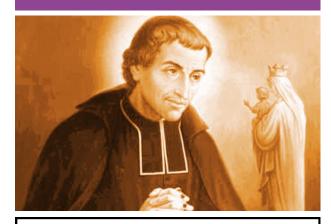


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November 30, 2025



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

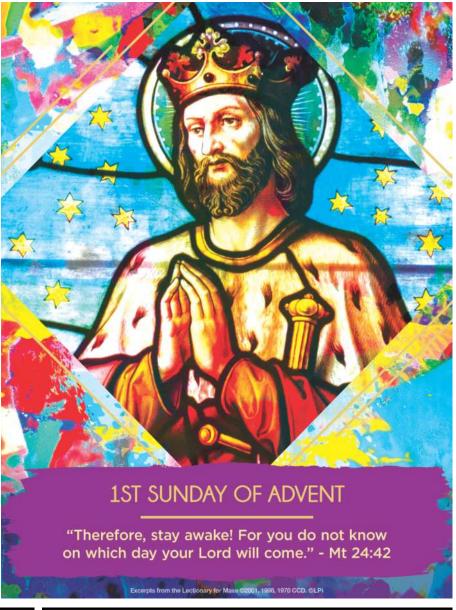
Monday – Friday at St. Anthony Church – 8:00am

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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First Sunday of Advent - November 30, 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 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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + Robert Gardella, Jr. ~ By Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + John Slick ~ By the Barra Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM For All Priests at the Convocation

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + Mitzi Cappello

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

OLG 4:30 PM + *Paul Evans* ~ By Mary Jane Evans

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + *Thomas O'Hare* ~ By Lisa Bauer

STV 9:15 AM + Angelina & Lodovico Pedone & their

daughters Camella, Rose & Louise ~ By the Pedone Family

SAP 11:00 AM + Jane Moraghan ~ By Janet Berlet

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 and monthly.

Saint Louis de Montfort Parish November 22nd & 23rd

Due to submission deadlines, last weekend's collection totals wil be in next weekend's bulletin.

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Plenty of slots are open for Mass intentions!

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

thank you!

On behalf of the parish Council, thank you to all who have participated in the parish survey over the past few weeks. We appreciate this opportunity to reach out to our community.

Sacraments At Our Parish

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

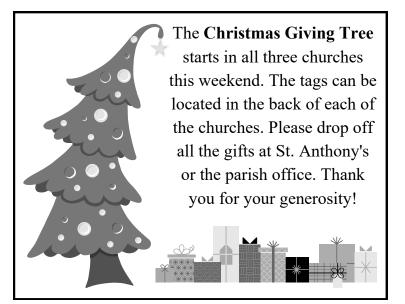
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Every Saturday at Our Lady of Grace Church (3:15--4:00pm); during Adoration on Mondays 7:00--8:00pm

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.





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Call or email for more information or to join!

Odvent

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. This week, for the first talk, Fr. Matt will be speaking on "The Faithful Generations, from Abraham to David." All are welcome to come as we prepare for Christmas.

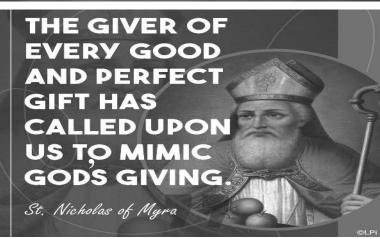
Congratulations to

Isabella Grace Keller, Eli James Keller, and Maverick Jack Keller who were baptized recently at St. Louis de Montfort Parish



Welcome to the Parish Community!
Our prayers are with you.







Branches on the Vine

"THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS" OFFERS DELIGHTFUL DAY AT MCGIVNEY PILGRIMAGE CENTER

If your family is looking for a way to make the Christmas season more meaningful and joyful, the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven offers a free, faith-filled and fun outing.

This year the museum, operated by the Knights of Columbus, is inviting visitors to "The Spirit of Christmas" exhibit now through Feb. 1, 2026. The exhibit features crèches and other artwork from around the globe celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. In addition, this year the exhibit highlights traditions and feast days cherished throughout the Christmas season.

"This year's exhibit is not just about Christmas. It talks about the Advent season all the way through to Candlemas," says Bethany J. Sheffer, curator and registrar of the museum. "Other feast days connected to the season include St. Nicholas, St. Lucia, the Holy Family and the Epiphany."

This year's exhibit also offers an interactive Advent calendar. "We've built a larger-thanlife Advent calendar. You can open some of its doors," Sheffer says. "On Dec. 20, when you open the door, you might get a prize."

