

**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

**Staff**

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Mary Ellen Tiernan

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Manager: Jean Piccorelli

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**Offertory**

April 11/12: \$4,939.00  
OLG: \$4,175.00



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# E-News

## 19 APRIL 2026 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

A **Mother Daughter Tea Party**, hosted by our ladies Sodality, will be held on Sunday, May 31st after the 11 am Mass. Enjoy tea, lemonade, finger sandwiches, pastries, and a craft to take home. Cost is \$5 per person. Registration forms are available in the church.

Our Sodality Group invites the women of the parish to **Knotted Rosaries Night** on Monday, May 4th at 6 pm in Room 1.

**Mother's Day is May 10.** Envelopes to remember/honor your mother, grandmother, godmother, etc. are at the tables in the church. All will be remembered at Masses in May.

**What is OCIA?** The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is a journey of faith. Through the OCIA process, there is preparation for receiving the sacraments of full initiation into the Church: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. For information, email Mary Ellen Tiernan at metiernan@stmarguerite.org.

Our **Tag Sale** will be held Saturday, May 16th, with a preview day on Friday, May 15th. Start collecting your items in usable, good, and resalable condition for donation in May. See the flyer in the church for details.

A **Blood Drive**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held in the Hall on Friday, May 8th, 8 am-1 pm. Call 1.800.733.2767 or visit redcrossblood.org (code: SMBCKOC) to schedule an appointment.

Join us August 5th-7th in Lancaster for a **Sight and Sound Theatre** production of "Joshua" and the Amish countryside. See the flyers in the church for details and pricing. Deadline is Wednesday, May 6th.

**Registration** for 2026-27 **Faith Formation** classes is open. Classes start in first grade. Contact Mary Ellen at 203.775.5117, x215 for information and to register.

### 2026 Bishop's Appeal / St Marguerite Parish Goal: \$65,700.00 Pledged: \$56,828.00; 86% of Goal



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

The purpose of the Guilds is to provide opportunities of encounter and accompaniment that meet people in the concrete circumstances of their lives and help them on the road of discipleship. These communities help the faithful to learn how to live their faith in the professional, personal, and public spheres of their lives so as to live lives of authentic evangelical witness: witness in their careers; in their personal interests or hobbies; and even amongst their families and friends.

To participate in the Bishop's Appeal, please visit [2026BishopsAppeal.org](http://2026BishopsAppeal.org).

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Mon, Apr 20**

8:30 +William H Cutler, Sr by Father Jordan

**Tues, Apr 21: St Anselm**

8:30 +Patricia Spitzfaden by St Matthew Society

**Wed, Apr 22**

8:30 +Edward Caraluzzi by family

**Thurs, Apr 23: St George**

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

**Fri, Apr 24: St Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

8:30 +George Bruce by Caraluzzi family

**Sat, Apr 25: St Mark**

4:30 +Patricia Spitzfaden by Bruce and Pati Richards

**Sun, Apr 26: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:30 +Kathy Lathrop by Gerard and Joan Noel

11:00 +Deceased Members of Mascia and Giacomini families by Mary Ann and Al Mascia; +Nancy Ross by Charlene and Scott Barksdale

5:00 +Dean Emmett Bogen by Bob and Dee Zelle

April 20-26:

Our **St Marguerite Candle** is for +Linda Tranfo by Carmela Mangini.

**THIS WEEK  
IN THE PARISH**

**Tues, April 21**  
9:15 am - Legion of Mary

# MOTHER DAUGHTER *Tea Party*

*Hosted by the St. Marguerite Ladies' Sodality*



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



Enjoy tea, lemonade, finger sandwiches,  
pastries, and a craft to take home

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

Contact Mary Ellen Tiernan with questions  
at [metiernan@stmarguerite.org](mailto:metiernan@stmarguerite.org)

## **Registration Required**

To register, please cut out the bottom portion and return to the  
office or drop in the basket in the narthex with payment by **May 26<sup>th</sup>**  
(can also be placed in collection basket at Mass)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment (\$5 per person): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



Join us for a

## Night of Knotted Rosaries

Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in Room 1

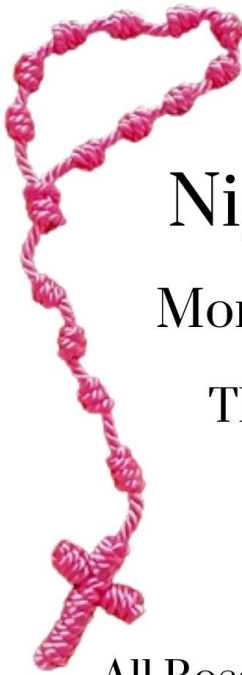
The St. Marguerite Ladies' Sodality  
invites all ladies of the parish to  
come and learn how to  
make knotted rosaries

All Rosaries made are made in conjunction with  
Kennedy's Rosary Project. These MRI safe Rosaries  
are donated to Danbury Hospital, St. Vincent's  
Medical Center, and Sisters of Life.

