

SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT PARISH

November 23, 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

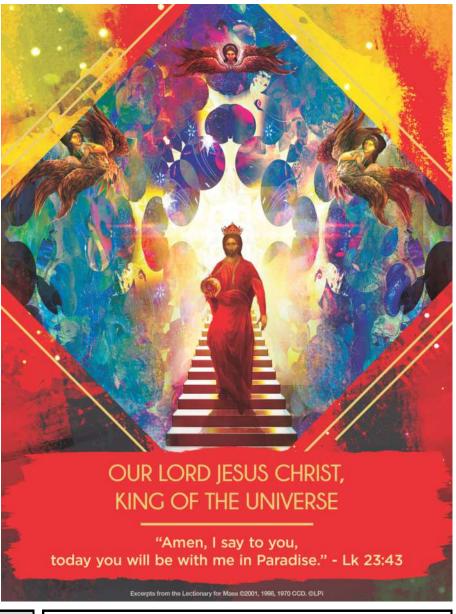
Monday – Friday at St. Anthony Church – 8:00am

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 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - November 23, 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 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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + $Mary Barra \sim By$ the Barra Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + Matthew Donohue

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2025

SAP 7:30 AM + *Lucille Barra* ~ By the Barra Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + Joseph Pitonak

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + Margret Savage

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025

OLG 4:30 PM + *PJ Zguzenski* ~ By Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + Bob Kaminski ~ By the VanOrmer Family

STV 9:15 AM + *Jack & Jeanne Caffrey* ~ By Suzanne Caffrey

& Brian Hotchkiss

SAP 11:00 AM + Arthur Coffill ~ By Nona

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.

Saint Louis de Montfort Parish November 15th & 16th

WEEKLY: \$ 3,860.00

ONLINE GIVING: \$ 2,183.25

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT : \$ 2074.00

HURRICANE MELISSA: \$ 2894.00

Thank you for Your Continued Generosity to Saint Louis de Montfort Parish.

Online Giving IS HERE..

Saint Louis de Montfort Parish's Online Giving tool for contributions. Go to our Parish Online Giving website at www.osvhub.com/stlouisdemontfortparish/giving/funds

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 4:30 Vigil will be moving to 4:00 staring 11/29



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.



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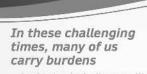
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Call or email for more information or to join!

Knights of Columbus Council 56 would like to extend their gratitude to all who participated in their coat drive. Over 125 coats were collected and donated for F.I.S.H. in Torrington

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During Advent, the Pastoral Team will be giving a series of lectures on the genealogy of Jesus according to the Gospel of Matthew to prepare for Christmas. The talks will be on November 30 and December 10, and 17, all at 6pm at St. Anthony Church Hall. Knights of Columbus Council 56 will be providing a soup dinner to go along with each of the talks.



... be it physical ailments like cancer and kidney disease, emotional struggles like depression, anxiety, PTSD and grief, or spiritual battles.



Reconnect, find solace, and embrace the healing powers of our divine physician, Jesus Christ.

A special Healing Mass with anointing of the sick will be celebrated by Father Emmanuel Ihemedu, pastor of St. John Paul the Great Parish:

Friday, December 5 • 6:00 pm St. John Paul the Great Parish St. Peter Church, 99 East Main St., Torrington

The evening begins with the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the Mass.

St. Paul Catholic **High School, Bristol**

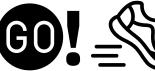
Admission Events: This fall give an opportunity for prospective students/ families to see that there's something greater at St. Paul for the 2026/2027 school year. We look forward to seeing you! Open House-11/27 tour starting at 10:00am spchs.com/openhouse

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FINISHI Congratulations to Father Matt for completing the hillacious half marathon with a time

of 1:37:30!



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Knights of Columbus Council 56 is running a holiday bake sale this weekend at Our Lady of Grace and St. Anthony of Padua Churches. Be sure to pick up some of their pies, cakes, and other homemade holiday goods.



SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, December 6, 2025

Our Parish Cookie Fair Team is beginning to prepare for our "sweetest" Parish Fundraiser. We are asking parishioners to bake 10 dozen cookies (120 of your best) of your favorite homemade Christmas cookies/confections.

Cookies/confections may be dropped off on Friday, December 5th from 8am to 7pm at St Thomas of Villanova Church Hall located at 71 North St, Goshen.

Christmas Cookie Fair Event is Saturday, December 6th. The doors open to the public at 8:30am.

If you have any questions, please call (860) 491 2796



The late Father Philip Cascia of the Archdiocese of Hartford was described as a "man of action" for his extensive humanitarian and peace efforts which extended nationally and internationally.

"Father Cascia was a saint in his own, unique way," said George Hughes, who chokes up when he discusses the priest and his friend. "I'm not the only one affected by this man."

Hughes of Prospect delivered a presentation on the legacy of Father Cascia at the Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury, an event that drew some 70 attendees.

He highlighted Father Casia's multifaceted life, including his diplomatic efforts through sports and the founding of St. Vincent DePaul Mission in Waterbury.

Hughes, a historian and former newspaper correspondent with a passion for writing, is working on a book about Father Cascia's life. More than 40 interviews have been conducted, he adds, and the research is still underway. "I'm making steady progress on the book," he said of the writing project.

