E-NEWS

29 November 2026 | First Sunday of Advent

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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Thank you for your support!

Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent marking the beginning of a new liturgical year. As we enter this four-week season of preparation for Christmas, may we open our hearts in hope, peace, and joyful expectation.

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

The **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is celebrated on Tuesday, December 8. Masses will be at 8:30 am and 6:30 pm. This is a holy day of obligation.

Envelopes for Christmas Flowers are available at the entrances to the church. Intentions for both the living and the deceased will be remembered at all Masses in the Christmas season. Envelopes for Christmas will be available soon.

The Ladies' Sodality is hosting a **Family Christmas Movie Night** on Saturday, December 12 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.

Join us on Sunday, December 13 after Mass to make **Christmas cards for the residents of Brookfield Commons**. You can also make cards at home and drop them off in the collection box in the narthex by December 21. This is a wonderful way to spread some Christmas cheer.

Coming next week... Our **Garland of Gifts** to benefit Birthright. We will be collecting new maternity clothing. Beginning December 1, please choose a tag for a requested item from the garland in the narthex. Return it unwrapped to the collection boxes.

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!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Nov 30: *St Andrew*
8:30 +Frank R Santi, Sr by his wife, Ann
Tues, Dec 1
8:30 Intentions of Denise Bernier by Doreen Bernier
Wed, Dec 2
8:30 +Juliette Breton by Aberin family
Thurs, Dec 3: *St Francis Xavier*
8:30 +Michael and +Helen Palica by Barbara
Fri, Dec 4: *St John Damascene*
8:30 +Anna Guardo by Nacinovich family
Sat, Dec 5
4:30 +Rosalie Dominicus by Lynch family
Sun, Dec 6: *Second Sunday of Advent*
8:30 Intentions of Frank Celentano by Piccorelli family
11:00 +Robert Hau by family; +Rocco Scarcella by Guy and Liberta Scarcella
5:00 Living/Deceased Members of DeAlession, Martin, and Bianco families

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tuesday, December 1
9:15 am - Legion of Mary

Saturday, December 5
3:30-4:15 pm - Confessions
4 pm - Rosary

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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FEAST of the
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
December 8th
MASS
SCHEDULE
Tuesday
December 8
8:30 am
6:30 pm
Holy Day of Obligation
O Mary, conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to thee.

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

Christmas Cards
for Brookfield Commons

St. Marguerite's will again be making Christmas cards to give to the residents of Brookfield Commons. This is a wonderful way for us to spread some Christmas cheer to those who may not always feel so festive during the holidays.



Cards to color will be available after all Masses on December 13

You can also make your own cards at home and drop them in the box by the bulletin board in the narthex by Monday, December 21
(Cards will be delivered on 12/22)



Thank you for helping make their Christmas a little brighter!

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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A beautiful and meaningful rosary for family, friends, and loved ones. The St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Sodality is offering handcrafted rosaries, beautifully constructed for lasting durability.

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New This Year: Men's rosaries featuring dark wood beads with a bronze crucifix and medal.

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Carmela Mangini at cmangini@snet.net
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Pati Richards at patirichards1@gmail.com

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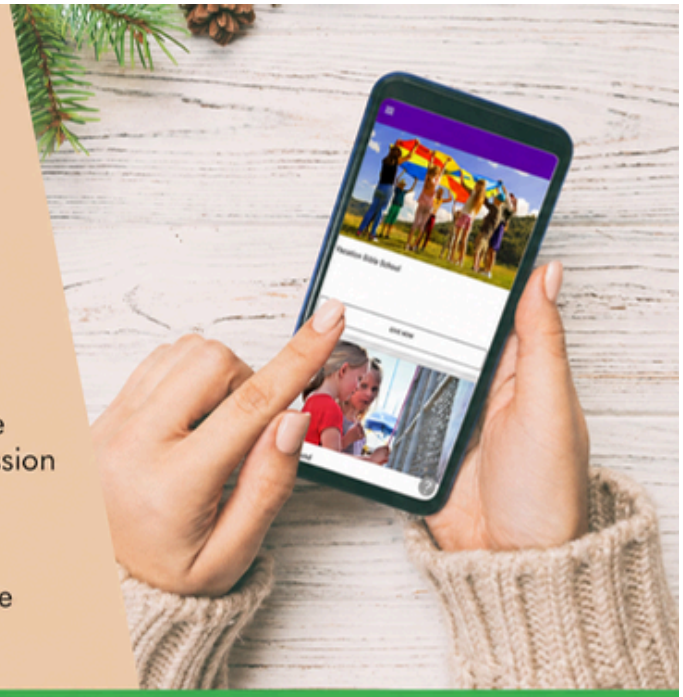

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Link to Amazon Wish List:
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Items can be purchased anywhere.
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ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS – THE CHURCH AND THE SAINT

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

The moment we arrived late on Tuesday evening, October 13, Sisters Danielle and Maura enveloped us in welcome and eased us into our rooms with a tour of the living quarters on the third floor of this beautiful, spacious house. We were brought in from the rain and made cozy and warm.

