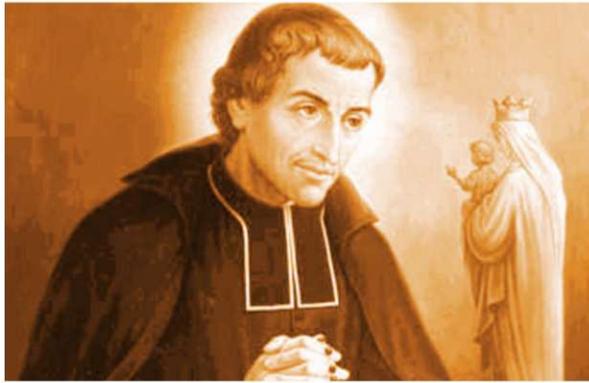




# SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT PARISH

February 1, 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

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter  
every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be  
glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” - Mt 5:10-12a

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715 Bantam Road, Bantam, CT 06750

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 1st, 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 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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

SAP 8:00 AM + *Vincent Anthony Mainella*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

SAP 8:00 AM ~ Living and Deceased of the Parish

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026**

SAP 8:00 AM + *Charles Kirk*

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026**

SAP 8:00 AM + *Elsie & Rocco Maines*

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026**

SAP 8:00 AM ~ Health and Intentions of Jackie Tiul

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026**

OLG 4:00 PM + *Anne Ascolese* ~ By her Sisters

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

SAP 8:00 AM + *Harold Sr. and Marybeth Dunning*

~ By Harold Jr. and Arlene Dunning

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

SAP 11:00 AM + *PJ Bialoglowy* ~ By Family

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



*Collections: THIS Weekend is the Parish Weekly and Monthly Collections. NEXT Weekend will be the Parish Weekly Collection.*

**Saint Louis de Montfort Parish**

**January 24th & 25th**

**WEEKLY: ..... \$ 2,281.00**

**ONLINE GIVING : ..... \$ 1,075.25**

**SEMINARIAN COLLECTION: ..... \$ 7,674.00**

*Thank you for Your Continued Generosity to  
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**ORDINARY TIME**

**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 Communions, 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
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*thank you*

The St. Louis de Montfort Ladies' Guild and Knights of Columbus Council #13128 would like to extend their gratitude to all who donated to support their diaper drive throughout the month of January, in connection with Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center.

Knights of Columbus Council 56 thanks all those who participated in their socks, underwear, and towels drive for FISH in Torrington.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

On Tuesday, February 3, the Blessing of Throats will take place after the 8am Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church to commemorate the Feast of St. Blaise. All are invited to come participate in this special blessing. Tradition says that St. Blaise saved the life of a boy who had a fishbone stuck in his throat by ordering the child to cough it up. and to this day we continue to ask for his intercession for throat ailments.



## Physical Therapist Needed

Are you a physical therapist looking for meaning in your work? Consider joining our team of health care professionals at Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care, a faith-based home health care agency dedicated to providing quality care. The agency is seeking a full-time physical therapist to act as the patient's partner in restoring motion and ensuring client function. Join us!  
 Call Kathleen Dietle, PT, Therapy Director  
 203-238-1441. Visit us at [franciscanhc.org](http://franciscanhc.org).

### 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.



## 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!

## Experience the Power of Healing

**In these challenging times, many of us carry burdens**

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

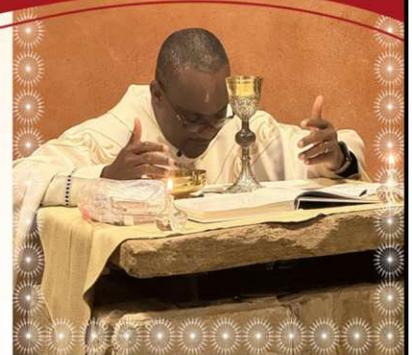
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Reconnect, find solace, and embrace the healing powers of our divine physician, Jesus Christ.

**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, February 6 • 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.



