



SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT PARISH

March 29, 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

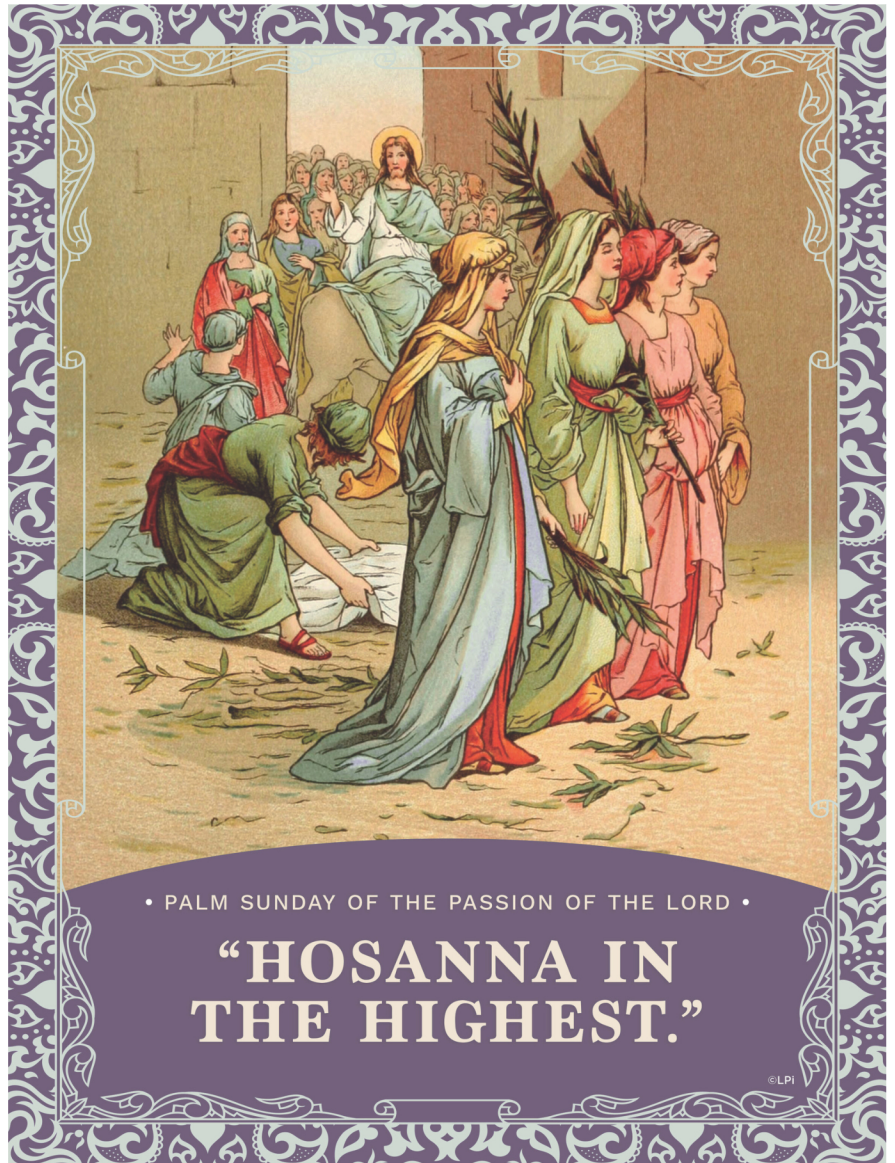
Monday – Friday at
St. Anthony Church – 8:00am

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



• PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD •

“HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.”

