

**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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April 25/26: \$4,149.00
OLG: \$1,718.00



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E-News

3 MAY 2026 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mother's Day is May 10th. 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. Items in usable, good, and resellable condition can be dropped off in the Hall: May 9th-May 14th. See the flyer in the church for details.

Knights of Columbus News: Buy a **Mother's Day Raffle** ticket in the narthex after Mass—only \$10. First prize is \$500 cash. A **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 or visit redcrossblood.org

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.

The **Ascension of the Lord** is Thursday, May 14th. Masses will be at 8:30 am and 6:30 pm. This is a holy day of obligation.

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.

The **2027 Mass Book** opens on June 1st. Requests can be submitted now by email (office@stmarguerite.org). They will be processed in the order they were received beginning in June.

Join us August 5th-7th for a **Sight and Sound Theatre** production of "Joshua" and the Amish countryside. Deposit is due by May 6th.

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

**2026 Bishop's Appeal / St Marguerite Parish Goal: \$65,700.00
Pledged: \$66,983.00; Paid: \$58,930.00 - 89.70% of Goal!**



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the **Bishop's Appeal!**
The Guild of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is a community of accompaniment that is very close to the heart of the bishop and is a vital component of The One. The Guild fosters expressions of Beauty as they pertain to our Catholic faith in hopes that encounters with Beauty Incarnate will stir one's heart into closer intimacy with Our Lord and Savior. These expressions and opportunities stand on one (or more) of seven pillars: Sacred Art, Sacred Music, Literature, Architecture, Pilgrimage, Retreat and Eucharistic Adoration. The opportunities for encounter at times take the form of concerts of both contemporary and sacred music, artists fellowship, studies of Catholic literature, retreats for those engaged in fostering beauty in the Liturgy, and opportunities to learn about the historical, artistic, and theological aesthetics of art, architecture, and worship. Your donation to the Bishop's Appeal will allow for so many to encounter the Author of Beauty in such a way to draw them close to his Sacred Heart to encounter Divine Beauty in its fullness.

To participate in the Bishop's Appeal, please visit 2026BishopsAppeal.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, May 4
8:30 Ints of Rev Michael P Novajosky by Jeanne Burns
Tues, May 5
8:30 +Catherine Myszka by Mike Miska
Wed, May 6
8:30 +Msgr John B Hossan
Thurs, May 7
8:30 +Catherine Myszka by Mike Miska

Fri, May 8
8:30 Liv/Dec of Alvaro Moniz family by Bernier family
Sat, May 9
4:30 +Eva Bernier by family
Sun, May 10: Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:30 +Simon and +Edna Perley by Don and Claudette
11:00 +Gloria Pennacchia by Clare and Sal Pennacchia;
+Helen Iride by her daughter, Theresa
5:00 +Valmont Bernier by family

May 4-10: Our **St Marguerite Candle** is for the Intentions of Luz Sumba and her family.

**THIS WEEK
IN THE PARISH**

Mon, May 4
6 pm - Knotted Rosary Night

Tues, May 5
9:15 am - Legion of Mary



Join us for a

Night of Knotted Rosaries

Monday, May 4th at 6 p.m. in Room 1

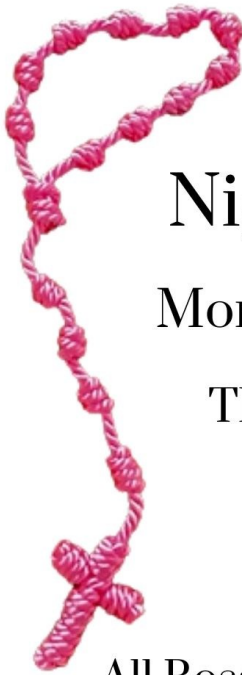
The St. Marguerite Ladies' Sodality
invites all ladies of the parish to
come and learn how to
make knotted rosaries

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
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 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





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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 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 9th-14th, 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

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 26th**
(can also be placed in collection basket at Mass)

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Payment (\$5 per person): _____

Email Address: _____

2026 BISHOP'S APPEAL

SO CLOSE TO 100%!

Donate today at
2026BishopsAppeal.org

Fundraising Goal

\$65,700



Pledged
\$58,930

89.70%
of goal!



WALKING TOGETHER IN FAITH THROUGH ACCOMPANIMENT



Jesus walked with His disciples, meeting them in their struggles and leading them toward truth. Today, the Church continues this mission through accompaniment, walking alongside one another in faith so that all may encounter Christ.

As Catholics, accompaniment calls us to build meaningful relationships rooted in patience, mercy, service, and authentic love. Through the Church, the Sacraments, and our personal witness, we help others grow in holiness and deepen their communion with God.