*We can't wait to see you there!*

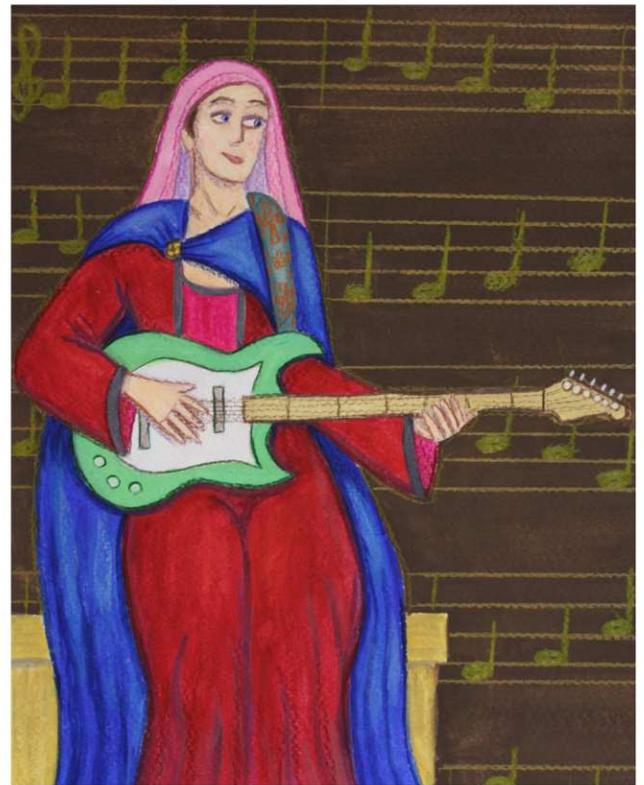
## SAINTS WITH SAL

Saint Cecilia is a Roman Catholic virgin and martyr and is the patron saint of music. Saint Cecilia is the patron saint of music because it is said that during her wedding ceremony, she was said to have sung in her heart to God. Saint Cecilia was the first saint I painted when I got down to seminary, and, having a lot of friends who are musicians, painting Saint Cecilia was very fun and personal for me. Music plays an important part of Mass, as liturgical music was made to be sung during Mass as a way to honor and worship God. Saint Cecilia is usually depicted with a harp or pipe organ, but I painted her with an electric guitar to show her playing more modern music and to remind us that music belongs to everybody.

~ Sal Devito, Seminarian,  
Archdiocese of Hartford



## SAINT CECILIA



On Monday, February 2, the blessing of candles will take place after the 8am Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church to commemorate the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, also known as Candlemas. Candlemas is traditionally the end of the Christmas season in the Church. All parishioners are welcome and invited to bring candles to be blessed by Fr. Matt.

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W E P C O M F O R T E D  
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O S P I R I T C L E A N

Find the words in CAPITALS from today's Gospel reading in the puzzle and use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks.

"Blessed are the POOR in SPIRIT, for theirs is the kingdom of HEAVEN. Blessed are they who MOURN, for they will be COMFORTED. BLESSED are the meek, for they will INHERIT the land. Blessed are THEY WHO hunger and thirst for RIGHTEOUSNESS, for

they will be SATISFIED.

Blessed are the MERCIFUL, for they will be shown MERCY. Blessed are the CLEAN of HEART, for they will see GOD.

Blessed are the PEACEMAKERS, for they will be called CHILDREN of God.

Blessed are they who are PERSECUTED for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the KINGDOM of heaven.

Blessed are you when they INSULT you and persecute you and utter every KIND of evil against you FALSELY BECAUSE of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be GREAT in heaven."

If you be like Jesus, you

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# Branches on the Vine

JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 6, 2026



Members at their monthly meeting at St. Agnes Church. SUBMITTED PHOTO

**T**hirty years ago, when Deacon Nick Genovese and his friends approached the now-deceased Father Francis X. Callahan about starting a men's group at St. Agnes Church, he asked half-jokingly, "What do you guys want to do? Play cards?"

Of course, that was never part of the plan, Deacon Genovese recalls, laughing. Today, the St. Joseph Men's Society of Precious Blood Parish, made up of St. Agnes and St. Mary churches in Milford, is known for its service to the church and the community, which includes everything from an annual golf tournament to a Lenten dinner, a parish picnic, a Communion breakfast, 'coffee and' after Mass, and a St. Patrick's dinner.

The list also includes occasional chores and repair work, such as replacing the padding on the kneelers at St. Agnes, all done in the spirit of their patron, St. Joseph the Worker. Deacon Genovese, the group's president, says some 20 members willingly volunteer as the occasion requires.

"We named it for St. Joseph the Worker because the guys do work," he says. "If there's anything that needs to be done or if the men can help with projects in the parish, they are there."

The group meets the first Monday of the month from September to June, 5:30 p.m., in Father Callahan Hall at St. Agnes Church. The men begin with a prayer and then a Scriptural reading, followed by a reflection

## MEN'S GROUP INSPIRED BY ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

by Deacon Genovese. Then, they have dinner and a business meeting to discuss upcoming activities and the distribution of funds to groups they help. A parish priest, including Father Aidan Donahue, the pastor, usually attends the meetings. The monthly meal is a tradition that goes back almost to the beginning. Deacon Genovese recalls it was Father Callahan's idea to boost membership; and it worked. Thomas Maguire is the resident chef who prepares everything in the kitchen at the church hall.

The biggest event the men's society sponsors is the annual golf tournament, held on the last Monday in July. Proceeds from the tournament, which is organized by Jerry Farina, who succeeded his father as golf chairman, are used to benefit charitable organizations, including the pro-life group for unwed mothers, Ronald McDonald House\*, the Boys and Girls Club, veterans organizations, and the homeless.

"We've been very successful over the years, thanks to all the support we got," Deacon Genovese says. "It's a great bunch of guys, and now we have some from St. Mary's since we combined with them to form Precious Blood Parish." Dues are still \$5 a year.

