E-NEWS

22 November 2026 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

PASTOR
Rev. Shawn W. Jordan

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday: 4:30 pm Vigil
Sunday: 8:30 am; 11 am; 5 pm (no music)
Monday-Friday: 8:30 am

CONFESSION
Saturday: 3:30-4:15 pm
or by appointment

CHURCH HOURS
8 am-5 pm

OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday: 8:45 am-3 pm

ROSARY
Saturdays at 4 pm

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On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**, or Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical Quas primas ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. (Source: usccb.org)

Happy Thanksgiving. May the Lord bless you and your loved ones with His abundant grace, peace, and joy on this Thanksgiving Day!

Prepare for Christmas with Hallow and Formed Advent resources provided in the online E-News edition available at stmarguerite.org.

The Ladies' Sodality is hosting a **Family Christmas Movie Night** on Saturday, December 12th after the 4:30 pm Mass. We will watch "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer". Pizza and popcorn will be provided. Participants are asked to bring a small, new, unwrapped toy for donation to Friends of Karen. Sign up in the narthex.

2027 Calendars are available for purchase ($5/each) in the narthex. Each month features a traditional religious painting. Every year we sell out, so get yours today!

Our annual Fall Festival was once again a great success, attracting a large turnout and generating a profit of $3,471. The Bake Sale contributed $865 to that total. Thank you to everyone who helped organize the event, to our bakers, and to the faith formation students who assisted with setup and cleanup.

The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, November 25th through Friday, November 27th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Sodality group is selling **handcrafted rosaries**. Place your order by December 5th for Christmas delivery. Contact Pati at patirichards1@gmail.com to order.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Nov 23: *St Clement I, St Columban, Bl Miguel Agustin Pro*
8:30 Intentions of the Nigro family by Fata Family
Tues, Nov 24: *St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions*
8:30 +Souls in Purgatory by Bernier family
Wed, Nov 25: *St Catherine of Alexandria*
8:30 +Marisa Aberin del Mundo by Aberin family
Thurs, Nov 26
8:30 +Rick Pennacchia by Clare and Sal Pennino
Fri, Nov 27
8:30 +Anna Nacinovich by Nacinovich family
Sat, Nov 28: *Blessed Virgin Mary*
4:30 +John Mandell by Mario and Annette Nacinovich
Sun, Nov 29: *First Sunday of Advent*
8:30 +Michael Bracken by Cann family
11:00 +Dec Mbrs of Consoletti family by Nacinovich family; +Kitty Bacich by St Marguerite Prayer Shawl Ministry
5:00 +Rev Msgr Daniel J Honan by Father Jordan

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tuesday, November 24
9:15 am - Legion of Mary
Saturday, November 28
4 pm - Rosary

SANCTUARY CANDLE

November 23-29
+Frank DeKoskie by family

BISHOP'S APPEAL GOAL REACHED!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

St Marguerite's Goal: $65,700
Pledged: $79,595.99
Paid: $79,133.49
120.4% of Goal!

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SAVE THE DATE!



FAMILY CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

FEATURING THE CLASSIC

RUDOLF THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

Saturday, December 12th
after the 4:30 p.m. Mass

Pizza & Popcorn provided

We ask each family to bring a small, new unwrapped toy for donation to Friends of Karen

www.friendsofkaren.org

Hosted by the St. Marguerite Ladies' Sodality

Reservations Required: Sign-up starting November 14 in the Narthex

Parent must accompany child: Not a drop-off event

Advent Preparations

With all the hustle and bustle of the Advent and Christmas seasons upon us, are you looking for something to keep your focus on the Reason for the Season?

Below are two suggestions that you may enjoy looking into as we begin the Advent season on November 29th.

Formed.org (join for free by using the QR code below)

An Advent Sojourn

Enter Advent with intention using this pathway built around How to Advent and Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage. Prepare your heart in the weeks before the season begins, then move through Advent with Scripture, reflection prompts, and journaling in a spiritual pilgrimage toward Bethlehem.