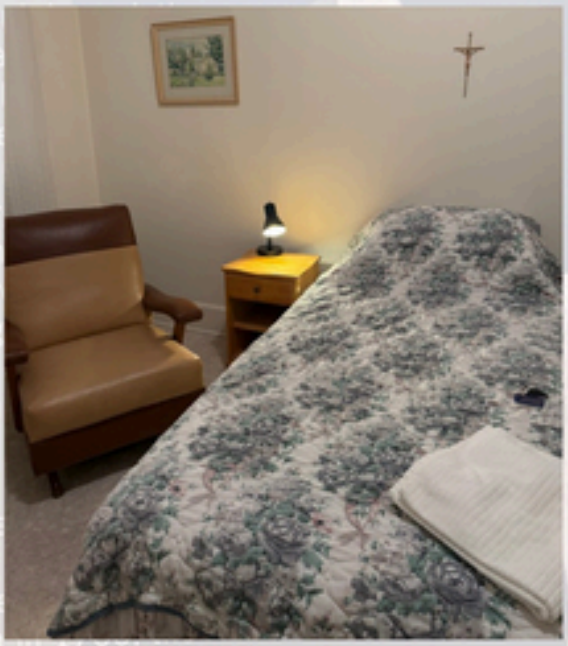
The next morning, Sister Émilie Maddix swooped in like a true guardian angel. Following a Mass celebrated half in English and half in French, she guided us to breakfast and stayed by our side for the rest of our visit, making a pilgrimage with us to several locations, including Kahnawake, St. Kateri's resting place.

Every Sister was welcoming, each with a story to tell about her different vocation or mission where she had served. We were especially fascinated to hear Sister Émilie's stories about her decades spent in Cameroon. The Sisters asked questions about our intentions for our visit and invited us to recount each day's adventures. The food, the cleanliness, and the hospitality in the house were exceptional. However we describe our visit, *"the cordiality and love which formed the glory and beatitude of the first Christians"* (SMB) was deeply felt and appreciated.



Our guardian angel, Sr Emilie.

Maison Mère is under Mary's protection in almost every room, of which it feels like there are 100..



One of the small, but cozy, rooms reserved for us.



Every Sister of the CND wears the same plain metal cross that Marguerite wore - the central visible sign of their vocation. They are a non-cloistered order and wear simple, modest clothing.



Looking out from the front door of Maison Mere,

According to an article regarding the Sisters' habits worn prior to the Second Vatican Council, published by the Université Laval, *The Dress Practices of the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre-Dame*, "At the end of the novitiate, during the profession of vows, the postulants received the silver cross. What is important to remember is that, each time one dressed, a special prayer was made for several components of the costume: For the dress: "Clothe me, O Jesus, with your virtues. Communicate to my soul your merits and the holy dispositions which should be the interior garment of your wives." For the girdle: "Lord Jesus, bind me to you and to your holy Mother, by the bond of a strong and generous love that never breaks." For the veil: "O Immaculate Virgin, grant that I may carefully preserve this symbol of modesty and modesty, and that I may carry it without blemish to the judgment seat of Jesus Christ." (1889)

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This Week on Formed

Week of November 29, 2026



Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.



Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree This Advent

Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Rooted guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage, and offers an engaging, practical reflection.



Adore: Advent with Fr. John Burns

You have a choice this Advent: Get caught up in the annual rush of shopping, decorating, and parties or slow down and take a few minutes each day to remember who this season is really about—Jesus. In Adore, Fr. John Burns will help you reclaim the sacred sense of longing and joyful hope at the heart of Advent.

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Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

St. Edward's Parish

Christmas CRAFT FAIR!

We're excited to invite you to be part of another festive and successful event.

DATE: Saturday, December 5, 2026

TIME: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

LOCATION: St. Edward Church Hall
21 Brush Hill Road, New Fairfield, CT 06812

Shop unique handmade crafts, beautiful gifts, holiday décor, and more!

Something for everyone on your Christmas list!



We can't wait to celebrate the season with you!