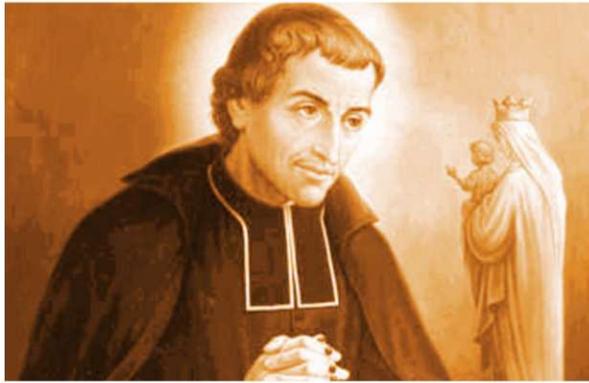




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January 25, 2026



Weekend Masses

Vigil at Our Lady of Grace Church – 4:00pm
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 –
3:00 - 3:45pm

Adoration

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

COME



“Come after me,
and I will make you
fishers of men.”

MATTHEW 4:19

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 25th, 2026



Mass Intentions

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention For January:
For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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, JANUARY 24, 2026

OLG 4:00 PM + *Robert Olert* ~ By the O'Brian Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

SAP 8:00 AM + *Benjamin Cardillo* ~ By Lisa Bauer

STV 9:15 AM + *Leo Clement* ~ By the Clement Family

SAP 11:00 AM + *Helen S. Keefe* ~ By Ruth Keefe

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + *Mary Smith*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026

SAP 8:00 AM ~ Terry Kaiser on Her Birthday

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026

SAP 8:00 AM ~ Students in Catholic Schools

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026

SAP 8:00 AM + *Deborah Pisciotti*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026

SAP 8:00 AM ~ A Special Intention

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026

OLG 4:00 PM ~ Living and Deceased of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

SAP 8:00 AM + *Frederick B. Schmiedel Jr* ~ By Ruth Keefe

STV 9:15 AM + *June Zeiner* ~ By the Ladies Guild

SAP 11:00 AM + *Renato Gugliotti Sr.*

~ By the Gugliotti Family



Collections: THIS Weekend is the Parish Weekly and Seminarian Collections. NEXT Weekend will be the Parish Weekly and Monthly Collections.
Saint Louis de Montfort Parish

January 17th & 18th

WEEKLY: \$ 2,202.00

ONLINE GIVING : \$ 1,488.25

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS : \$ 1,090.00

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Sacraments At Our Parish

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Every Saturday at Our Lady of Grace Church (3:00--3:45pm); during Adoration on Mondays 7:00--8:00pm at St. Anthony's Church

Sacrament of Matrimony: Please call the 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 Communion, and/or Confirmation are welcome to join the OCIA and Adult Confirmation process. Please call the office for more information.

Please add the following people to your prayers

- ♥ Marie Sanford ♥ Lois Buchanan ♥ Oren Boynton
- ♥ Fiona Riley ♥ John Pelchat ♥ Eileen Proveaux
- ♥ Bob Grosclaude ♥ Liz Carter ♥ Ed Perry ♥ Jackie Tiul
- ♥ Mary Corbo ♥ Tracey Bassos ♥ Stephen Foster
- ♥ Lacey G & Elliott ♥ Brior Stack-Sweeney
- ♥ Chris Dole ♥ Bernard Harrington ♥ Fr. Josh Wilbur

**Plenty of slots are open for Mass intentions!
Please call, visit the office, or view our website
for more information or to schedule.**



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Call or email for more information or to join!

The St. Louis de Montfort Ladies' Guild and Knights of Columbus Council #13128 will be sponsoring a diaper drive throughout the month of January to support Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center. Please drop off diapers, specifically sizes 4, 5, 6, & 7, at the entrance to the church before any Mass in January. The Knights will deliver the diapers during the final week of the month.

Thank you!

David Poirier, Grand Knight - Council #13128



Knights of Columbus Council 56 is running a clothing drive for FISH in Torrington, starting January 17 through 25. They are looking for new socks and underwear, as well as new or lightly used towels. Please drop off by January 25 at Our Lady of Grace and/or St. Anthony's churches.

Contribution Forms:

For anyone who would like to receive their Year-End Contributions Form for tax purposes, please call the office to request them as we will not be mailing them this year.



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2025-26 How We Worship

February 1st - Starting at the 9am Mass
 at St Thomas of Villanova Church, Goshen

Family Session #5 Enlightenment of the Mass



Come and Grow your faith with us...

Food Pantries

We will be supporting two food pantries at Our Lady of Grace and St. Anthony's, and one at St. Thomas. At Our Lady of Grace and St. Anthony's, we will be alternating every other month. When the blue bins are out, we will be collecting for Helping Hands. When the red bins are out, we will be collecting for Litchfield Food Pantry. At St. Thomas, we will be supporting the Goshen Food Pantry every weekend. Thank you for your support and generosity!



COMMUNITY GRIEF SUPPORT GATHERING

We are here for you

In response to a number of recent losses, the Town of Goshen and Goshen Community Care will offer a community-wide forum to provide space for comfort, connection, and care.