Episode 1: Counting Down to Christmas – Celebrating Advent as a Catholic
Episode 2: Catholic Guide to the Advent Wreath – Finding Purpose in the Waiting
Episode 3: The Jesse Tree Explained – The (not) Christmas Tree You've Never Heard of
Episode 4: There's More to Your Nativity Scene than You Thought
Episode 5: Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage



Hallow.com

Advent Pray25: It's a Wonderful life!

Join Chris Pratt, Jonathan Roumie, Gary Sinise, Sr. Miriam, Fr. John Burns, and more as we journey through one of the greatest Christmas films of all time: It's a Wonderful Life. Over the 25 days leading up to Christmas, we'll walk with the film's main character, George Bailey, as he begins to open his eyes to the great beauty of his life and teaches us to do the same. Together we'll see that the truth of Christmas isn't the parties or presents, the carols or cookies. It's that God Himself has come to dwell among us, not just in a manger 2,000 years ago, but right here, right now. Join the waitlist now to start praying with us on November 30th! To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources

26 sessions

1 **Emmanuel:** Welcome to Pray25! Chris Pratt reminds us of the truth at the heart of Christmas, and Sr. Miriam leads us to Nazareth, where Joseph declares, “God is with us.” To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' tap here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources

Day 1: Chris & Sr. Miriam

2 **George Bailey:** The whole town is praying for George Bailey on Christmas Eve, but he’s ready to throw it all away. Sr. Miriam helps us hear the voice of Love in our weariness. To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources

Day 2: Chris & Sr. Miriam

3 **Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Moments:** Two ordinary days in George’s childhood bring forth moments that matter more than he knows. In our prayer, Sr. Miriam leads us to Galilee, where Jesus traces our story in the sand. To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources

Day 3: Chris & Sr. Miriam

4 **Restless Heart:** George is ready to shake the dust of Bedford Falls off his feet, until one night changes everything. Sr. Miriam invites us to place our dreams in God’s hands. To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources

Day 4: Chris & Sr. Miriam

5 **Lasso the Moon:** Join Chris Pratt and Hallow’s CEO and co-founder, Alex Jones, as they watch and reflect on a few favorite scenes from It’s a Wonderful Life. To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources

Day 5: Chris & Alex with Film Clip

6 **Story of Wonder:** A special guest shares a story of wonder as they recount God’s faithfulness in their life. To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources

Day 6: Special Guest

7 **Homily**: On this second Sunday of Advent, Fr. Pierre Toussaint, CFR shares a homily on today’s readings and It’s a Wonderful Life. To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources

Day 7: Fr. Pierre Toussaint, CFR

8 **Dreams Deferred:** Jonathan Roumie joins us as George’s plans collide with his father’s legacy. Sr. Miriam leads us up a winding mountain path, where Jesus says, “Come, follow me.” To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources

Day 8: Jonathan & Sr. Miriam

9 **Left Behind**: George’s long-awaited chance to leave finally arrives, along with a surprise. Sr. Miriam brings us to Nazareth to hear a young girl’s fearless yes. To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources

Day 9: Jonathan & Sr. Miriam

10 **Run on the Bank**: George and Mary surrender their honeymoon to save the town. Sr. Miriam leads us to Galilee, where five loaves and two fish become more than enough. To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources

Day 10: Jonathan & Sr. Miriam

11 **What Could’ve Been:** An old friend’s flashy return leaves George quietly bitter. Sr. Miriam sits with us beside the Prodigal Son’s elder brother and invites us to count our gifts. To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources

Day 11: Jonathan & Sr. Miriam

12 **Surrender**: Join Jonathan Roumie and Hallow's Alex Jones as they reflect on one of the most powerful scenes from It's a Wonderful Life. To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources
Day 12: Jonathan & Alex with Film Clip
13 **Story of Wonder**: A special guest shares a story of wonder as they recount God's faithfulness in their life. To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources
Day 13: Special Guest
14 **Homily**: Fr. Pierre Toussaint, CFR gives a beautiful homily on this Sunday's readings and It's a Wonderful Life. To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources
Day 14: Fr. Pierre Toussaint, CFR
15 **Potter's Field:** Gary Sinise joins us as Mr. Potter makes George an offer that seems too good to refuse. Then we travel to the desert, where Sr. Miriam shows us that when Jesus says, "Enough," even hell has to listen. To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources
Day 15: Gary & Sr. Miriam
16 **The Battle of Bedford Falls:** One mistake on Christmas Eve threatens all George has built. Sr. Miriam places us on a stormy sea, where Jesus calls, "Come," and reaches for our hand. To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources
Day 16: Gary & Sr. Miriam
17 **The Unraveling:** George comes undone, and his pain spills over onto the people he loves most. Sr. Miriam reminds us that even our darkest moments are no match for God's love. To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources
Day 17: Gary & Sr. Miriam
18 **Cry of the Heart**: Gary shares the story of his son, Mac, and his unshakable faith. At the end of his rope, George turns to something he never has before: prayer. To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources
Day 18: Gary & Sr. Miriam
19 **Silver Linings:** We're joined again by Alex Jones, this time with Gary Sinise, as they watch and reflect on some of the beautiful moments in It's a Wonderful Life. To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources
Day 19: Gary & Alex with Film Clip
20 **Story of Wonder:** A special guest shares a story of wonder as they recount God's faithfulness in their life. To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources
Day 20: Special Guest
21 **Homily**: Fr. Pierre Toussaint, CFR gives another incredible homily on this Sunday's readings and It's a Wonderful Life. To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources
Day 21: Fr. Pierre Toussaint, CFR
22 **Never Born**: Fr. John Burns joins us as George receives a gift he never expected: a glimpse into the world without him. Sr. Miriam shows us how deeply our lives touch others. To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources
Day 22: Fr. John & Sr. Miriam
23 **Live Again**: Desperate to get his life back, George cries out, "I want to live again." Sr. Miriam invites us to pray through these days as if this were our last Christmas. To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources
Day 23: Fr. John & Sr. Miriam
24 **The Richest Man in Town**: Bedford Falls fills the Bailey living room to rescue the man who always rescued them. Sr. Miriam looks back over Advent with us, giving thanks for every grace. To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources
Day 24: Fr. John & Sr. Miriam
25 **Good News of Great Joy**: On Christmas Eve, Sr. Miriam leads us to the manger, where Mary places the Christ Child in our arms and reminds us, "He is here. God is with us." To learn more about 'The Greatest Gift' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' visit here: https://try.hallow.com/pray25-resources
Day 25: Sr. Miriam

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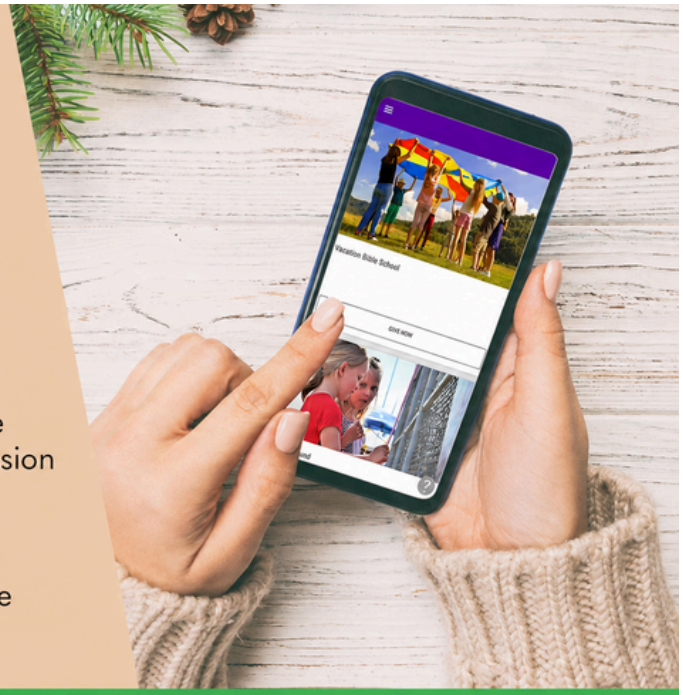
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A PILGRIMAGE TO THE MOTHER HOUSE OF THE CONGREGATION OF NOTRE DAME – AN ANNAL FOR THE ARCHIVES



