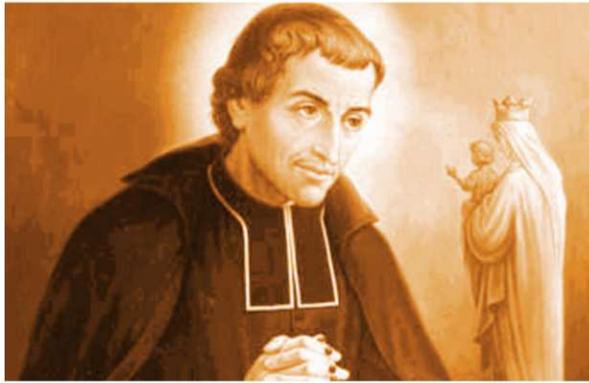




# SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT PARISH

February 8, 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

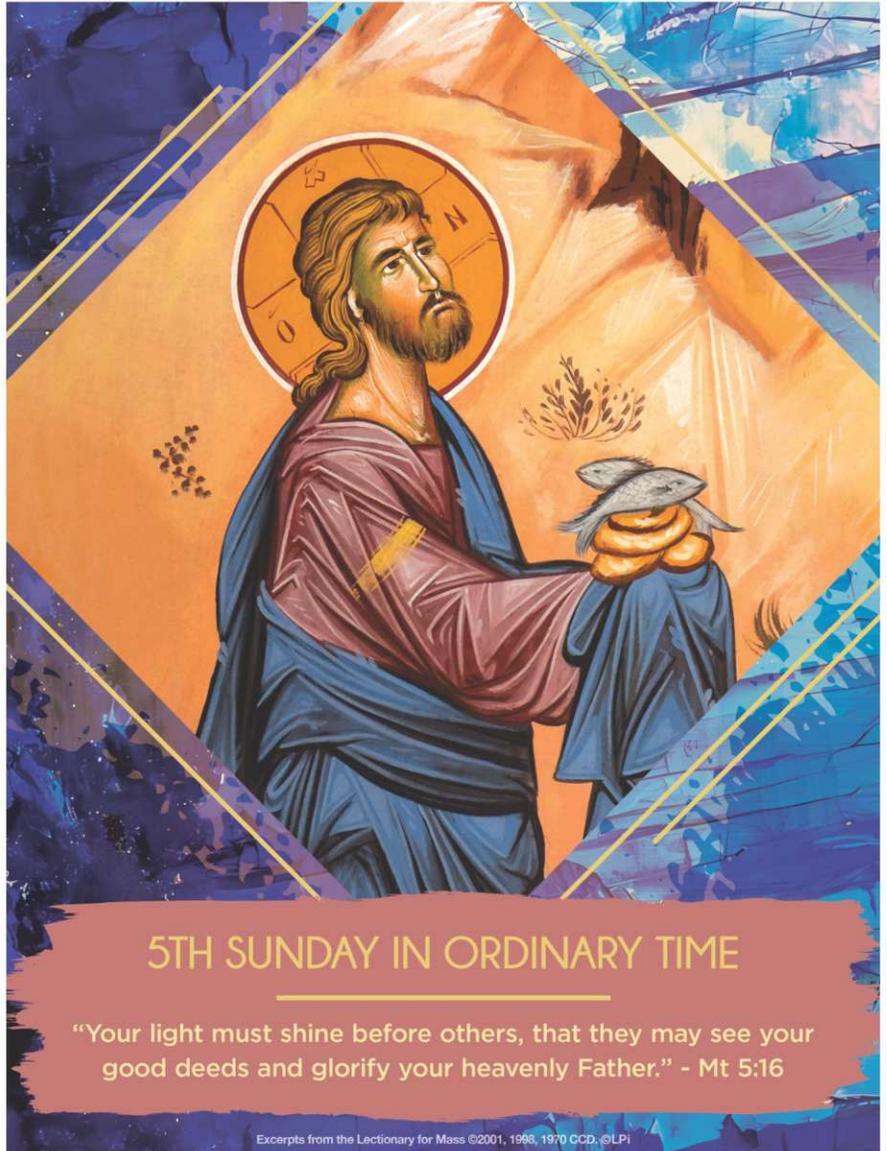
Monday – Friday at  
St. Anthony Church – 8:00am

### 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



## 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” - Mt 5:16

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715 Bantam Road, Bantam, CT 06750