PARISH STAFF AND MINISTRIES:

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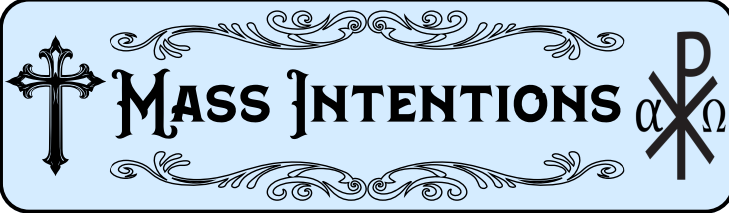
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OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

715 Bantam Road, Bantam, CT 06750

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – MARCH 29ND, 2026



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention For March:
For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

OLG 4:00 PM + Barbara Hart ~ By Her Husband

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

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

STV 9:15 AM ~ Living and Deceased Members of the
McPhee Family

SAP 11:00 AM + Joseph and Martha McDevitt
~ By Family

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

SAP 8:00 AM + *Katie Arnold*
~ By James and Nancy White

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

SAP 8:00 AM + *Marlene Bergamo* ~ By Doris

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

SAP 8:00 AM + *Yvon Desaulniers* ~ By Doris

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026 - Holy Thursday

STV 7:00 PM ~ Living & Deceased of the Parish

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026 - Good Friday

OLG 3:00 PM - Passion of Our Lord Good Friday Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026 - Holy Saturday

SAP 8:00 PM ~ Living & Deceased of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026 - Easter Sunday

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

STV 9:15 AM ~ Living & Deceased of the Parish

SAP 11:00 AM ~ Living & Deceased of the Parish

LDM = St Louis de Montfort Parish; SAP = St Anthony of Padua Church;
STV = St Thomas of Villanova Church; OLG = Our Lady of Grace Church

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.

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



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

**Saint Louis de Montfort Parish
March 28th & 29th**

WEEKLY: \$ 4,501.00
ONLINE GIVING : \$ 1,017.75
SEMINARIAN COLLECTION : \$ 1,346.00

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

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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

Please add the following people to your prayers

- ♥ Marie Sanford ♥ Lois Buchanan ♥ Stephen Hayes
- ♥ 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

HOLY WEEK AND TRIDUUM SERVICES



Adoration & Confession

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

St. Anthony of Padua: March 30th.

St. Thomas of Villanova: March 31st.

Our Lady of Grace: April 1st.

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
Services are as follows:

~ 9:00 a.m. Stations at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield

~ 3:00 p.m. Passion Service at Our Lady of Grace Church

~ 6:00 p.m. Solemn Vespers at St Anthony Church.

Holy Saturday, April 4th - The Easter Vigil

~ 8pm at St. Anthony of Padua Church

Easter Sunday, April 5th - The Resurrection of Our Lord

The Mass Schedule is as follows:

~ 8am at St. Anthony's

~ 9:30am at St. Thomas

~ 11am at St. Anthony's



Open Mass Intentions for April 2026

4/6 - SAP 8:00 am

4/8 - SAP 8:00 am

4/10 - SAP 8:00 am

4/13 - SAP 8:00 am

4/14 - SAP 8:00 am

4/16 - SAP 8:00 am



4/21 - SAP 8:00 am

4/22 - SAP 8:00 am

4/24 - SAP 8:00 am

4/26 - OLG 4:00 pm

4/30 - SAP 8:00 am



Blessed
is the king who
comes in the name
of the Lord! Peace
in heaven and glory
in the highest."
Luke 19:38

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Thank you to Lisa Patchell for donating a new piano for Our Lady of Grace Church!



2025-26 How We Worship

March 29th - Starting at the 9am Mass
at St Thomas of Villanova Church, Goshen

Family Session #7 the Sacraments . . . of Service



Come and Grow your faith with us...



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Business Meetings:

First Tuesdays of the Month
in the St. Thomas Church Hall

Contact the parish office for more information or to join!



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Knights of Columbus Council 56 is giving a \$1,500 award to a graduate of a secondary school in 2026 who is a communicant of St Louis de Montfort Parish. Completed

applications and supporting documentation must be received by the Council no later than May 1st, 2026. For more information, contact the parish office

Knights of Columbus Council 13128 is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to graduating Catholic seniors who will be entering the fall 2026 freshman class at a college or university. Please contact the parish office for more information. The deadline for submissions is May 1st, 2026.

