the permanence and indissolubility of the marriage covenant. As Jesus stated, "What God has joined together, no human being must separate" (Mk 10:9).*

"These marriages were woven together in bonds that remained unbreakable, 'for better or for worse, till death do us part'" (P. 80).

As the Church is viewed as the bride of Christ, we are continually pursued by our bridegroom. Likewise, our earthly marriages serve as a small reflection of His immense love and covenant with us.

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**

...Continued on back

**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.

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# This Week on Formed

## Week of March 22, 2026



### The Annunciation

The Angel Gabriel appeared and all of Heaven trembled in anticipation. Mary gives her fiat and our long wait is over! Generation after generation of longing and aching for a Messiah comes to fulfillment.



### The Annunciation | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.



### The Annunciation: Hail Mary

Join Ms. Kim as she discusses devotion to Mary and the significance of Mary's "yes." All the while, you will learn new drawing techniques as you draw the Annunciation.

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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*

*Help CREW - Leaders for Mary Fundraise!*

## **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](mailto:info@crewlfm.org)



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**St Marguerite Bourgeoys Church  
BROOKFIELD, CT**

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