

**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

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**Offertory**

April 18/19: \$5,028.00  
OLG: \$2,711.00



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# E-News

## 26 APRIL 2026 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**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.

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 May 9th-14th. See the flyer in the church for accepted items.

The Knights of Columbus **Blood Drive** will be held in the Hall on Friday, May 8th, 8 am-1 pm. To schedule an appointment, call 1.800.733.2767. Purchase a **Mother's Day Raffle** ticket in the narthex after Mass (or online)—only \$10. First prize is \$500 cash.

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.

A **Knotted Rosaries Night** will be held on Monday, May 4th at 6 pm in Room 1.

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.

Through the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**, there is preparation for receiving the sacraments of full initiation into the Church. For information, email Mary Ellen Tiernan at metiernan@stmarguerite.org.

**Virtus Training:** The Diocese of Bridgeport mandates all volunteers comply with their Safe Environment Policy. Register for "Protecting God's Children" at virtusonline.org.

### 2026 Bishop's Appeal / St Marguerite Parish Goal: \$65,700.00 Pledged: \$65,499.00; Paid: \$56,609.00 - 86.16% of Goal!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the **Bishop's Appeal**. Your generosity directly supports ministries that touch lives every single day — from caring for the poor, to forming seminarians, to strengthening our parishes.

Our parish is making wonderful progress toward our Bishop's Appeal goal. We are grateful to all who have pledged. To help us cross the finish line, we kindly ask those who have outstanding pledges to please consider fulfilling it soon so our parish can meet its goal and support the ministries that depend on us. Every gift, no matter the size, helps our parish reach its goal and ensures that these vital ministries continue to flourish. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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



### MASS INTENTIONS

**Mon, Apr 27**

8:30 Liv/Dec of Megyeri family by Katy Murphy

**Tues, Apr 28: St Peter Chanel, St Louis Grignon de Montfort**

8:30 +Theresa Roudenis by Mike Miska

**Wed, Apr 29: St Catherine of Siena**

8:30 Liv/Dec of Caruno family by Katy Murphy

**Thurs, Apr 30: St Pius V**

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

**Fri, May 1: St Joseph the Worker**

8:30 +Jane Clarkson by Caraluzzi family

**Sat, May 2: St Athanasius**

4:30 Ints of Diane Brown by Mike and Pam Brown

**Sun, May 3: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:30 +Msgr John B Hossan by a friend

11:00 Ints of Keane family by Amy Pontillo; and

+Joseph Cascione by Maloney family

5:00 Liv/Dec of Hatcher family by Katy Murphy

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**Tues, April 28**  
9:15 am - Legion of Mary

10:00 am - Prayer Shawl/Rosary Making



Join us for a

## Night of Knotted Rosaries

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

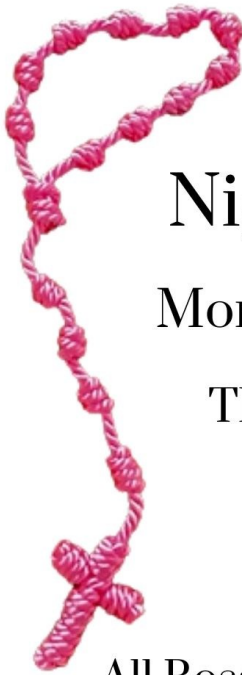
The St. Marguerite Ladies' Sodality  
invites all ladies of the parish to  
come and learn how to  
make knotted rosaries

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



# 2026 MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

## Firepit wood - Coats for Kids/Families



### MOTHER'S DAY 2026 INITIATIVES

**MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE:** Our May 10, 2026 fund raiser effort, is open now. Buy a ticket online or in person (from a Knight) at St. Marguerite's or St Joseph's through Mother's Day: May 10, 2026.