Facilitated by: Karen Jax Giarnese, RN, Certified Grief Counselor and Grief Educator

Location: Camp Cochipiannee
 291 Beach Street, Goshen

Date: Thursday, January 29th 2026

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

All are welcome - advanced registration is not required.

Light refreshments will be served



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SAINTS WITH SAL

Saint Anthony of Padua was a Franciscan Catholic priest who was known for his power of preaching, knowledge of scripture, and devotion to the poor and sick. I think like most Italian Americans, my family and I have a devotion to Saint Anthony and I always remember seeing a statue of Saint Anthony outside my childhood church while growing up. I painted Saint Anthony during my first semester of Philosophy and painted him for Saint Louis de Montfort Parish to recognize Saint Anthony's Church in Litchfield. Saint Anthony is usually depicted holding the Christ child and a book representing his wisdom and purity.

I also drew a lily symbol on Saint Anthony's habit, showing that he is a kind of a superhero in the history of the Catholic Church. I also drew Saint Anthony holding a metropolitan cross, not just to show his devotion but to also show his role as a Doctor of the Church. As the patron saint of lost things we can all pray to Saint Anthony of Padua whenever you lose something or feel lost.



~ Sal Devito, Seminarian, Archdiocese of Hartford

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA



Unscramble and Fill in the Blanks:

A Prophecy about Jesus...



he people who walked in _____
have seen a great light;
upon those who dwelt in a land of gloom
a _____ has shone.

You have brought them abundant _____
and great rejoicing
as they rejoice before you as at the _____,
as people make merry when dividing spoils.

For the _____ that burdened them,
the pole on their shoulder,
and the rod of their taskmaster
you have _____,
as on the day at Midian.

Unscramble the words below to fill in the blanks
in the prophecy from today's first reading.

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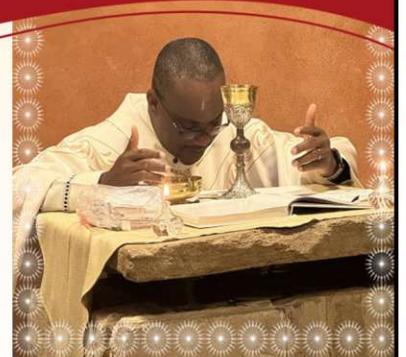
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The evening begins with the Divine Mercy Chaplet
followed by the Mass.



We can't wait to see you there!



Branches on the Vine

NEW CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI TO OPEN THIS FALL

JANUARY 24-30, 2026

As the demand for Catholic education continues to grow, a new Catholic high school is planning to open its doors this fall in New Britain to serve families in central Connecticut.

Chesterton Academy of St. Francis of Assisi, a new high school, will be welcoming students to the existing school building on the St. Francis property at 30 Pendleton Road, New Britain. The school will open with students in grades nine and 10, adding grades 11 and 12 over the next two years.

“It’s very exciting, and it’s exciting to Father Michael Casey,” says Andrew Blaski, the new headmaster, who was hired to start hiring and admissions.

The school will be part of the Chesterton Schools Network, a national organization founded in Minnesota that has developed curriculum for its more than 70 private Catholic liberal arts schools in the country.

The Chesterton Academy of St. Francis of Assisi will also be a parish school, part of St. Francis of Assisi Church, under Father Casey and the Archdiocese of Hartford.

“Most Chesterton Schools are independent Catholic schools, but as conversations progressed Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne decided to make it a parish school, which I think is wonderful,” Blaski says. “There’s a whole host of support from the Superintendent of Schools Valerie Mara, use of the parish school building, the help of parish staff, and the daily Mass will be available to us.”

What sets this Catholic high school apart from others in the archdiocese, he says, is a broad classical liberal arts education that is integrated and historically based. It will transport students back to the ancient world of Greece and Rome, through the Medieval period, through the High Middle Ages and the Renaissance, to the Modern World.

Andrew Blaski, Ph.D., is the headmaster of Chesterton Academy of St. Francis of Assisi, a new regional Catholic high school set to open in New Britain. PHOTO COURTESY CHESTERTON ACADEMY



Following the Chesterton Academy model, this classical education will teach grammar, logic and rhetoric, as well as music, arithmetic, geometry and astronomy.

In the humanities, students will be challenged to read primary sources from Western civilization, such as the works of Plato, Aristotle, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Shakespeare and Chaucer. “There’s a heavy reliance on the great works of Western civilization. We want our students to have exposure to the great masters,” Blaski says, and “an ability to penetrate dense and difficult ideas.”

They’ll also learn through the Socratic seminar style of teaching, which emphasizes discussion and conversation, preparing students for college-level learning.

Math and science courses will employ modern textbooks but also focus on sparking wonder and an understanding of the created world, Blaski notes. The visual arts, art history, music, drama and choir will complement their education.

The Catholic faith, central to the school’s mission, will be celebrated through the daily Mass and a focus on the sacramental life and the human virtues. Students will read the Catechism, the New Testament, and learn Latin and Spanish.

Tuition will be \$9,000 a year, affordable for a Catholic school, according to Blaski, and financial assistance may be available.

