

**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 21/22: \$8,569.00
OLG: \$2,297.00

Staff

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E-News

29 MARCH 2026 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Holy Week is finally here! We invite you to participate in the liturgical celebrations of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ on Good Friday, and the Resurrection of our Lord at Easter. Pick up the schedule for Holy Week / Easter on the tables at the entrances and at stmarguerite.org.

Catholics (aged 18-59) are obligated to practice **Fasting and Abstinence** on Good Friday. Only one full meal may be taken. Two smaller meals (not equaling the full meal) may be taken as well. Catholics (aged 14 and older) must abstain from meat.

40 Hours Devotion in the CHAPEL: Tuesday, March 31-Thursday, April 2: Sign up for an hour in the narthex. Overnight adorers are needed.

Please note: There will not be an 8:30 am Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday. On Easter Sunday, there will not be a 5 pm Mass.

Diocese of Bridgeport **Reconciliation Monday** is March 30, 3-9 pm at select parishes in the Diocese, including St. Joseph (Brookfield) and St. Peter (Danbury).

Easter Luminaries for prayer intentions (to be lit before the Easter Vigil) are available for \$5. See the table in the narthex.

There will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** after the Easter Sunday 11 am Mass.

Registration for 2026-27 **Faith Formation** classes has begun. Classes start in first grade. Contact Mary Ellen at 203.775.5117, x215 or metiernan@stmarguerite.org to register.

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.

2026 Bishop's Appeal St Marguerite Parish Goal: \$65,700.00 Pledged: \$45,801.00; 70% of Goal

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

As we enter Holy Week, we walk with Christ on the path of His Passion, remembering His profound love and ultimate sacrifice for us. This sacred week invites us to renew our hearts, deepen our prayer, and recommit ourselves to living as true disciples.

Through the 2026 Bishop's Appeal, our diocesan family continues Christ's mission, supporting those in need, forming future priests and leaders, caring for the vulnerable, and strengthening Catholic faith and education across Fairfield County. Your generosity becomes a living expression of the Gospel, bringing Christ's love to others just as He poured Himself out for us. May this Holy Week draw us closer to the Lord and to one another as we walk together as One in Christ.

To donate to the Bishop's Appeal, please visit 2026BishopsAppeal.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Mar 30: Monday of Holy Week
8:30 +Michael Palica by Barbara
Tues, Mar 31: Tuesday of Holy Week
8:30 +Laurel Cooley by Barbara Randall
Wed, Apr 1: Wednesday of Holy Week
8:30 +Rev Al Audette by STMB parish
Thurs, Apr 2: Holy Thursday
7:00 +Margaret Smith by Caraluzzi family

Fri, Apr 3: Good Friday
3:00 Liturgy of the Word
Sat, Apr 4: Holy Saturday
7:30 Living and Deceased of the Matsen and Ippolito families by Piccorelli family
Sun, Apr 5: Easter Sunday
8:30 +Frances Kaminsky by Babuini family
11:00 +Rick Pennacchia by Clare and Sal Pennino;
+Giuseppe DeMasi by Fata family

March 29-April 5:

Our **Hosts** are for +Lillian Ann Dunkerton by Turnbull family

HOLY *Week*

PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 29

**40 HOURS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
IN CHAPEL**

8 PM ON TUESDAY, MARCH 31
UNTIL NOON ON THURSDAY, APRIL 2

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 2

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: 7 PM

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3

FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS: NOON

PASSION OF THE LORD: 3 PM

CONFESSIONS: 4:30-5:30 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7 PM

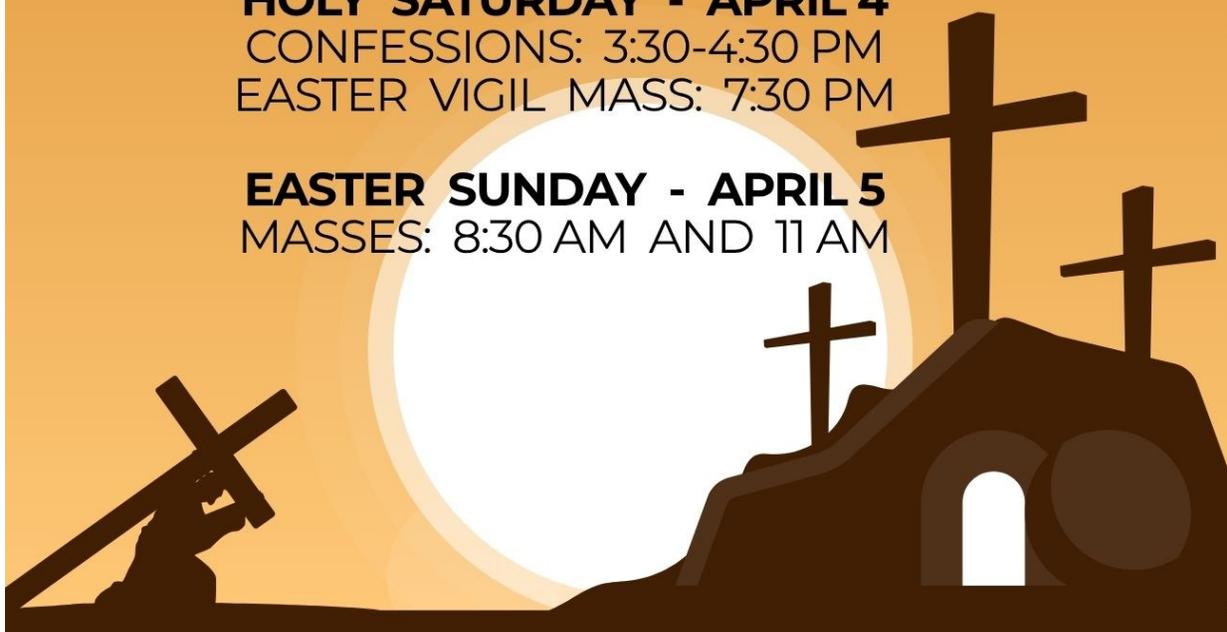
HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 4

CONFESSIONS: 3:30-4:30 PM

EASTER VIGIL MASS: 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 5

MASSES: 8:30 AM AND 11 AM



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



SIGN UP FOR AN HOUR

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Fridays at 7 pm

EASTER LUMINARIES — \$5/EACH

At the Easter Vigil, the light of Christ returns to our church. We hear “Christ, our Light” intoned as the Paschal candle is carried through the darkened church and our small votive candles are lit from it. The candles represent the light of Christ and the hope and renewal of Easter and Christ’s resurrection from the dead!

Candles are used throughout Catholic churches every day during Mass, burning in the sanctuary near the tabernacle or near shrines. Whenever we light a votive candle and make a sacrificial offering, we bring our own personal intentions and prayers. Candles, however, are extinguished from the Mass of the Lord’s Supper until the Easter Vigil.

St Marguerite Sodality will be providing luminaries for prayer intentions that will be lit along the walk as you enter the church. They will burn for the Easter Vigil and will remain on the path through Divine Mercy Sunday. Luminary bags and candles will be available in the narthex for a \$5 donation. Prayer requests may be written on the bags, and the candle will be lit for you before we begin the Easter Vigil in darkness.

May your Easter Season be filled with joy in the hope and knowledge of the Resurrection and Eternal Life!





SAINT MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS



Congratulations and welcome
to our newest members
of the Catholic Church
and parish family
of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys.

Your journey in the faith is just beginning
as we walk together
to meet the Lord each day!