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 8th, 2026*



**Mass Intentions**

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention For February:  
*For children with incurable diseases*

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

*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, 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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

SAP 8:00 AM + *Elizabeth Boynton*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

SAP 8:00 AM ~ All Members of the Benedictine Order

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026**

SAP 8:00 AM + *Elizabeth Boynton Jackie Tiul*

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

SAP 8:00 AM ~ Lou Holtz

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026**

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

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026**

OLG 4:00 PM + *Anita Torizzo* ~ By her Friends

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

SAP 8:00 AM + *Ann Flannery*  
~ By Harold and Arlene Dunning

STV 9:15 AM + *Andy Dole* ~ By the Marshall Family

SAP 11:00 AM + *Billy Jacobs*

~ By Anne & Sarah Cianciolo



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

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

**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
- ♥ Mary Corbo ♥ Tracey Bassos ♥ Stephen Foster
- ♥ Lacey G & Elliott ♥ Brior Stack-Sweeney
- ♥ Chris Dole ♥ Bernard Harrington ♥ Fr. Josh Wilbur

# LENT 2026

SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT PARISH: LENTEN EVENTS AND SERVICES



## February 18th ~ Ash Wednesday

8am Mass at St. Anthony of Padua  
12:10pm Ashes Service at  
Our Lady of Grace  
6pm Mass at St. Thomas of Villanova



## March 25th ~ Solemnity of the Annunciation

The Mass Schedule is as follows:

6pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church  
8am Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church  
6pm Mass at St. Thomas of Villanova Church



## Lenten Mission

“The Apparitions of Mary: How She Prepares Us for Easter”  
All sessions will be at 6pm in the Saint Anthony Church Hall  
on the following dates:

February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, and 18th

The concluding session will take place on March 24th after  
the 6pm Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Annunciation at  
Our Lady of Grace Church on March 24th.



## Adoration & Confession

Adoration and Confession will be held from  
6pm to 8pm at the following locations and dates:

**St. Anthony of Padua:** February 23rd, March 2nd, 9th,  
16th, 23rd, and 30th. **St. Thomas of Villanova:** March 31st.

**Our Lady of Grace:** April 1st.



## Stations of the Cross

Stations will be held on the following dates at 6pm,  
followed by 15 minutes of Adoration and Benediction:

February 20th at St. Anthony’s  
February 27th at St. Thomas  
March 6th at St. Anthony’s  
March 13th at St. Thomas  
March 20th at St. Anthony’s



## March 19th ~ Feast Day of St. Joseph

To commemorate the Feast of St. Joseph,  
we will be holding 24 hours of Eucharistic  
Adoration, starting on March 19th at 6pm at  
St. Anthony’s and concluding with Stations  
of the Cross on the 20th. We are looking for  
volunteers to fill up 24 one-hour slots.

Please call the Parish office for more  
information or to sign up.



## April 2nd - April 5th ~ Holy Triduum & Easter

**Holy Thursday,** April 2nd - Mass of the Lord’s Supper  
~ 7pm at St. Thomas of Villanova Church

**Good Friday,** April 3rd - The Passion of Our Lord  
~ 3pm at Our Lady of Grace Church

**Holy Saturday,** April 4th, The Easter Vigil  
~ 8pm at St. Anthony of Padua Church

**Easter Sunday,** April 5th - Masses:  
~ 8am at St. Anthony’s ~ 9:30am at St. Thomas ~ 11am at St. Anthony’s



## 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



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## 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!

## 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.

## 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,  
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Call Kathleen Dietle, PT, Therapy Director  
203-238-1441. Visit us at franciscanhc.org.

## February in Goshen Recreation Ongoing programs

- \*Tuesdays - Senior Social - Parish Hall - 1p-3p
- \*Wednesdays - Chair yoga - Camp Coch - 10a
- \*Wednesdays - Tot Time - Camp Coch - 12:30-3
- \*Thursdays - sewing group - Camp Coch - 10a
- \*Fridays - Traditional yoga - Camp Coch - 9:30a
- \*Fridays - Get Together - Camp Coch 12-3p

### Additional programs

\*Saturday, Feb 7th - Craft Fair to benefit SMK Fund - 10a-3p - Camp Cochipianee

\*Saturday, February 14 - Valentine Brunch - 9:30a-11a - Camp Cochipianee - \$6/\$8

\*Wednesday, February 18 - Tot Time begins - 12:30a-3p - Camp Cochipianee

\*Thursday, February 19 - Bus to CT Garden Show - limited bus seating - discounted tickets available - \$16