He credits the other founding members -- the late Bill McMullen, Lou Elmo and Richard Carnaval -- for their vision in starting the society. "Jack Jansen has been our treasurer for 30 years, since the organization started, and he recently turned 90 and still plays golf," Deacon Genovese said. "We had a party for him and honored him with a plaque. Fundamental to the group's success all these years is their patron, St. Joseph the Worker. "Think about it. St. Joseph was the protector of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He was a model father and a model worker. We all look up to him and respect him as a saint," Deacon Genovese says.

He also tells a story about the annual golf tournament and St. Joseph: "When you play golf, you want good weather, and in the 25 years of the tournament, it has never been rained out," which is a blessing he attributes to their patron.

For more information about the St. Joseph Men's Society of Precious Blood Parish, contact Deacon Nick Genovese at [nicholasgenovese@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nicholasgenovese@sbcglobal.net).

- Story by Joe Pisani



# Upcoming Events



02/9 MONDAY 7PM

## HOLY HOUR TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

St. Bridget of Sweden Church, 175 Main St,  
Cheshire

Around the world, an estimated 27.6 million people (women, children and men) are exploited for labor, services and commercial sex. What is our response to this crime against humanity? Let us go to Christ, present in the Eucharist, who is the source of our hope and strength, and pray together. The Human Trafficking Task Force of the Archdiocese of Hartford invites you to join us on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 7:00 pm at St. Bridget of Sweden Parish in Cheshire (175 Main Street) for a Eucharistic Holy Hour to pray for an end to human trafficking. After the service, meet members of the Task Force to learn how you can get involved in this important work.



02/6 FRIDAY 6PM

## MASS OF HEALING

St. Peter Church, 99 East Main St,  
Torrington

Experience the Power of Healing — In these challenging times, many of us carry burdens – be it physical ailments like cancer and kidney disease, emotional struggles like depression, anxiety, PTSD and grief, or spiritual battles. YOU'RE NOT ALONE. 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 Rev. Emmanuel Ihemedu, pastor of St. John Paul the Great Parish in Torrington. The evening begins with the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the Mass. Let's come together, share our stories, and experience the transformative power of faith. Remember, Jesus is still in the business of healing.



02/21 SATURDAY 9AM

## MAKING PREMIE HATS | KNITTING RETREAT DAY

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center,  
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Welcome to our annual Knitting or Crocheting Day! This year we are giving our work to the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. When you register, pick a pattern of your choice to knit or crochet, and bring at least one premie hat to the retreat (more if you can!). While at the retreat we will make more...the joy of handmade items is in giving them to folks who appreciate them.

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To register and learn more, visit:

[www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/knitting-retreat](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/knitting-retreat)

SATURDAY  
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RSVP by February 1 by scanning the QR Code or visit  
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Tickets are \$5 per child or \$10 max per family

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## THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Several years ago, before I entered the seminary and was still discerning where the Lord was calling me to, I underwent a 'spiritual dilemma,' to say the least. I was going to church with my family, serving Mass, but not 'feeling' the Lord calling me to a certain vocation, and during this time, I really did not have an active prayer life. I continued to go to school at Tunxis Community College, and I worked at the YMCA as a lifeguard and during the summer at a Boy Scout Camp in various leadership positions. It wasn't until I was asked by my cousin's then fiancé what I wanted to do after college, and I said confidently without even thinking of the answer, "I want to become a priest." I knew that I had a 'calling' to become a Priest when I was in 2nd grade after receiving my First Holy Communion, and that calling or desire was fostered and nourished by my family, friends, mentors, and the Catholic School environment and experiences- but there was no direction. I had the encouragement and support from everyone, but not necessarily the tools to go about accomplishing it—or so I thought!

One of the things I lacked was actually what our First Reading states, "Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth...seek justice, seek humility..." That word 'SEEK,' although very broad, is also concrete. Seek allows you to look through God's microscope for your life. All I was doing was looking and expecting, not seeking within myself and finding God most intimately at work within me. When I first said 'yes' to the Lord more firmly in front of my family, I felt a sense of relief. However, now as I reflect back on it, I have to say I was foolish. Foolish because I did not have the confidence to seek the Lord sooner. Foolish because I found myself to be 'weak' in so many areas of my life. Foolish because I felt shame in my life. Foolish because I thought myself inadequate and underprepared. And yet, God chooses 'not the wise or the powerful, or the noble; but rather the foolish'—and that's me...and that's also YOU.

God chooses you, my foolish brothers and sisters, for something great; but what we need to do is stop looking and actually seek him. People of our generation just look for God, and if they don't find Him, they turn toward the world—something they see—and away from God. St. Augustine once said, "To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him, the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement." God guides us on the adventure of a lifetime! So let us seek Him with all foolishness, because when we do and are transformed by His love, we will "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

-Fr. Matt



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