All materials and instruction provided



Contact Carmela Mangini at [cmangini@snet.net](mailto:cmangini@snet.net)  
with any questions



# St. Marguerite Bourgeoys



**Needs your donations to be a success!**

## Acceptable usable items for donation include:

- Kitchen items, dishes, glassware, pots/pans, silverware, cookbooks, small appliances (such as blenders, toasters, crockpots)
- Home decor, lamps, vases, picture frames, paintings/prints, Christmas and other seasonal decorations, candles, candle holders, small furniture (such as low bookcases, hat racks, magazine racks)
- Clean tablecloths, linens, cloth napkins, curtains, comforters, bedspreads, handmade items
- Men's, ladies', and children's accessories, shoes, sandals, purses, backpacks, belts, costume jewelry, watches
- Children's items, children's books, toys, games, puzzles, baby items (such as non-expired car seats, baby monitors, safety gates)
- *Working* electronics, computers, tablets, radios, record players
- *Appropriate* media, CDs, DVDs, records, VCR tapes

## Unacceptable items include:

- Books (with the exception of children's books and cookbooks)
- Stuffed animals
- Pillows and mattresses
- Large furniture
- Large gym equipment
- Clothing

**Donations accepted IN CHURCH HALL**

**May 9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**TAG SALE** — SATURDAY, MAY 16TH, 8:30 AM-5:30 PM

**PREVIEW DAY** — FRIDAY, MAY 15TH, 5-7 PM (\$5 ADMISSION)

# 2026 BISHOP'S APPEAL

**ALMOST THERE!**  
**86% of goal!**

Goal  
**\$65,700**



Pledged  
**\$56,828**



## ST. LUKE GUILD: SUPPORTING THOSE WHO SERVE

**Tom Walsh**, chaplain at Yale New Haven Hospital, serves in the **St. Luke Guild**, a ministry dedicated to supporting healthcare providers through prayer, formation, and fellowship.

### **Guild members participate in:**

- **Prayerful Encounters** and spiritual reflection
- **Book discussions** on faith in healthcare
- **Acts of mercy** like food drives and community outreach

Through the Guild, healthcare providers are spiritually strengthened, equipped to serve faithfully, and united as **One in Christ**.

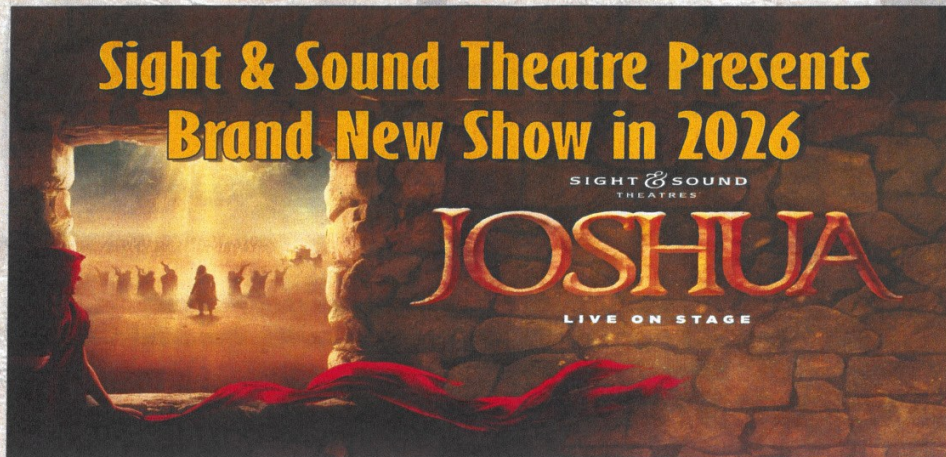
The Bishop's Appeal helps make this ministry possible, advancing pastoral renewal in the Diocese by forming disciples who serve others with love and compassion.

**MAKE A GIFT TODAY!**

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



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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Held in the Hall  
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**Friday, May 8, 2026  
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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## TRUTH ON TAP: APOLOGIA SERIES II

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**Truth on Tap** is a changing series of presentations that focus on topics of importance to anyone desiring to share our Catholic faith, from colleagues to strangers to family. Want to be kept informed about our St. Paul Guild events? Email us at [SaintPaulGuild@diobpt.org](mailto:SaintPaulGuild@diobpt.org).



Rev. Peter Cipriani  
Pastor  
St. Rose of Lima Parish



April 23, 2026  
(Thursday)  
6:30 - 8:30 pm



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Danbury, CT 06811



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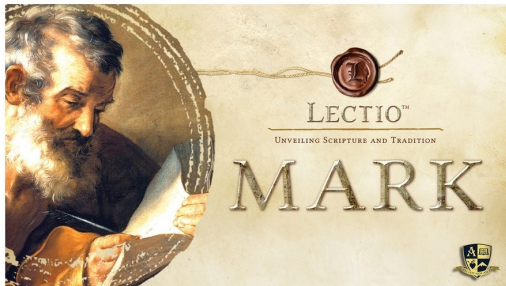
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ST. PAUL GUILD  
FOR EVANGELICAL ACCOMPANIMENT

# This Week on Formed

## Week of April 19, 2026



### St. Mark the Evangelist

Just who is St. Mark, the author of this short but action-packed Gospel? Using outside sources, other books of the Bible, and the Gospel itself, Dr. Gray takes a closeup look at St. Mark, and his connection with St. Peter and the Christians of Rome.

Who had diseases pressed upon him to touch him. <sup>11</sup>And spirits beheld him, they fell down before him and cried out. <sup>12</sup>And he strictly ordered them not to make him known. <sup>13</sup>And he went up on the mountain, and called to him those whom he desired. <sup>14</sup>And he appointed twelve, to be with him, and to have authority to cast out demons: <sup>15</sup>Simon whom he named Peter, the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James, and Andrew, his brother, and Philip, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who

### Lectio: Mark

Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful 14-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before. Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers Saint Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching



### Via Lucis

Via Lucis, or the Stations of Light, is a devotional practice for reflecting on the joy and hope of the Resurrection during the Easter season. While the Stations of the Cross commemorate Jesus' journey to his crucifixion and death, the Stations of Light focus on the events that followed the Resurrection.

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