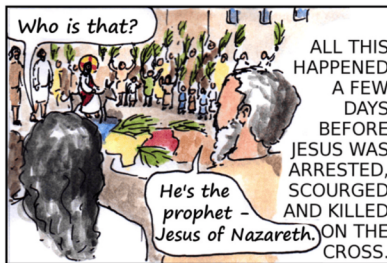
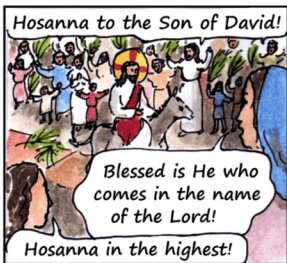
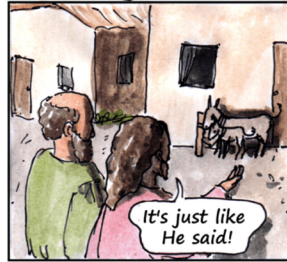
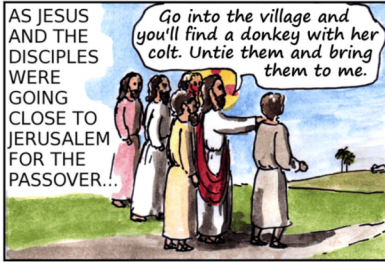
WHAT IS A NOVENA?

A novena is a nine-day period of prayer focused on a specific topic, saint, or devotion. There are four basic categories of novenas — novenas of preparation, of mourning, of prayer, and of indulgence. This 9-day period of prayer can be traced back to the Acts of the Apostles.

Palm Sunday



Good Friday Word-Find



ON PALM SUNDAY EVERYBODY CHEERED FOR JESUS, BUT A FEW DAYS LATER THEY SHOUTED AT HIM AS HE WAS LED TO HIS DEATH. WE MUST BE FAITHFUL TO JESUS WHEN IT'S EASY AND EVERYONE AROUND US IS, AND WE MUST ALSO BE FAITHFUL WHEN IT'S REALLY HARD AND EVERYONE ELSE IS AGAINST HIM.

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See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks:

What did Jesus do on the cross?

On Good Friday JESUS was taken before King HEROD and the governor, PILATE. Even though He had not committed any crime He was scourged and condemned to die on the CROSS. He CARRIED the cross as far as He could up CALVARY hill, but when He got too weak a man named SIMON of CYRENE was forced to help Him. On the way He met His mother, MARY, who WEPT at seeing her Son in such pain. A woman named VERONICA wiped the blood and sweat from His face with a cloth. At the top of the HILL Jesus was thrown onto the cross and His HANDS and FEET were fastened to it with NAILS. They raised the cross, where Jesus hung for three hours before He DIED. He did all this to SAVE us from Hell. At the cross were JOHN, Mary MAGDALENE, His mother, and some other women. At the moment He died the curtain of the old Temple was TORN in half. When His body was taken down from the cross JOSEPH of Arimathea and NICODEMUS BURIED Him in a new TOMB and rolled a HEAVY STONE in front of the door.



OVERCOMING ANXIETY WORKSHOP



Overcoming Anxiety Workshop is a one-day workshop presented by Clinical Psychologist Dr. Thomas Finn. This psycho-educational program will provide tools for managing anxiety including relaxation techniques and improved thinking styles based on the principles of Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, a highly effective therapeutic method for anxiety reduction. Participants age 16 and over are welcome.

Date: Saturday, April 11, 2026.

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Place: Chiara Center, 275 Finch Avenue, Meriden, CT

Cost: \$90.00/session.

For reservations or more information, please call:

203-237-8084 or visit flcenter.org

UPDATED BULLETIN SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

Any and all community events and/or advertisements must be submitted to the Parish Office by contacting either the Pastoral Associate or the Pastor's Assistant, in-person or by email. Submission deadlines are **one week** before the Sunday Bulletin is published. Advertisements are free of charge and last up to 3 weeks, pending the discretion of the office staff. Please note that you or your organization will be contacted if there are any issues.



