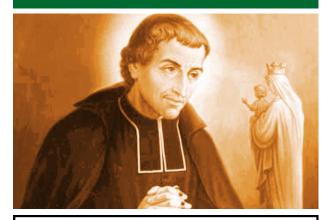


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November 9, 2025



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

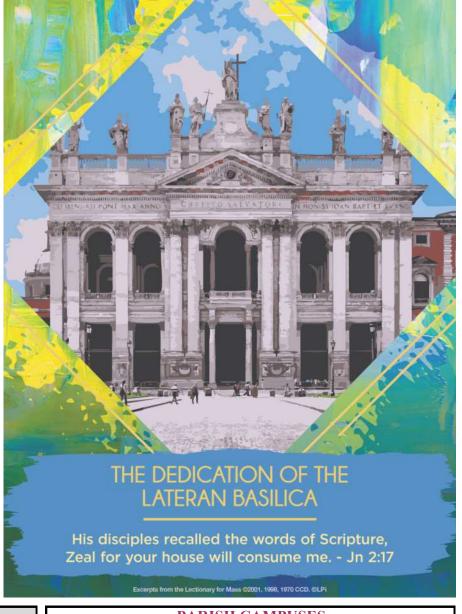
Monday – Friday at St. Anthony Church – 8:00am

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



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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - November 9, 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 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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM Intentions of Pope Leo XIV

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + *Elizabeth Hax* ~ By the Ron Hax Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + Charles Longo ~ By Peter & Christine Longo

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + Zachery Barra ~ By the Barra Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM Living and Deceased of the Parish

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + *Eileen Burns* ~ By the VanOrmer Family

STV 9:15 AM + Bernard Richards (14th anniversary)

~ By Terry Richards

SAP 11:00 AM + *The Carisio Family* ~ By Henrietta Horvay

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. **NEXT Weekend's** will be the Parish Weekly. Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and Collection for Hurricane Melissa Victims

Saint Louis de Montfort Parish November 1st & 2nd

WEEKLY: \$ 5849.00

ONLINE GIVING: \$ 2089.25

MONTHLY:.....\$ 1944.00

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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 requesting all parishioners to participate in a survey. The survey can be completed by scanning the QR code, or there

are paper copies for those who prefer to complete it in that way. Please submit the survey by 11/23.

Heartwarming for you. Life changing for them. Please contribute to our 11th annual community



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... End Hunger & Homelessness in NWCT



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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

This weekend is our Second Sunday Parish Social Weekend. This month's social will be after the Masses on November 8/9. If you know of a family member or friend you'd like to invite to come to Mass with us please do so - we look forward to meeting them! As always, each of our churches will take up the collection of canned goods and non-perishables to help our neighbors in need in addition to sharing fellowship and friendly talk after Mass in a spirit of welcome here at Saint Louis de Montfort. - Fr. Matt





In observance of Veterans Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th.

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

2025 Saint Louis de Montfort Parish ...

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

PLAINVILLE PARISHIONERS PLANT A GARDEN TO SHARE, CULTIVATE COMMUNITY

Uuring the summer and fall seasons, Gary Vincent uses his gardening skills for the benefit of parishioners at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Plainville.

"I'm helping the church but the parishioners mainly," he says. "I like to do things that put a smile on somebody's face."

On an acre of church grounds, Vincent keeps the "lost art" of gardening alive by (in no particular order) composting, planting, fertilizing, installing weed control fabric, trellising the tomatoes and harvesting a variety of vegetables for parishioners to enjoy.

Now that the season has come to an end, Vincent is rototilling the church garden with his tractor and harvesting the seeds. He will begin growing plants next March, utilizing his own portable greenhouse on his Plainville property.

"I look at a little seed, and I like to watch it grow," Vincent says. "I've been gardening all my life. My father taught me how to plant when I was 12, and I haven't missed a season yet."

Vincent, who has received an Archdiocese of Hartford St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation with his wife, Laurie, is a lifelong parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy Parish. He pours his heart, soul and resources into the garden. "I like to plant what people want the most when they go to the grocery store, tomatoes," says Vincent, who is also well known for growing prize-winning pumpkins for competitions.

At the church garden last spring, he planted some 450 tomato plants consisting of a wide variety of types. Complementing the tomatoes were eggplant, zucchini, yellow squash, cucumbers, Nardello sweet frying peppers, shishito peppers and radishes, in addition to a patch of zinnia flowers.

"We plant everything about 28 to 36 inches apart for good air circulation," Vincent says. "There's a lot of tricks to the trade."

Father M. David Dawson, pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, credits the parish volunteers for their commitment to the garden. "The parish garden is operated by a very small but dedicated crew of volunteers, to whom the parish is greatly indebted to for their service," he says.