On October 13, two parishioners of St. Marguerite Church were invited to the Congregation of Notre Dame Mother House in Montreal to stay for a week. Our dear friend, Sr Patricia Flattery, arranged these accommodations for us because she knew that we were curious about many aspects of St. Marguerite's life, and legacy. This pilgrimage to the adopted homeland of our beloved patroness was informative, beautiful, and life changing. Over the next few weeks, we will share with our parish, what we saw and experienced. Shown on this page is the front entrance of the *Maison Mère (*Mother House in French).



We shared meals with the Sisters living in the house. We talked about Marguerite Bourgeoys and how she and the Sisters of her order influenced the catechism and Catholicity of Montreal during her life in the 1600s and throughout the world today. Many of the CND Sisters have worked in Cameron, Japan, Honduras, Canada, and even Connecticut. We met the current Congregational Leader, Sister Ona Bessette, who had worked for some time right next door to us in Waterbury, CT.

"It is true that all I have ever desired most deeply and what I still most ardently wish is that the great precept of the love of God above all things and of the neighbor as oneself be written in every heart.

...let us revive at least among us the true spirit of cordiality and love which formed the glory and the beatitude of the first Christians."

Marguerite Bourgeoys



Most significant to us was the "cordiality" that we experienced from everyone we met at the Mother House, our tour guide at the museum, Site Historique Marguerite Bourgeoys, and the Chapel , Notre Dame de Bon Secours, and at Maison Saint-Gabriel. We will share more photos and facts about each place and their significance to us. One particular occasion that we will treasure, always, was sitting in the small room at the Mother House where our patroness' heart is encased. Meditating on her amazing perseverance, humility, goodness and light, we realized that throughout our journey, the 'cordiality' that St. Marguerite writes about in her autobiography, permeated everywhere we went and all that we did. Come along with us as we share our journey. Come along, you will get to know her better, too.

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This Week on Formed

Week of November 22, 2026



Sacred Art: Christ the King

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.



The Faithful Departed | Eternal Rest | Episode 4

What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.



How to Advent | Episode 4

In this episode, we explore the incarnational meaning of the nativity set, traditions to follow within your own family, and how we're not only preparing for the birth of Christ that happened 2000 years ago – but the present reality that Christ will one day come again for us. Are you ready?

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DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

November 2, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

Throughout our lives, priests have been there for us: at the baptismal font, at the altar, in the confessional, and at the bedsides of those we love. They have shared our joys and sorrows, strengthened us through the sacraments, and helped us recognize God's presence even in difficult moments. As they grow older, we have an opportunity to express our gratitude by providing the care they need.

Retirement does not end a priest's vocation. Many of our senior priests continue to offer Mass, hear confessions, and guide the faithful. Their ministry remains a quiet, steady blessing throughout our diocese. Others face illness or the challenges of advancing age and need greater assistance. Each deserves to know that the Church he has served will care for him with love and dignity.

The Saint John Vianney Trust helps the Diocese of Bridgeport fulfill this responsibility by supporting the care of our retired and infirm priests. Their needs vary: some require approximately $6,000 in support each year, while others need as much as $48,000. As healthcare costs rise and more priests enter retirement, we must provide for those who need our help today while preparing thoughtfully for the years ahead.

For this reason, I earnestly ask for your generous support of the 2026 Faith of Our Fathers appeal. Your gift to the Saint John Vianney Trust is a meaningful way to honor the priests who have shaped your faith and accompanied your family. It will help sustain dignified living and care for these men who have given their lives in service to Christ and His Church.

Please consider a generous gift, and join me in praying for our retired priests, those who care for them, and the faithful priests who have gone before us. May our fathers in faith always know the gratitude and love of the people they have served.

With sincere gratitude,

+Frank J. Caggiano

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

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Christmas CRAFT FAIR!

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TIME: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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