The school is planning to hold a series of public information sessions so interested parents can learn more about its offerings and how to enroll. A virtual information session will be held on Tues., Jan. 27 at 7 p.m., followed by an in-person information session at the school building on Sun., Feb. 1 at 1 p.m.

Chesterton Academy is currently accepting applications. To apply or learn more, interested families should visit chestertonsfa.org or call Andrew Blaski at 860.348.3455.

-Story by Shelley Wolf



Upcoming Events

The Vocation of Caregiving: The Challenge of Presence

Day Retreat for Caregivers
Saturday, January 31, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



During this day of retreat, we will explore the Caregiving Journey, the choices we make and the personal costs to us. We will discuss The Good Samaritan, the daughter of Jairus, and Mary and Martha, all as models of caregivers. We will include time for discussion, quiet reflection, the opportunity for conversation with trained counselors, and sharing with one another.
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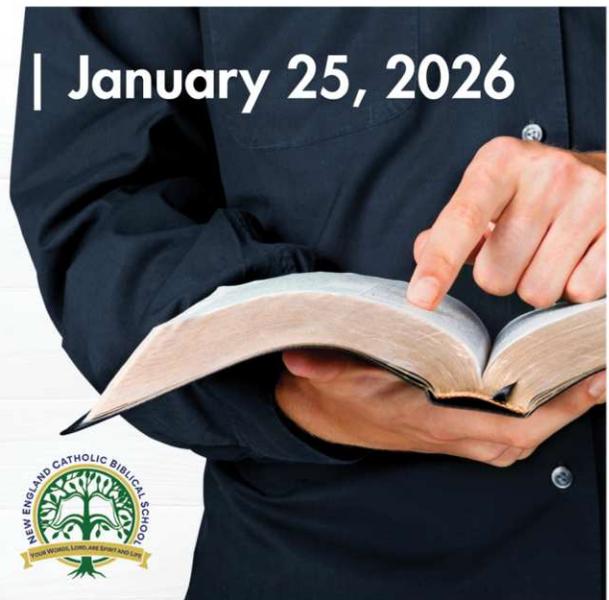
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Word of God Sunday | January 25, 2026

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

My friends, first and foremost, I would like to express my gratitude to all who have been very generous this past Christmas- both for myself and the Parish community. Your generosity in various donations, gifts, volunteering, etc... have been a tremendous support for us, and I am grateful to all!

In taking a break from reflecting upon "What are you looking forward to", I would like to focus on something that Pope Francis inaugurated for the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time back in 2019, that is, 'Word of God Sunday'. The focus is to help us all ponder and reflect upon how the Word of God- Sacred Scripture, is a part of our own daily lives. Below is an excerpt on a Homily Pope Francis gave in 2024 on the Sunday of the Word of God illustrating for us the immense power of the Word of God and how it compels and guides us to fulfilling our goal as 'missionary bridge builders to Christ'!

"As with the first disciples who, upon hearing the words of Jesus, left their nets and set out on a stupendous adventure, so too, on the shores of our life, beside the boats of our families and the nets of our daily occupations, that word makes us hear the call of Jesus. It calls us to set out with him for the sake of others. The word makes us missionaries, God's messengers and witnesses to a world drowning in words, yet thirsting for the very word it so often ignores. The Church lives from this dynamic: called by Christ and drawn to him, she is sent into the world to bear witness to him. This is the dynamic within the Church. We cannot do without God's word and its quiet and unassuming power that, as if in a personal dialogue, touches the heart, impresses itself on the soul and renews it with the peace of Jesus, which makes us, in turn, concerned for others. If we look at the friends of God, the witnesses to the Gospel throughout history and the saints, we see that the word was decisive for each of them. We think of the first monk, Saint Anthony, who, struck by a passage of the Gospel while at Mass, left everything for the Lord. We think of Saint Augustine, whose life took a decisive turn when God's word brought healing to his heart. We think of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, who discovered her vocation by reading the letters of Saint Paul. And we think too of the saint whose name I bear, Francis of Assisi, who, after praying, read in the Gospel that Jesus sent his disciples to preach and exclaimed: "That is what I want; that is what I ask, that is what I desire to do with all my heart!" (THOMAS OF CELANO, Vita Prima, IX, 22). Their lives were changed by the word of life, by the word of the Lord. But I wonder: how is it that, for many of us, the same thing does not happen? We hear the word of God many times, yet it enters into one ear and goes out the other: why? Perhaps because, as those witnesses make clear, we need to stop being "deaf" to God's word. This is a risk for all of us: overwhelmed by a barrage of words, we let the word of God glide by us: we hear it, yet we fail to listen to it; we listen to it, yet we don't keep it; we keep it, yet we don't let it provoke us to change. More than anything, we read it but we don't pray with it, whereas "prayer ought to accompany the reading of sacred Scripture, so that it can become a dialogue between God and the reader" (Dei Verbum, 25). Let us not forget the two fundamental aspects of Christian prayer: listening to the word and worshiping the Lord. Let us make room for the prayerful reading of Jesus' words. Then we will have the same experience as those first disciples."

-Fr. Matt



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