<https://candlewood-lake-council--knights-of-columbus.square.site>



**FIREWOOD:** Obtain free firewood for the family fire-pit this spring, summer and fall. This is an opportunity to get your children off their phones and game consoles and out under God's stars at night. Sing songs, act out skits, contemplate the wonder of God's creation of the universe with them. Contact [fcbaJetAds@yahoo.com](mailto:fcbaJetAds@yahoo.com) or call or text: (two zero three)-830-9075 to schedule your pick-up. Wood is located on a private residential property. Pick-ups of wood are generally at your convenience, 24/7. We just want to know who's coming and/or if you need a hand loading.



**COATS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES:** It's never too early to Buy a Coat for a someone else's kid or family member. Clean new condition coats accepted or with your monetary donation, we'll buy some in a bulk discount purchase!

Go to our Square web site to pay with a credit card for:

- Mother's Day Raffle Tickets
- Coats for Kids
- Firewood is always free





**American  
Red Cross**



**In Service to One, In Service to All.**

*Join us in answering the call to help others—give blood!*

**Blood Drive Sponsored by the  
Knights of Columbus**

**St. Marguerite  
Bourgeoys Church**

Held in the Hall  
138 Candlewood Lake Rd.  
Brookfield, CT 06804

**Friday, May 8, 2026  
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or  
visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and  
enter: SMBCKOC to schedule an appointment.



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# 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)

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS - THE CHURCH AND THE SAINT

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



*The Holy Anointing Window  
was generously donated in loving memory of  
Mr. Matthew F. Blake.*

*The sacraments always have an element representing  
the Persons within the Holy Trinity.*

*In this window, the symbolism of the lit candle  
alongside the vessel containing the Holy oil, the  
chrismatory, represent Christ and the Holy Spirit.*

According to St. Marguerite's biographer, when Mother Marguerite was 79, on the night of December 31, 1699, the young CND Mistress of Novices was found dying. Marguerite requested of God, "why not spare that young Sister who is able to give many years more of service to the community, and take me who am old and helpless, and whose work is done.' ... The spirit of self-sacrifice which dictated the prayer, was agreeable to God. A violent fever soon made a victim of the aged Foundress, while the novice Mistress showed signs of returning to health...On the twelfth of January, 1700, the soul of Marguerite Bourgeoys sought rest and peace in the home of her eternity. The funeral procession which followed their Mother to her final resting place was the largest that Montreal had hitherto witnessed" (*Marguerite*, pp. 191-192).

### Holy Anointing - a Sacrament of Healing

Holy Anointing, also known as Anointing of the Sick, or Extreme Unction, is the sacrament through which the anointing with the blessed oil by a priest, and through prayer, gives health and strength to the soul, and sometimes to the body, when we are in danger of death from sickness, accident, or old age.

(<https://stmarguerite.org/the-seven-sacraments/>)

According to p. 1532 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), the special grace of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects:

- the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church;
- the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness of old age;
- the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Penance;
- the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul;
- the preparation for passing over to eternal life.

*And James writes, "Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven."*

*James 5:14-15 NRSCVE*



# 2026 BISHOP'S APPEAL

## HELP US REACH 100%!

Fundraising Goal

**\$65,700**



Raised  
**\$56,609**

**86.16%**  
**of goal!**



## FORMED BY THE WORD, SENT ON MISSION



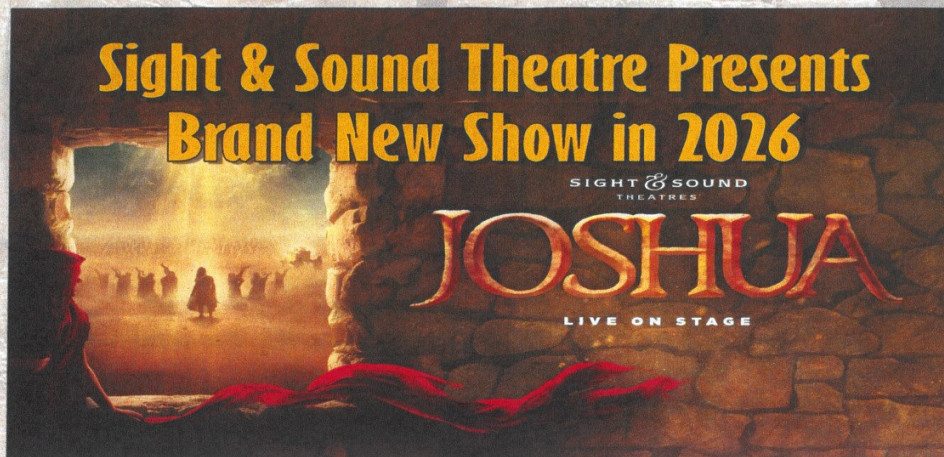
As the Diocese continues its journey through The One, new efforts are **bearing fruit in the renewal of preaching and biblical formation**. The St. Jerome Center for Preaching and Biblical Studies has been established to strengthen the proclamation of God's Word and to help clergy and lay faithful grow in confidence, understanding, and faith.

