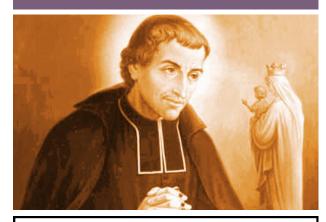


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November 16, 2025



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

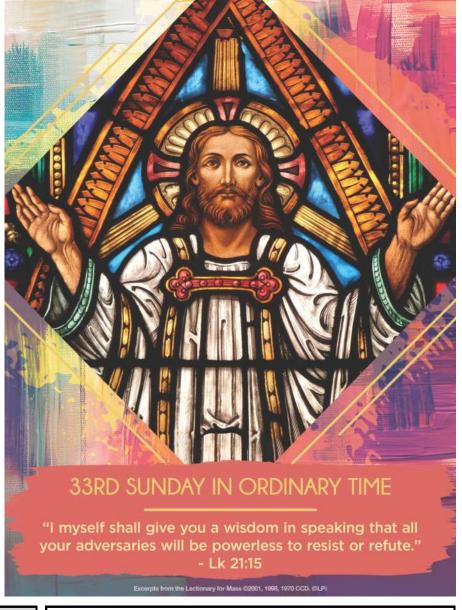
Monday – Friday at St. Anthony Church – 8:00am

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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Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time - November, 16 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 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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + *Joseph G. Barra* ~ By the Barra Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM Living and Deceased of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + Colleen Miller ~ By Zack Miller Murphy

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + Howard Foss ~ By Linda Kowalczuk

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + Patricia Hayes

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

OLG 4:30 PM + Ken Wilke ~ By the Diorio Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

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

STV 9:15 AM + Leo & Leonette Clement ~ By Family

SAP~11:00~AM+Angelo~and~Nina~Mancuso~-~Remembrance

Anniversay Mass ~ By Angela D'Amico

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,

Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and Collection for Hurricane Melissa Victims.

NEXT Weekend's will be the Parish Weekly.

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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.

Plenty of slots are open for Mass intentions!

Please call or visit the office for more information or to schedule.



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.



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.



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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: flcenter.org or franciscanchristmasfair.org

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



A Caregiver's Support Group

There will be a Caregiver's Support Group, Thursday, November 20 and Tuesday, December 16, 2025 - 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Franciscan Life Center • 271 Finch Avenue • Meriden, CT 06451 Registration is required.

For more information, or to register, please call 203-237-8084.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary | Feast Day November 17

Although her life was short, St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207 – 1231) is recognized for her love of the poor and suffering, and as patroness of Catholic charities and the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, she chose a life of penance instead of leisure, which made an impact on the "commoners" she served. After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and St. Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband's family did not look kindly upon her and mistreated her before finally throwing her out of the palace. However, the return of her husband's allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne. St. Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1228 where she cared for the poor in a hospital she founded in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. She died in 1231, but her great popularity resulted in her being named a saint only four years later.

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

PILGRIMAGE SET TO HONOR PRIESTS, INCREASE VOCATIONS

n a June evening last year, Joanne and Ed Arrandale of St. Margaret Church in Madison joined thousands of pilgrims as they walked up a hill in Medjugorje for an apparition of the Blessed Mother on the 43rd anniversary of her first appearance to six young people in 1981. "I had this desire to be in the same place as the Blessed Mother was appearing," Joanne recalls. "I wanted to be where she was."

When Our Lady appeared, the visionaries fell to their knees, people stopped praying the rosary and silence descended on the hillside in Medjugorje, Bosnia and Herzegovina. "It was incredible," she says. "To be on this hill with thousands of people, and there was dead silence -- and you knew you were in the presence of the Blessed Mother."

Her anniversary message was: "Dear children, I rejoice with you and thank God for permitting me to be with you, to lead you and love you. Little children, peace is in danger and the family is under attack. I am calling you, little children, to return to prayer in the family. Put sacred Scripture in a visible place and read it every day. Love God, above all, that it may be good for you on Earth. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Our Lady of Medjugorje urges people to receive the Eucharist, pray the rosary, read the Bible, fast, and go to monthly confession. "In Medjugorje, you experience one of the most spiritual and peaceful places, where heaven touches Earth," Joanne says. "The idea came to me to bring others back to share it with them. The Blessed Mother wants us to spread what's happening there."

Inspired by her experience, the Arrandales are organizing a pilgrimage, where others can deepen their faith and pray for priests, seminarians and new vocations. A member of the Archdiocesan Vocations Ministry, she approached Father Anthony Federico, director of Vocations & Seminarians, with her idea and for his participation.

"I was really impressed when I heard Joanne was organizing a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, specifically to pray for priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford and new vocations to the priesthood," Father Federico says. "It means a lot to me to know there are folks who are deeply committed to this particular need of the Church, which of course has become so important to me in my current assignment."