\*Monday, February 23 - Lunch Bus to Sophia's in Winsted - at your own expense - 11:15a 5 Old Middle Street

Dr. Masur's Farmer Education Workshops, 2/15, 2/22, and 3/7

The Ruff Pup K9 Training classes run on Sundays and Mondays through May

Applications for Camp Coch Summer Day Camp Jr. CIT, CIT, Counselor, and Lifeguard positions on goshenrec.com

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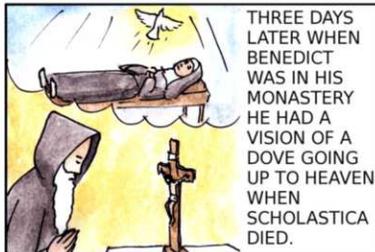
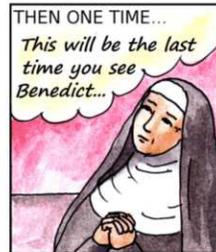
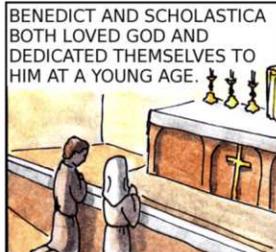
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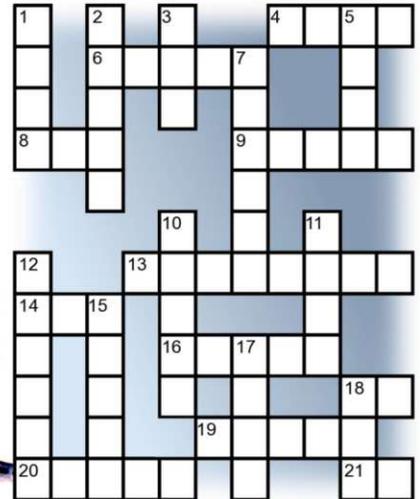
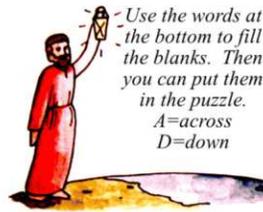

## Saint Scholastica February 10



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## Salt and Light Crossword Puzzle



\_\_\_\_\_ 2D \_\_\_\_\_ 5D to his disciples: "You are the \_\_\_\_\_ 11D of the \_\_\_\_\_. 6A But if salt \_\_\_\_\_ 15D its \_\_\_\_\_, 20A with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer \_\_\_\_\_ 17D for anything but \_\_\_\_\_ 21A be thrown out and trampled underfoot. \_\_\_\_\_ 8A \_\_\_\_\_ 3D the light of the \_\_\_\_\_ 10D A \_\_\_\_\_ 1D set on a \_\_\_\_\_ 13A cannot be \_\_\_\_\_. 7D Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel \_\_\_\_\_; 12D it is \_\_\_\_\_ 18D on a lampstand, where it gives \_\_\_\_\_ 16A to \_\_\_\_\_ 14A in the \_\_\_\_\_. 19A Just \_\_\_\_\_, 18A your light \_\_\_\_\_ 4A shine before others, that they may see your good \_\_\_\_\_ 9A and glorify your heavenly Father."

MUST JESUS MOUNTAIN CITY LIGHT  
SAID DEEDS BASKET EARTH WORLD  
GOOD HOUSE HIDDEN YOU SET ALL  
SALT TASTE LOSES ARE SO TO



# Branches on the Vine

FEBRUARY 7 - 13, 2026



Sister Suzanne Gross, second from left, marches with fellow Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist and other pro-life advocates from the Archdiocese of Hartford at this year's national March for Life in Washington, D.C. PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

This year Sister Suzanne Gross, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist in Meriden, will have attended the national March for Life in Washington, D.C., for a total of 26 years. Since she began marching, she has only missed a few years due to a snowstorm and the pandemic.

To top it off, Sister Suzanne has reached another milestone: her 80th birthday. And yet she accompanies young people and adults on this annual pilgrimage in the cold and thinks nothing of it.

"I'm very blessed with good health," says Sister Suzanne, who attended this year's national March for Life events in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 22 and 23. "I think the Franciscan way of life is a good thing. We have a really strong schedule.

"I grew up in Iowa on a family farm. So, I keep busy cleaning and weeding the garden in Meriden. I love that," she says. "I walk a little slower, but I'm doing well." She also continues to work in home health care administration.