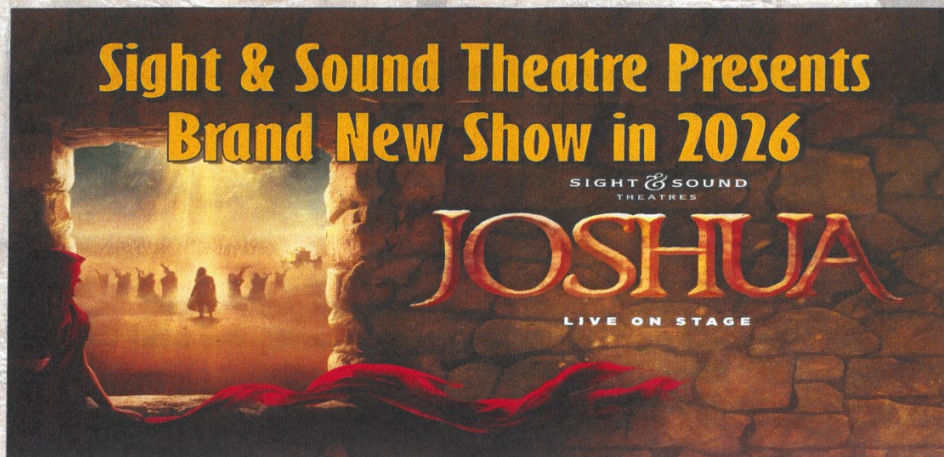
Across the Diocese of Bridgeport, many experience loneliness or spiritual disconnection. Through **The One**, the Diocese responds by offering pastoral accompaniment and home visits through **Pastoral Companions**, and one on one spiritual friendships through **Walk With One**.

The **Bishop's Appeal** supports these ministries and makes this work possible as we continue growing **One in Christ**.

SUPPORT THESE MINISTRIES BY GIVING TODAY!
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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ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS – THE CHURCH AND THE SAINT

A Pilgrimage Through and With St. Marguerite

Pius X Frequent Communion
stained-glass window

a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Candela



Pius X and Frequent Communion

This stunning window is located in our 'crying room' which with the choir loft was part of an addition built in 1998 during Fr. Audette and Gannon's time at the church. Members of St. Marguerite donated money to purchase many of our windows from St. John Nepomucene, a Roman Catholic church in Bridgeport which closed in 1991.

It depicts an image of the order in 1910 that Pope Saint Pius X decreed stating that the age of a child at First Communion should be reduced from the then-common age of about 12-14 to the age of the use of reason at about the age of 7. The reasoning behind this order was based on a study of the practices of the early church, which admitted young children to the Sacrament, and on the reflection that because of the restrictions that had been imposed in subsequent centuries "children in their innocence were forced away from the embrace of Christ and deprived of the food of their interior life; and from this it also happened that in their youth, destitute of this strong help, surrounded by so many temptations, they lost their innocence and fell into vicious habits even before tasting of the Sacred Mysteries" (*Quam singulari* – Decree of the Sacred Congregation of the Discipline of the Sacraments on First Communion, August 8, 1910). This window is a replica of a window designed by a French workshop, Atelier Lorin, in 1912-1914, which can be found in the cathedral of St. Jean Baptiste in New York City.

A Jan. 21, 2019, article in the New Haven Register entitled "Pain mingles with acceptance as closed Catholic churches are sold" states that a church must be deconsecrated when it is closed;" with special prayers and all religious items removed – the altar, relics, statues and vestments. The stained-glass windows may remain if the building will continue to be used as a church but, if not, anything showing a religious scene must be removed. Regarding the closure of St. John Nepomucene, Ann McCrory, an attorney for the Diocese of Bridgeport, stated "We preserved both the rear altar, the actual altar itself, because it had a relic in it, side railings in addition to of course the windows and the statues,"

(<https://www.nhregister.com/news/article/Pain-mingles-with-acceptance-as-closed-Catholic-13546893.php>).

According to Fr. Shawn in a recent homily, we are designed to "conform to the wisdom of God, the Truth." The ongoing beautification of our church offers us visual clues and images of what this conformity entails.

What better way to see and experience the glory of Christ than in frequent communion and adoration? The name that St. Marguerite chose for herself once the rules of her order of the Congregation de Notre Dame were accepted was

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Feast of Corpus Christi

Prayer Mass Adoration Procession

June 4th

**St. Joseph Church
376 Main St. Danbury, CT 06810**

8:30am-8:30pm

**For More Information
www.crewlfm.org / info@crewlfm.org**

Feast of Corpus Christi

Laudes (Morning Prayer)

8:30am - 9:00am

Mass

9:00am - 10:00am

Adoration

10:00am - 6:00pm

Terce (Daytime Prayer)

1:00pm - 1:30pm

Confessions

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Vespers (Evening Prayer)

5:30pm - 6:00pm

Solemn High Mass (1962)

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Procession to St. Peter Church

7:30pm - 8:00pm

Benediction

8:00pm - 8:15pm

**Bus transportation back to
St. Joseph's will be provided**

Reception

8:30pm - 9:00pm



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:



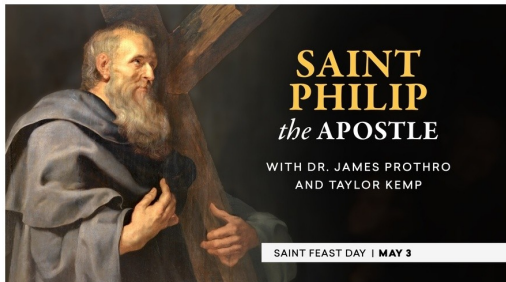
This Week on Formed

Week of May 03, 2026



The Boy From Milan: Stories of Carlo Acutis

Discover the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, the young boy from Milan. You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.



St. Philip the Apostle | Catholic Saints

Dr. James Prothro and Taylor Kemp reflect upon St. Philip the Apostle. St. Philip often brought others to Jesus Christ. His feast day is May 3. Jesus shows Philip that by following Himself, he will see God the Father, and that we can be bold in our evangelization and intercession in praying for others.



Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer

"Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer" is a beautifully animated film that brings to life the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, a modern teenager who used his passion for technology to share the Catholic faith with the world.

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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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- * **Contribute** using direct withdrawal (ACH) or credit cards.

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