After a short illness, Father Cascia, 55, died on Jan. 16, 2007, when he was administrator of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville. His additional assignments included serving churches in Prospect and Waterbury. He was a prefect at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield.



ENJOY TEA WITH SISTERS FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE AND OTHER WOMEN DISCERNING CONSECRATED LIFE

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 17TH, 2025 6:30-8PM

QUESTIONS? CONTACT SR COLLEEN AT 860-368-0826
ALL MEETINGS HELD AT THE AVILA HOUSE - 183 CHURCH STREET, NEWINGTON, CT

FORTHCOMING BIOGRAPHY WILL CHRONICLE THE LIFE OF A DECEASED PRIEST

Father Cascia developed a strong foundation of faith early in life. When he was 6 years old, he began religious training at St. Adalbert Preparatory School in Enfield. After seminary, he was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford on May 28, 1977, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.

"He knew he wanted to be a priest at a young age," Hughes added.

The priest also served as chaplain and wrestling coach at Sacred Heart High School in Waterbury. While coaching, he arranged for wrestling teams to travel to the Soviet Union.

Father Cascia was appointed by the late President Ronald Reagan to establish Intersports USA, an international program designed to foster cultural exchanges between American sports teams and those from other nations.

In 1998, the priest was instrumental in organizing a trip for Pope St. John Paul II to Cuba and led a Connecticut delegation. In 2000, Father Cascia was invited by the Vatican to celebrate the pope's 80th birthday. That same year, he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for his work through Intersports USA.



12/8 MONDAY, 6PM
ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION;
HEALING AND HOPE THROUGH
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St. Mary's Church, 212 Elizabeth St, Derby

This is a bilingual event (Eng/Sp) with: Rosary, Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Testimonial from Vivian Mestey, Veneration of the Pilgrim Image, and Music. Vivian will bring the blessed Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and share her testimony of how God has been working in her life. All are welcome!

Father Cascia was founder of St. Vincent DePaul Mission in Waterbury, an organization that aims to combat the root causes of homelessness in the Greater Waterbury area. The mission has grown to provide a wide range of services including a soup kitchen, emergency homeless shelter, thrift store and mental health facilities. It also offers programs for individuals and families with disabilities.

Hughes met Father Cascia in 1979 when he moved to Prospect and joined St. Anthony Church in the town. He said he held the priest in high regard and was grateful for his numerous contributions.

Today, Hughes remains active as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, a Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, a Bible study teacher and a choir member. He has served on the parish council at St. Anthony Church and was a faith formation teacher.

During his presentation, Hughes scrolled through photos of Father Cascia on a large screen. "Look at the smile on his face," said Hughes, pointing to one of the photos.



12/10 WEDNESDAY, 1-6PM
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
The Lyceum Event Center, 181 Main
St, Terryville

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish and the American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive on Wednesday, December 10th, from 1:00 - 6:00 PM, at The Lyceum. You are invited to join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today. The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Please use the link to schedule your appointment today: www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=TerryvilleCT.

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross.

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

My friends, we come to the end of another Liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King and reflect upon within our series called "Fight the good fight of Faith" with the WHAT we are fighting for, namely for us to enjoy the victory Christ has already won for us and has been crowned King of the universe. There have been many things that have taken place over the course of these past few months since I arrived, and much more to come as we look forward to the months and years ahead for our Parish.

With that being said, within the Church itself between Pope Leo XIV's first Encyclical, Dilexi Te, "I have loved you" a document on the Catholic Social Teaching on the love for the Poor, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issuing a statement and video on Immigration I feel the need to address you as your Parochial Administrator and reflect upon them as a whole. As Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew as He is being anointed in Bethany, "The poor you always have with you; but you will not always have me." This passage parallels to the commandments Jesus speaks of earlier in the Gospel, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus not only reminds His disciples that the commandment of 'love of neighbor' does not necessarily apply to those living next door, or even our friends; but rather he refers more to those who are poor- the lonely and the marginalized, the weak and defenseless, the hungry and thirsty, those who are poor-financially, emotionally, spiritually, etc.. Pope Leo in his Encyclical writes about the anointing at Bethany in saying, "That woman saw in Jesus the lowly and suffering Messiah on whom she could pour out all her love." How profound and prophetic! The woman, like Jesus, pours out all her love on Him because she realizes that He is poor- having humbled himself to take on our humanity only to suffer and to die. Pope Leo continues in saying, "Love for the Lord, then, is one with love for the poor." Thus, if we can love the Lord Jesus, in whatever capacity, we can extend that same love to the poor.

In saving all this, the USCCB in their statement on Immigration reflect upon the challenge our country faces in practicing the commandment 'love of neighbor' when it comes to individuals migrating here from other countries for sanctuary. These also are the poor Pope Leo talks about, only a different kind of poverty. The statement reflects upon the saddened climate of fear and anxiety that surrounds immigration and their legal status, but also the separation of families and loved ones. The Bishops of the United States remind us that, "Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together." We as a Catholic people need to first and foremost pray for the poor and migrants; but also become proactive. Proactive not in the sense of becoming profilers. No. rather we must become a voice for those who have none in praying for and evangelizing about the dignity of all persons, so that, like Jesus King of the Universe, who came to our aid in his profound humility, we may do the same for all peoples. "As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint."

-Fr. Matt



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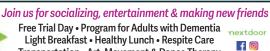
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