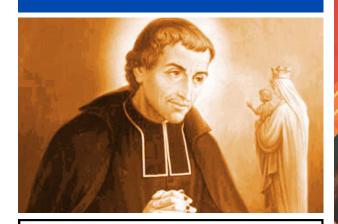


## SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT PARISH

## November 2, 2025



### **Weekend Masses**

Vigil at Our Lady of Grace Church 4:30pm Sunday at St. Anthony Church – 8:00am Sunday at St. Thomas Church – 9:15am Sunday at St. Anthony Church – 11:00am

### **Daily Masses**

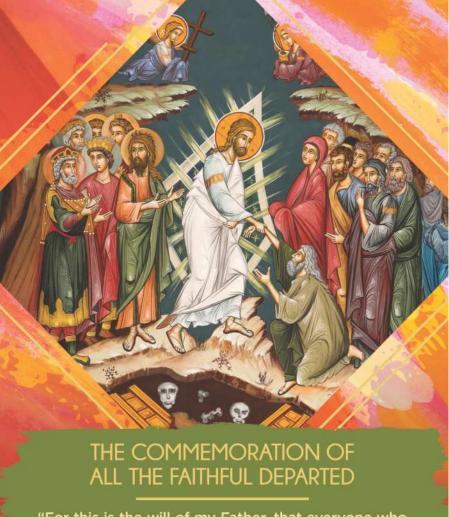
Monday – Friday at St. Anthony Church – 8:00am

### Confession

Saturdays at Our Lady of Grace Church – 3:15 - 4:00pm

### Adoration

Mondays at St. Anthony Church – 7:00 - 8:00pm – with the Sacrament of Confession



"For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day." - Jn 6:40

excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. @LPi

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### The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) - November 2, 2025



<u>Pope Leo's Prayer Intention For November</u>: For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

LDM = St Louis de Montfort Parish; SAP = St Anthony of Padua Church; STV = St Thomas of Villanova Church; OLG = Our Lady of Grace Church

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025 - ALL SAINTS' DAY

OLG 4:30 PM Living & Deceased of the Parish

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025 - ALL SOULS' DAY

SAP 8:00 AM + *Pam Wray* ~ By the VanOrmer Family

STV 9:15 AM + Mary Dole and Deceased Members of the Dole & Corwin Families ~ By the Corwins

SAP 11:00 AM + Donald Falcetti ~ By Family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + Alice Dos Santos

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + Paul Casadei

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + Holy Souls in Purgatory

SAP 6:30 PM - Mass of Remembrance

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + Victims of Hurricane Melissa

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM Intentions of Father John Kim

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

OLG 4:30 PM The Rickevicius Family ~ By Teresa Stack

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + Sallie Smith ~ By The VanOrmer Family

STV 9:15 AM + *Robert Skinner* ~ By Charles & Doloris

Marshall and Family

SAP 11:00 AM + *Nancy Cleary* ~ By Maureen

### Please add the following people to your prayers

- ♥ Marie Sanford ♥ Lois Buchanan ♥ Gordon Hills
- ♥ Fiona Riley ♥ John Pelchat ♥ Eileen Proveaux
  - ♥ Bob Grosclaude ♥ Liz Carter ♥ Ed Perry
- Mary Corbo ♥ Tracey Bassos ♥ Stephen Foster
   Lacey G & Elliott ♥ Brior Stack-Sweeney
- ♥ Chris Dole ♥ Bernard Harrington ♥ Patricia Hayes



Collections: THIS Weekend's will be the Parish Weekly and Monthly. NEXT Weekend's will be the Parish Weekly, All Saints, and the Parish Monthly Collections.

### Saint Louis de Montfort Parish October 25th & 26th

WEEKLY: ..... \$ 3981.00

ONLINE GIVING: ...... \$ 869.25

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## Online Giving IS HERE...

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The parish website is undergoing changes and updates.

Any questions please call the office.

### Sacraments At Our Parish

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Call the main parish office for more information.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Every Saturday at Our Lady of Grace Church (3:15--4:00pm); during Adoration on Mondays 7:00--8:00pm

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Please call the main office at least six months in advance before making any other arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the office.

**Religious Education:** Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation:

Please call Cate Corwin.

**Adult Sacraments:** Any adult wishing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communions, and/or Confirmation are welcome to join the OCIA and Adult Confirmation process. Please call the office for more information.