Isabella Alves

Nicole Larkin

Leia Alves

Francesca Moreira

Fiona Devine

Ava Mott

Katie Tran

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EASTER EGG HUNT

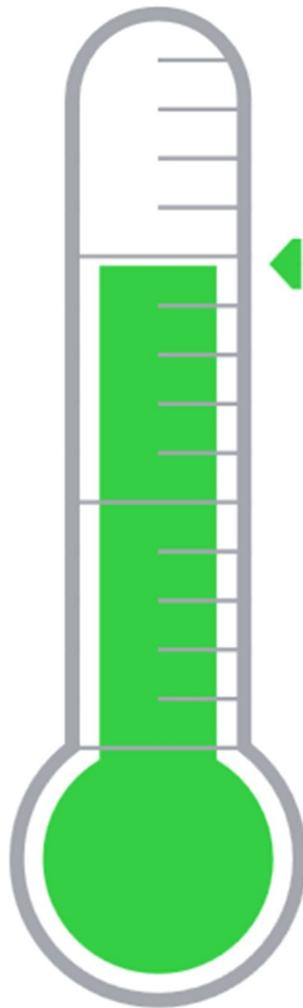
AFTER THE EASTER SUNDAY
11 AM MASS
ON THE SIDE LAWN
NEAR THE HALL



2026 BISHOP'S APPEAL

**Almost there...
70% of goal!**

**GOAL
\$65,700**



**PLEGGED
\$45,801**

2026 BISHOP'S APPEAL



HOLY WEEK

Your generosity becomes a living expression of the Gospel, bringing Christ's love to others just as He poured Himself out for us.



2026BISHOPSAPPEAL.ORG

ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS - THE CHURCH AND THE SAINT *A Pilgrimage Through and With St. Marguerite*

Holy Orders

According to our SMB website, "Holy Orders is the sacrament through which men receive the power and grace to perform the sacred duties of bishops, priest and deacons. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, instituted this sacrament at the Last Supper when He said to his Apostles: "Do this in remembrance of me". *Anyone who wishes and has the intentions of devoting his life to the sacred ministry may call a priest or our seminary in Stamford for the details. We need more priests than ever before. **The dignity of a priest is higher than any earthly dignity, for he is a representative of God.***"

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) states that ordination "confers a gift of the Holy Spirit that permits the exercise of a "sacred power" (sacra potestas) which can come only from Christ himself through his Church. Ordination is also called *consecratio*, for it is a setting apart and an investiture by Christ himself for his Church. The laying on of hands by the bishop, with the consecratory prayer, constitutes the visible sign of this ordination... The priest in the new law, acts as the person of Christ."

Other groups, as noted by the CCC, were also referred to as 'ordo'. We have learned about the Benedictine Order and its motto, "Ora et Labora," from the stained glass window depicting the Holy Family.

Mother Marguerite, after much deliberation, emphasized that "our community... in its aims and works, is meant to exemplify the uncloistered life of Mary on earth." Eventually, in 1698, she received permission to establish the Order of the Congregation of Notre Dame. Sister St. Ignatius Doyle elaborated on the challenges faced in founding the order, stemming from the belief that it was too perilous for the sisters to live uncloistered among the native population. However, akin to the apostolic works that took place after Pentecost, "it was indeed part of the divinely inspired plan for Ville Marie to have a community of women to instill in children and young individuals a love for God and the commitment to serve Him through a genuinely Christian life" (Marguerite, pp. 114-115). These sisters dedicated themselves to a vow of poverty and purity and built schools within the native communities.

Marguerite Bourgeoys Church has been graced with exceptional priests over the course of her 40-year legacy. We can't help but feel that the blessings of our Patroness have been instrumental in providing these holy men who have divinely served us all..



The Sacrament of Holy Orders Window was generously donated in loving memory of Matthew F. Blake.

Symbolism

Stole: A long, narrow strip of fabric worn around the neck, symbolizing the authority of the priesthood and the yoke of Christ.

Chalice and Paten: Often handed to the new priest during ordination, symbolizing his role in the Eucharist.

Book of the Gospels: Handed to the ordained to signify their mission to preach the Word of God.





Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents

Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously.

Emmaus is a ministry for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago.

Please join us. All are welcome.

Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents One-Day Spiritual Retreat

**Sponsored by the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT
At St. Philip Church**

1 Father Conlon Place, Norwalk, Connecticut

Saturday, April 18, 2026

9:30am – 7:30pm

For more information or to register:

Call: Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023
carolyn.killian@ctcemeteries.org

<https://www.emfgp.org/events/04-18-26-norwalk-diocese-of-bridgeport-ct-one-day-retreat/>

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

This Week on Formed

Week of March 29, 2026



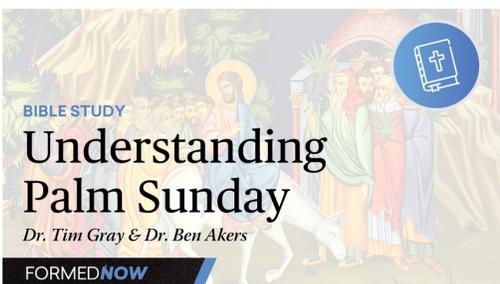
Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the Holy Land, the pilgrim is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie

This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts.

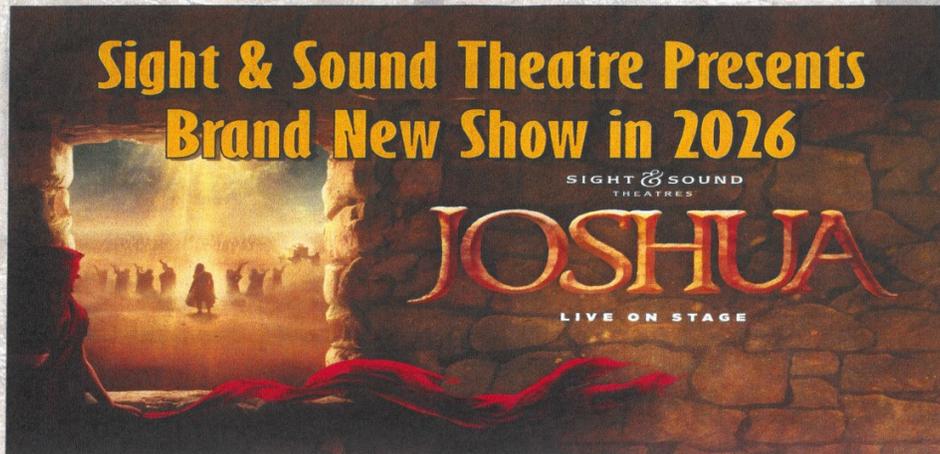


Understanding Palm Sunday

Focusing on the Biblical account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers break open the meaning of why Jesus rode on a donkey, the significance of the palm branches and the singing of Hosanna, and how this event launched Holy Week and the redemption of the world.

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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.

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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



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OUR ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM.**

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**St Marguerite Bourgeoys Church
BROOKFIELD, CT**

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For questions, email us at office@stmarguerite.org

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HELP TO SECURE OUR FUTURE!**

Online Giving allows a donor to make donations through the parish website. This convenient option for giving to your parish makes use of current technology and security standards and allows you to easily set up recurring contributions. There are many benefits for you and your parish.

To sign up, visit stmarguerite.org and click on the “Donate” tab. **Thank you for your support!**

Donor Benefits:

- * **Convenient** anytime, anywhere access through the internet.
- * **Secure and Confidential.** Adheres to banking security standards.
- * **Flexible.** Start, stop, and change your contributions at any time.
- * **Simple.** No need to contact your bank or the parish office.
- * **Contribute** using direct withdrawal (ACH) or credit cards.

Parish benefits:

- * **Stabilize contributions.** Regularly scheduled gifts occur automatically. Allows parish to effectively manage monthly expenses.
- * **Direct Donations.** A simple way to contribute to individual events, holiday needs, classes, special donations, and more.
- * **Secure and Confidential.** No need to store donor account information.
- * **Efficient.** Participation saves time and expense in bookkeeping.
- * **Current.** A tool for people who prefer to use electronic services.

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 Hammermill Colored Paper, 20 lb blue printer paper,
 8.5x11, 500 sheets

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