This year, Sister Suzanne boarded one of two buses sponsored by the Archdiocese of Hartford that was headed for Washington, D.C. She's a believer that she needs to make her position clear about the critical importance of protecting all human life, no matter what the U.S. Supreme Court thinks.

"You can just look at the abortion statistics or people's attitudes toward unborn life.

## FRANCISCAN SISTER REFLECTS ON QUARTER CENTURY AT THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

I can't say how important this event is because there's such a lack of reverence for life, whether it's for the elderly or for the unborn. And people don't even think a baby is a baby, until when?" Sister Suzanne asks.

"Our Church has such a correct and beautiful presentation of how life is sacred from the moment of conception," she says.

The Washington trip also gives her the opportunity to meet young people from throughout the archdiocese. "This march is something people like to do. More than 150,000 people come together for a peaceful march," she points out. "We're helping to build a culture of life. We're helping young people have their chance. And we have students coming from different Catholic schools," such as from St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol.

The national March for Life offers two full days of activities, she adds, and she loves it.

"It's always kind of a surprise. That time together on the bus with the young people is always good, and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Mass is so meaningful.

It's just such a wonderful experience of the Catholic Church," Sister Suzanne says, with bishops and priests present from across the country.

During the actual march from the National Mall to the Supreme Court building, she is thrilled to see the Archdiocese of Hartford banner held overhead, letting people know that a Hartford contingent is present, standing up for the beauty and dignity of all life.

Over the years, fewer buses have departed from Connecticut, she notes, with many people shifting their attention to the Connecticut March for Life in Hartford. "Still, we're grateful to have these two buses," Sister Suzanne says.

The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist will be present at the state march, too – at the Connecticut March for Life on **March 18** at the Connecticut State Capitol in Hartford. For more information, visit [marchforlife.org/Connecticut](http://marchforlife.org/Connecticut).

- Story by Shelley Wolf



# Upcoming Events



*National Vocation Summit*

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 Questions? Joann O'Neil, [admin@VocationActionNetwork.com](mailto:admin@VocationActionNetwork.com)



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## THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners of St. Louis de Montfort Parish, In September 2025, I announced several new initiatives that we were going to be pursuing as a Parish community. From operations and maintenance to new methods of evangelization- these will provide us with the opportunities necessary to live out the mission of the Church and be bridge builders to Christ. One of those initiatives I highlighted was the establishment of a Parish Pastoral Council.

What is the Parish Pastoral Council, you may ask, and what is their purpose? The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body designed to assist the Pastor/Administrator in fostering pastoral activity and evangelization in Parish life. They are there to assist and advise the Pastor, but do not themselves have authority in the Pastoral operations of the Parish; that alone belongs to the Pastor, unless he authorizes them to do so. The members of the Parish Pastoral Council are chosen from among the lay faithful of the Parish either by selection of the Pastor or 'elected' in by the Parishioners themselves. There typically will be a total of 7-9 members on the Council who will serve for a 3-year term, one year renewable. This consultative body is separate from the Parish Finance Council.

Over the course of these past few months, I have selected a couple of individuals- each one from the '3 original Parishes' that create a good representation of the new Parish. These individuals have assisted me in establishing the Parish Pastoral Council. I am pleased to announce that those who have been asked to be on the Parish Pastoral Council have accepted the position.

As we wait until they first meet to announce those on the Parish Pastoral Council, I wanted to give you an update on the survey that many of you completed back towards the end of last year. Much of what was in the survey is going to be the work of the Parish Pastoral Council from activities to ministries. Below are some of the highlights that came from the survey. Each of the four categories mentioned below are the four main committees that will be formed in the Council itself:

**Spirituality:** Advent and Lenten Reflections; Stations of the Cross; Prayer Groups.

**Volunteer/Ministries:** Christmas Gift Tree organizers; Cookie Fair; Altar Guilds; Men's Group; Ladies Guild; Music Ministry; Youth Group; Young Adult Gatherings; Welcoming Ministry; Hospitality/Socials

**Community Outreach:** Picnics; St Patrick's Dinner; Food and Clothing Drives; Community-Parish involvement

**Evangelization:** Catechetical sessions; Adult Faith Formation; Small Groups

We look forward to the work the Parish Pastoral Council will be doing for our Parish and helping us to be bridge builders to Christ!

In Christ, Fr. Matt and the Parish Pastoral Council

  
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