The Parish Council is doing a survey next weekend, November 8/9. More information to follow.



### Mass of Remembrance

St. Louis de Montfort Parish invites the families of our loved ones and parishioners lost in the past year to a Mass of Remembrance. The Mass will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, November 5th at St. Anthony of Padua Church

Heartwarming for you. Life changing for them.

Please contribute to our 11th annual community

## **COAT DRIVE**

Through Tuesday - November 11, 2025



Knights of Columbus Council 56 is running clothing drive for FISH on the weekends of November 1st-2nd & 8th-9th. Lightly-used children's coats, hats, gloves, and boots can be dropped off at Our Lady of Grace and St. Anthony Churches.

Join with us to help raise awareness of the need to...

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### COAT GIVEAWAY FOR THOSE IN NEED

Saturday, November 15th, 10 AM -2 PM St. Peter's Church Hall 107 East Main Street, Torrington, CT



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Call or email for more information or to join!



### Thanksgiving Food Drive

Litchfield Social Services is running a food drive for their Thanksgiving Baskets. Fresh produce such as butter, rolls,

potatoes, sweet potatoes, beets, squash, carrots, green beans, brussels sprouts, onion, celery, fresh herbs and turnips, ect, can be dropped off at St. Anthony's on the weekend of November 15/16, or Monday the 17th before 9am.



The Annual Franciscan Christmas Fair, benefiting the Franciscan Life Center and Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care, is Saturday, November 22,

2025, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm on the campus of the Franciscan Life Center, 271 Finch Avenue, Meriden, CT. Enjoy the Spirit of Christmas on this joy-filled day with something for the whole family. A wonderful Living Crèche, Franciscan breads, honey, pottery, food, handcrafted items, Merry Miscellaneous; fresh cut Christmas trees, raffles, Franciscan animals, and children's arts and crafts.

See you at the fair! Visit: franciscanchristmasfair.org



# 2025 Saint Louis de Montfort Parish ... Christmas Cookië Fair

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, December 6, 2025
Our Parish Cookie Fair Team is beginning to prepare for our
"sweetest" Parish Fundraiser. Choose your favorite Cookie
recipe now and gather your ingredients ahead of time to bake
a double batch or 120 of their favorite Christmas Cookies for
our Cookie Fair on Saturday, December 6th, 2025. Doors
open at 9am. All Parishioners are invited to help in the many
volunteer duties needed for the Cookie Fair event. Drop off
for the cookies is on Friday, December 5th from 8am to 7pm.
More information to follow. For more information please call

Cate at 860-491-2756 or email: cookiefair@stlouisdemontfortparish.org

### **Litchfield Community Center**

Understanding Palliative Care and hospice: Needs, Facts, and Myths. Navigating through the third phase of our lives can sometimes be confusing and overwhelming. Learn about cultivating compassion in our community to allow ourselves and the people we love to choose what is right for them. This program will allow for questions and answers regarding what and how quality of life can be maximized.



Tuesday, Nov. 4 ~ 12:00pm Lunch followed by presentation FREE / Registration required for lunch.

## St. Paul Catholic High School, Bristol

Admission Events: This fall give an opportunity for prospective students/ families to see that there's something greater at St. Paul for the 2026/2027 school year. We look forward to seeing you!

Open House-11/27 tour starting at

10:00am spchs.com/openhouse

Placement Exams-11/22 starting at 8:00am

spchs.com/placementexam

On Oct. 2, the feast of the guardian angels, students at East Catholic High School in Manchester recognized their guardian angels here on earth by dedicating a new Marian grotto to the religious sisters who have served them as trusted mentors and guides.

Students and faculty at East Catholic honored the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur with a Mass and the dedication of a new Marian grotto at the high school: the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Grotto.

"Seventy-one Sisters worked here over the years," Sean Brennan, chief administrator of East Catholic High School, told the crowd at the dedication ceremony. The Sisters, he said, served over the years as administrators, teachers and counselors.

With the motto "God is good all the time," the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur are still bringing their special charism to East Catholic High School, where they have been educating and shaping generations of students since the school's founding in 1961.

Sister Peggy Evans, who has been with the school 58 years and still works part time, came up with the idea for the grotto. "Sister Peggy wanted to honor her fellow Sisters," Brennan explained.

Brennan introduced Sister Peggy as "the soul of the school." Over the years, she worked as a religion teacher, Spanish teacher, vice principal and guidance counselor. Today, she assists with alumni relations.

# EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL DEDICATES NEW GROTTO TO NOTRE DAME SISTERS

"They always said 'East was best.' East was best because of the student body here," Sister Peggy told the students. "You rejuvenate me every day. The Sisters will tell you, I'm happy to wake up and come to work here every day."

The event opened with a Mass in the auditorium, celebrated by Father Daniel Hackenjos, the dean of religious life for Archdiocesan Catholic High Schools. Later, students processed to the grotto for the dedication ceremony.

As the Sisters, the entire student body, and archdiocesan officials looked on, Father Hackenjos blessed the new grotto along with the student choir members who performed at the event.

The focal point of the new grotto is a bronze statue of Mary holding the baby Jesus. Now mounted on the side wall of the school, the statue was rescued from the old Notre Dame convent, which existed on the school property until it was razed in 2021. Bricks taken from that same convent now form the lower walls of the grotto.

Completing the grotto are a concrete sidewalk, prayer benches, hot pink rose bushes, evergreen plantings, and a bronze plaque dedicating it to all the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

The dedication ceremony was followed by a lunch honoring the 14 Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, who were present for the special tribute.

The previous day, members of East Catholic's boys basketball team, dressed in white shirts and black bowties, also served dinner at the Sisters' Jubilee celebration at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Windsor Locks.

The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur are an international congregation, founded in 1804 by St. Julie Billiart (1751-1816) in Amiens, France. Today, their Motherhouse is located in Namur, Belgium. Their Connecticut office is located in Windsor.

### - Story by Shelley Wolf



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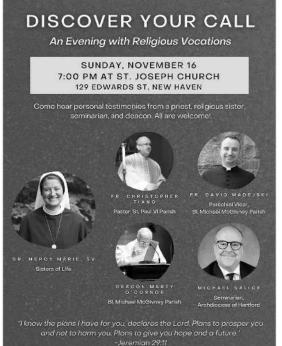
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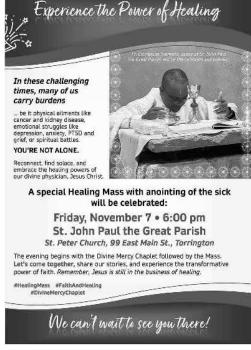
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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

# Branches on the Vine

NOVEMBER 1 - 7, 2025





#### THE PASTOR'S CORNER

My friends, this year we are privilege to celebrate this weekend both the Solemnity of All Saints, where we remember all of the Saints in Heaven, especially those who are unknown to us; and All Souls, where we remember the faith departed of our family and friends, parish community, and throughout the world who await the entrance into, God-willing, the kingdom of Heaven. St. Paul says in his Second Letter to Timothy, "Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses." 'Fight the good fight of faith' is probably the best way I could describe the immense and magnificent chaos in celebrating these two Holy Days. The reason I say this is because the Saints- know and unknown-, along with the Angels, are the army of God interceding for us. The Saints are those who have lived either extraordinary or ordinary lives; some have been religious throughout their life, others have had a conversion to the Faith; some are Apostles, others are martyrs, some are pastors, others are virgins or religious, and still others are just ordinary men and women-married and unmarried, children, adults, and elderly, etc... who have been found by God to be welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven and join the vast array of this magnificent army! These are the ones who have fought the good fight of faith and now they become our examples and role models to help us to get to the Kingdom of Heaven. They are the model 'bridge builders' that have underwent the challenges and difficulties in the chaotic world we live in, and now enjoy the splendor of God forever.

However, on the other hand, there are those who still await their chance to become a part of God's militant army- the souls in purgatory. These are the men and women, young and old, who "have gone before us and were marked with the sign of Faith." For them, it becomes our task and goal to pray for them. As we pray to the Saints for their intercession before God, so to do we now need to pray for those souls who await the Kingdom. They have fought the good fight of faith in the life we live now; and although we mourn their loss, we must rejoice because they are now being prepared by God to receive their reward and attain the great prize of victory. The letter to the Hebrews says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." The cloud of witnesses- the Saints and our departed brothers and sisters- our examples and role models in this life who have fought the good fight and now await or already enjoy the victory of God in Heaven are there for us. May we pray for them and to them, in hopes that we will all join the array of God's army, and help persevere in fighting the good fight of faith in order for God's victory to be won on earth.



-Fr. Matt

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