"In a time where the bare necessities have gotten so very expensive, the parish is blessed to have these green thumbs helping so very many people. They produce thousands of dollars' worth of vegetables. Hopefully, we will have an influx of volunteers to continue to make it possible next spring."

Plainville resident and parishioner Leona Bisson is one of those volunteers, who started helping Vincent more five years ago. "I started talking to Gary and I wanted to help," she says. "He's a master gardener. He knows everything about growing."

Bisson even recruited her 19-year-old grandson, Ryan Whitehead, to help her pick vegetables, pack them in boxes and carry them into the church.

The boxes with vegetables are displayed on tables at the church's two entrances for the parishioners to help themselves after weekend Masses.

Bisson makes sure the boxes are refilled after every Mass. An extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, she brings fresh vegetables with her when she visits homebound parishioners. Some vegetables are also donated to the local food pantry.

"We get so excited over these vegetables, to watch them grow and to think of how many people will enjoy them," Bisson says. She adds that volunteers harvested about 10,000 tomatoes during the 2024 growing season. "People appreciate it so much."

Vincent says he finds joy in gardening. "I feel I am accomplishing something," he says.

To help with the garden next spring, call the parish office, 860.747.6825.

- Story by Karen A. Avitabile



Total Goal: \$10M

Stained Glass & Sacred Song

All are welcome to join us for this special event. We will reflect together on the beautiful stained glass windows of St. Mary's Church and sing hymns based on the windows' theme. Following our time in church, everyone is invited to enjoy some wine and cheese in the church hall. Come and be moved by Beauty & Truth that seeks to draw us into the story of salvation history and union with God in Christ Jesus.

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

My friends, last week we began a new series of homilies that allows us to focus on, as St. Paul say's, "Fight the good fight of faith." Last week we looked at both the Church militant in Heaven and the Church militant in Purgatory as we celebrated the Solemnity of All Saints and The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed-All Souls. What is important for us to remember is that we are a part of God's militant Church on earth- fighting the good fight of faith- through the battles we all face every day; and most of those battles have to do with the challenges we face- both as a community and as individuals, not to mention the effects of sin that create the chaos within these battles. However, we have a victor- Jesus Christ. Through his Incarnation, death, and Resurrection he has won for us the greatest battle the world has ever known, and has become our means as to why we should keep fighting the good fight of faith on earth in order to ioin Him and enjoy the riches of His victory in the Kingdom, As I said last week, competition is good for us as it helps us to better ourselves and see the great gifts that God has given to us, even though too competition may get the best of us and becomes not so good because we allow for our own ego to get in the way. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. What is this feast and what is its meaning for us you may ask? Well, the Basilica of St. John Lateran is a Basilica in Rome that was built by and during the time of Emperor Constantine as the so called 'Cathedral of Rome'. St. Peter's Basilica is the the place where the Holy Father conducts his official business for the Church Universal, but the Lateran Basilica is where he exercises his authority as the Bishop of Rome, and thus his entire Papacy.

In the Gospel for today we find Jesus, 'fighting the good fight of faith'. His zeal drives him into the Temple to drive out the money changers and those who are desecrating the temple through the selling of animals for sacrifice and other objects. What Jesus is trying to do is remind the people that the temple is sacred. It is the place where the people are able to experience God through prayer and sacrifice. However, this idea of the temple has become so secular in the minds of the Jewish people that they forget what it is supposed to stand for. Jesus then transitions the idea of the physical temple to the temple of His body- not just His physical body, but also His Spiritual Body- the Church. The Church, of which you and I are a part of, does not consist of the physical structure, but rather all of us gathered together as a community to pray as the Church militant on earth and 'fight the good fight of faith'. Holding true to the teachings of Christ and becoming bridge builders to Him. As the Prophet Ezekiel mentions the 'water flowing from the east side of the temple' which represents Christ pouring out His blood on the Cross to establish and consecrate His Church. We are, through our own Baptism and every day when we receive the Eucharist, poured on by the water and blood that has come from His side for us to experience two things: The first is for us to receive the spiritual and physical strength we need to overcome the battles we face in this world; and two, it gives us the opportunity to unite ourselves more fully into the community of faith that we are a part of in order for us to participate in the mystery of Christ's love as members of His Body. In this extraordinary experience and mystery, we, the Church militant on earth fighting the good fight of faith, will attain the victory and, God-willing, join the Church militant in the Kingdom of Heaven with the Saints and all his Holy one rejoicing that the war is done and the Lamb who is at the center of the temple in Heaven obtains absolute victory!



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