Through opportunities such as participation in national conferences and ongoing formation, deacons and others are being equipped to **preach with clarity and conviction, fostering deeper encounters with Christ** within our parishes. This initiative is already enriching diocesan life by encouraging discipleship, evangelization, and a greater love for Sacred Scripture.

The Bishop's Appeal plays a vital role in supporting this work, helping advance The One's mission to lead all people closer to Christ through truth, beauty, and goodness.

**PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER A GIFT TO THE BISHOP'S APPEAL.  
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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# Seen

A NIGHT OF HOPE & HEALING  
FOR ALL WHO WAIT ON THE LORD:  
WALKING ALONGSIDE THOSE EXPERIENCING  
INFERTILITY OR PREGNANCY/CHILD LOSS

*Friday, May 8 at 6PM*

*The Basilica of the  
Immaculate Conception*

*74 West Main St, Waterbury, CT*

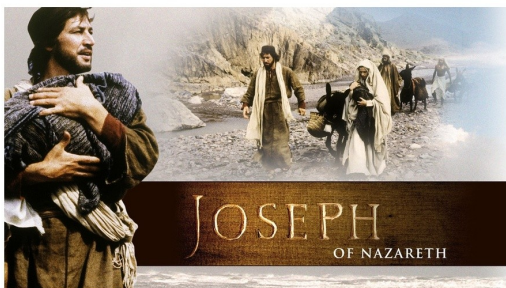
MASS WITH FR. SULLIVAN, ADORATION WITH MUSIC  
& REFLECTION, & RECEPTION TO FOLLOW  
IN THE GRAND HALL. ALL ARE WELCOME,  
WHETHER YOU ARE CARRYING THIS CROSS,  
OR DESIRE TO INTERCEDE FOR OTHERS.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO RSVP:



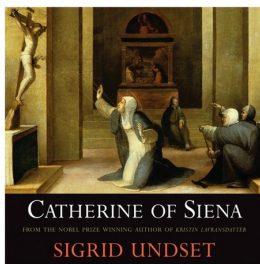
# This Week on Formed

Week of April 26, 2026



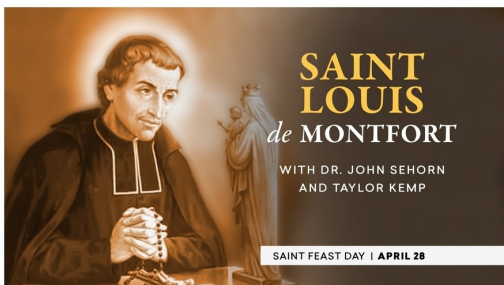
## Joseph of Nazareth

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!



## Catherine of Siena

Sigrid Undset's Catherine of Siena is critically acclaimed as one of the best biographies of this well-known and amazing fourteenth-century saint.



## St. Louis de Montfort | Catholic Saints

Dr. John Sehorn joins Taylor Kemp to discuss the life of St. Louis de Montfort. Born in western France, St. Louis had a great love for Mary and the Rosary. His work True Devotion to Mary helps Catholics grow in their relationship with Jesus through his Mother, Mary.

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### 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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