The Advent calendar measures 8 feet tall and 20 feet wide. "It's big and exciting. When you open the doors, it lights up. It's the first thing you see," she adds.

Visitors will also be greeted in the entrance hall by a decorated tree with a French nativity tucked underneath its branches. "Our French nativity is a personal favorite," Sheffer says. "It's surrounded by poinsettias and is very pretty."

Among 50 crèches and works of art in adjoining rooms, visitors will find some new nativities this year from Australia, Germany and Denmark. "The Australian creche is a simple wood carved piece but, with that, we now have nativities from six out of seven continents," Sheffer says.

Other intriguing crèches include one from Haiti made of coconut shells. "One of my favorites is the Three Kings," Sheffer adds. "It's Spanish and is porcelain with figures 18 inches tall. They are beautiful. They're at the very end of the exhibit."

A second exhibit, "Away in a Manger," includes the crèche of St. Mary Church set in 19th-century New Haven – in the era of Blessed Michael McGivney.

This exhibit also incorporates the Neapolitan crèche, an annual favorite, which is large enough to encompass three main structures and 150 animal figures. "There's a turtle I move around every year," Sheffer says. "People can try to find him."

Additionally, visitors are invited to free weekend events: Tempus Adventus Concert, a choral concert by Canticum Novum, Nov. 30 at 2 p.m.; St. Nicholas Day with live music from Craig Calistro and the Christmas Tree Festival decorated by 20 Connecticut Catholic schools, Dec. 6 from 12 to 3 p.m.; the Advent Calendar Giveaway, Dec. 20; and Christmastime Family Day with live music from Joyful Noise, Dec. 28 from 12 to 3 p.m.

Before You Go

Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center, at 1 State St., New Haven, is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission and parking below the museum are free. For more information and the complete schedule of events, call 203.865.0400 or visit online at michaelmcgivneycenter.org.

- Story by Shelley Wolf



12/16 TUESDAY 7:30PM CHRISTMAS WITH HARTFORD CHORALE

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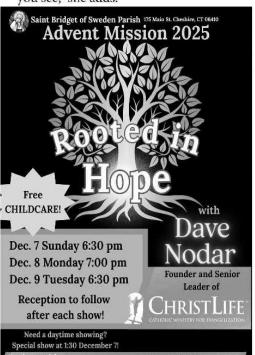
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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

This weekend's readings have a very interesting theme. A theme of waiting, while not knowing the day nor the hour when our waiting will come to an end. In our second reading, St. Paul in his letter to the Romans says, "it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed." He is not just calling for us to be awake physically, but also awake spiritually. He is calling us to be spiritually ready to receive God, in the smallest ways and in the biggest ways, throughout our daily lives. But also to be mindful, as Christ says in the Gospel, "Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." We are being called in these words to constant attention, looking to our Lord in the Eucharist as our means of salvation and our greatest ally in this world.

But we are also reminded by our Responsorial Psalm, "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Indeed we must rejoice, but we must not allow ourselves to be carried away by rejoicing in the things of this world. Material things will always disappoint us. No matter what car we drive, or how much money we have, or anything of that nature. None of these things can buy happiness. True joy and true happiness can only come from God alone. In realization of this, that does not necessarily mean that everything earthly is evil. Material things are given to us so that we can use them to the best of our abilities to help us as sons and daughters of God. But still, this alone is not what we need to help each other to achieve our common goal, everlasting life in the joys of Heaven. This is the only place where true happiness can be found.

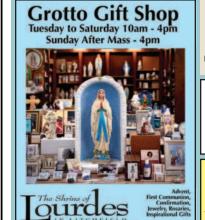
As St. Padre Pio said, "Today's society does not pray. That is why it is falling apart." Spending time with our Lord in Adoration, be it for five, ten, twenty minutes, or even an hour, is one of the greatest ways we can prepare ourselves in this life, and be awake and ready for "the day or the hour" in which God chooses to come in any way into our hearts. It is very much under appreciated that people will go to the ends of the earth for a concert, football game, soccer practice, ect., but at the same time, in our very own community, every day, we could instead visit our Lord, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the Eucharist. Before we run into something, just take a moment to pray, is this what God wants from me? Is this His will for me? So I ask you all today, and always, my brothers and sisters in Christ, to, in the words of St. Padre Pio, "Pray, hope, and don't worry." For God knows each of us, and loves us, and that is why we must be ready. Ready to hear His Word and be open to it, to receive it with true joy, and be willing to act upon it in our day to day lives.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. (John 3:16)

-Aidan Stewart Pastor's Assistant



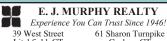
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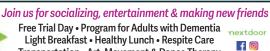
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