Good Friday Services Schedule:

Stations of the Cross will be held at 9am at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield. The Passion of Our Lord Service will be held at 3pm at our Lady of Grace Church. To conclude this holy day, we will pray Solemn Vespers at 6pm at St. Anthony's. All are welcome to join us to celebrate this Holy Day and prepare ourselves for Easter.

Parish Website



Online Giving



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Download Our New Parish App!

Our new St. Louis de Montfort Parish app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, and an easy-to-access event calendar. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more. Help foster a stronger parish life at St. Louis de Montfort Parish and better engage the New Evangelization. Download our app today at myparishapp.com or scan the QR Code above.



MARCH 30 @ 7PM
DIVINE MERCY TALK
WITH MEG BAILEY
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Holy Family Passionist Retreat
Center, West Hartford

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

"Behold the wood of the Cross on which hung the salvation of the world."- My friends, this verse will be chanted on Good Friday, as we process into the Church unveiling the Cross on the most solemn day throughout the Church year. It is on this day, though it may be a somber day, is a day of great rejoicing! The mission of the Son is fulfilled, the Church and her Sacraments are firmly established, and the instrument of death has now been transformed into becoming the weapon of eternal glory. At the beginning of our Lenten journey, we reflected upon the power of the cross, and it is on Good Friday, where we see the power of the cross being unleashed.

Throughout this week, beginning on Palm Sunday, we reflect upon our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem where the cries of 'Hosanna to the Son of David' are acclaimed as people rejoice and recognize Jesus as the king. These are the people who have, in some ways, witnessed the miracles he performed and heard his teachings. From that, they came to believe in him. However, those cries for rejoicing quickly transition to 'Crucify Him, Crucify Him...we have no king but Caesar.' In many ways we see this as betrayal, lack of faith, manipulation on account of the religious authorities, etc.... For many of us, we think, 'oh they were just ignorant' or 'how deceitful and mischievous', or 'that's simply not right or fair'. And yes, we can think all of that as we already know 2000+ years later after reading and listening to the Gospel accounts; but yet, we still are a part of it in many ways in our society.

What do I mean by this? Well, first off, the celebration of Mass is the re-representation, not the representation of our Lord's suffering. So each day, we re-present our Lord's life, not just in the Mass, but also in our daily life. As Christ is found in each person, we have an opportunity to extend ourselves to them and be a brother and sister. However, many times we fail. This is what I mean. Jesus although lived 2000+ years ago in His own human nature, but both His Divine and Human nature live on. Divine through the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and Human through the divine in each person. Every day, people change their opinions about others. Every day people shift from one side to the other. Every day people choose Christ or the world. If we choose the latter, then we succumb ourselves to being no different than the people during the time of our Lord's Passion.

The Cross, my friends, is an opportunity for us to, as I said at the very beginning and will continue to say, to build bridges. Jesus uses the Cross as the ultimate bridge to unite Heaven and Earth (vertical), and to unite all peoples of the world (horizontal). We are given an opportunity during this Holy Week to bridge ourselves to Christ. How? First, carry those wooden crosses in our pockets. Second, by actually and prayerfully entering into this week physically and spiritually. Physically- through continued fasting and self-giving of ourselves to others; and spiritually- through meditation on the Passion of the Lord. Third, by building a bridge of relationships to just one person that may need Jesus (and they are out there by the way, we just need to look). Invite them, walk with them, and be with them! They are carrying their crosses in as much as we are. We can all be a Simon of Cyrene, or a Veronica, or a Joseph of Arimathea, or even the host of the house where Jesus had the Last Supper. Whoever you want to be- read and reflect and find yourself in the crowd, but instead of saying 'Hosanna' or 'Crucify Him' say and proclaim, 'Behold the wood of the Cross, the instrument and weapon of our Salvation.'

-Fr. Matt

Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

MARCH 28 - APRIL 3, 2026

Guilford Parish Offers Support for Those Living with *Mental Illness*

- Story by Joe Pisani

Almost 25 years ago, Deacon Adam Michaelae was moved by a heart-breaking situation when a young woman had her engagement broken and lost her friends because of mental illness.