The pilgrimage is scheduled for April 11 to 18, **2026**. Among the planned activities, the group will celebrate daily Mass at St. James Church, climb Apparition Hill, and walk the Stations of the Cross to the summit of Cross Mountain. where a 28-foot cross commemorates Christ's crucifixion.

"I'm excited. I have never been there before but have heard such incredible testimonials from those who have, and I am eager to see it for myself," Father Federico says. "I am open to encountering and receiving what Our Lady has planned for me there and bringing the fruits of that back home to Hartford."

Joanne says the pilgrimage is dedicated to priests and seminarians because "they certainly deserve our prayers."

"I also want to put a smile on the faces of the Blessed Mother and Jesus and have them say, 'Yes, we'll take care of your priests," she adds. To learn more about the pilgrimage and apparitions in Medjugorje, call 203.318.8590 or email jarrandale@comcast.net. Registration for the trip should be done by Dec.



Adoration **Christ the King**



* All are welcome to join us for a joyful night of Eucharistic Adoration on the last Sunday of the Church Liturgical year. The Scripture, reflections, and songs will be in both English and Spanish. You will also have the chance to touch the humoral veil and ask the Lord for healing and hope. Our guest band will be Revival Worship.

- * Following adoration we will have some time of fellowship with "Prosecco on the Porch."
- * Come and rejoice in praise and worship as we thank Jesus for so many blessings this past liturgical year and ask for the grace to be more deeply immersed in the Paschal Mystery in the new year to come starting the First Sunday of Advent!





Spiritual Direction in a Group Setting HOLY FAMILY

Tuesdays, November 18, RETREAT CENTER December 2, 9, 16 2025 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. (ET) Ellen Graham and Mary Marsan

This program will allow participants to experience spiritual direction-either for the first time or perhaps in a new way in a small group setting. Over four

weeks, two directors from The Center for Scan to sign up or learn more Spiritual Direction at Holy Family will

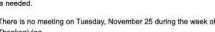
facilitate a shared experience of spiritual direction. During these sessions, participants will learn to share and reflect upon their spiritual journeys, hold space and silence together, prayerfully, and deepen their personal practices of prayer. No previous experience in spiritual direction is needed

There is no meeting on Tuesday, November 25 during the week of Thanksgiving.

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

My friends, we continue in our series of homilies where we are unpacking the phrase "Fight the good fight of Faith" coming from St. Paul's letters. Where is this leading us you may ask? It is leading us to the end of the liturgical year where we will celebrate, next week in fact, the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. More on that to follow. In reflecting on the words of our readings today, the phrase from President Roosevelt comes to mind where is he says, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Truly extraordinary, especially as the United States was entering into the time of the Great Depression and the world was on the verge of World War II.

II. As we might have said before, fear paralyzes us and becomes and obstacle for us in completing our mission in life- no matter how small or big it is. We have thus far talked about the WHO and the HOW when it comes to "fighting the good fight of faith". This week we will look at the WHY? As we read in our First reading from the Prophet Malachi about the 'blazing fire' that will consume the proud and evildoers, we see this as a moment of triumph in the eyes of God and an anticipation of the coming of the "sun of justice"- Jesus Christ, who will come "with its healing rays" to restore humanities relationship with God. There are so many forces in the worlds where we experience a sense of fear, especially the fear of unknowing; and most of what causes that fear is the impact of the 'proud and evildoers' in our world- those who are against God and sanctity of human life. For many of us, however, we become deceived, to a certain extent, into believing the 'proud and evildoers' depending on how desirable their ways may seem which will then lead us down the path of sin and separate us, from "the love of Christ" as St. Paul says in his letters. However, Jesus warns us to not be deceived. He talks about in the Gospel about the stones of the temple and the offerings made being thrown down. He warns us "not to be deceived" from those who may seem to be 'our savior' but in reality they are 'proud and evildoers'. Rather, he speaks of war and insurrections and calls us to not be terrified. In order for the world to be purified. He himself must enter into the chaos that causes the division, in order for Him to establish the unity of all peoples into the arms of God. At the end of the Gospel, Jesus causes us to 'persevere'. Persevere in our own lives that we may not allow the 'proud and evildoers' to get a hold of us. Persevere through the fears that come about due to the uncertainties and troubles of the world. Persevere in order for our lives to be secure. Continue to the "fight the good fight of faith". It is easy for us to be deterred, and that is why we have the Sacrament of Confession- to restore what we had chosen to lose and desire to gain back by the death and resurrection of Christ. Persevere, and not only will the fight and battles be won, but we will enjoy the victory of the war won by Christ the King



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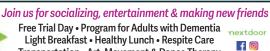
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