"She had nothing and no one to go to, and we knew we had to do something," he recalls. That's when he and his wife Rose began a mental health ministry to offer people suffering from loneliness to depression, stress, autism and anxiety a place to turn for support. Since then, they have assisted dozens of people, most of whom had nowhere to turn.

The Mental Health Ministry Spiritual Support Group is hosted by St. George Parish in Guilford and has members from the shoreline parishes. Meetings are held on the campus of St. George Church.

"People in the group offer support for each other"

"The group offers a safe and confidential environment where people who live with mental illness can meet and share their experiences, their concerns and their faith," says Deacon Michaelae. "It is not group therapy, and behavioral health professionals are not involved, but through support, prayer and reflections, members can grow closer in their relationship with our loving God."

Deacon Adam is a certified Catholic mental health minister with a master's degree in spiritual and pastoral care. He was a founding board member of the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers, and three years ago received the Archdiocese of Hartford's social justice award for his work.

Rose Michaelae provides spiritual accompaniment and previously facilitated a group for caregivers.

"My wife Rose has been there every step of the way and offers a gentle touch and womanly perspective that I cannot provide," Deacon Michaelae says.

"People in the group offer support for each other, and a camaraderie has built up," Rose says. "Some of them live alone and don't have family, some can't drive, and older members are lonely and feel their vulnerability. Many suffer from the stigma associated with mental illness and don't want to speak about it because they're afraid of being ostracized."

Meetings begin with a prayer, and Deacon Michaelae asks them to share their experiences while members offer suggestions when someone has a problem. Later, they discuss a spiritual reading or the Gospel. The meetings end with a blessing, and Rose gives them treats to take home. The Michaelaes also take members to events, such as the St. George Thanksgiving Day dinner and the parish annual carnival.

"We support them and try to get them out so they're not home alone," Rose says. "Sometimes we treat them to lunch and a movie, which they look forward to."

Members are required to adhere to certain rules.

"We have rules about confidentiality," Deacon Michaelae says. "If they have a therapist, they can't abruptly stop treatment without having a plan to get another one. They also can't abruptly stop their medication."

During the week, the Michaelaes make themselves available to members.



Deacon Adam Michaelae and his wife Rose oversee the Mental Health Ministry Spiritual Support Group hosted by St. George Parish, Guilford. They are members of St. John Bosco Parish in Branford.

"Anyone can come in any time and sit with us if they have a problem," Deacon Michaelae says. "We get calls and support them with our prayers and understanding. The door is always open."

The Mental Health Ministry Spiritual Support Group meets the second and fourth Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Ruiz Center on the campus of St. George Church, 33 Whitfield St., Guilford. For dates and more information, contact St. George Parish, 203.453.2788.

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Upcoming Events



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PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT
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Free Breakfast of egg sandwiches, pastries, coffee after Mass. Bring your own basket!



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April 11 @ 10AM - 4PM \$75
SPRING WREATH MAKING
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

Make yourself a decorative wreath for Springtime. Using colorful paper, you will create a beautiful wreath to take home and use on front door or inside the house. You will need no experience in wreath making to complete this special wreath and you can hang it year after year! Supplies and Lunch provided. Visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar.



APRIL 17 @ 6:30PM
YOUNG ADULT 21+ GROUP
Our Lady of Knock Parish, St. Patrick Church, Farmington

Candlelight Mass will be held at 6:30 PM withivia, Tacos, Drinks, and Social following the Candlelight Mass.



APRIL 17 - 19
INTERNATIONAL EXHIBIT OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES
St. George Church, Guilford

Fri, 17 April, 4:30 - 9 pm | Sat, 18 April, 10 am - 8:30 pm | Sun, 19 April, 9:30 am - 3 pm
Talks on St. Carlo Acutis & St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia. 1st class relics of both St. Carlo and St. Manuel will be available for veneration. For more information, contact Donna Yatcko at 203-453-2788.



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