



SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT PARISH

April 5, 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

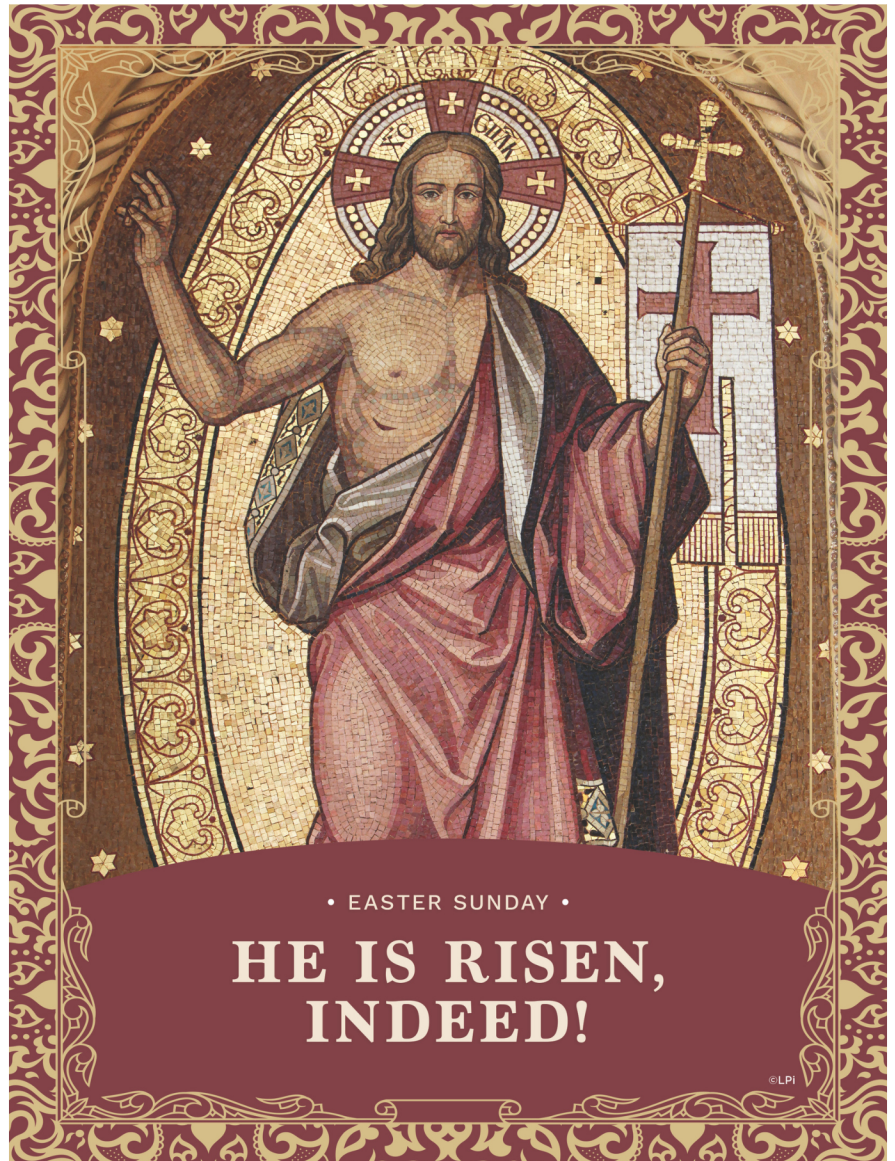
Saturdays at Our Lady of Grace Church –

3:00 - 3:45pm

Adoration

Mondays at St. Anthony Church –

7:00 - 8:00pm – with the
Sacrament of Confession



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49 South Street, Litchfield, CT 06759



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71 North Street, Goshen, CT 06756



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715 Bantam Road, Bantam, CT 06750



THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – APRIL 5TH, 2026

Welcome to Saint Louis de Montfort Parish in the towns of Litchfield, Goshen, and Bantam. Here at St. Louis de Montfort Parish, we are a welcoming community rooted in Christ, dedicated to deepening our faith, serving others with compassion, and nurturing spiritual growth. We strive to be a light of Faith, Hope and Love in our parish and beyond by “Building Bridges to Christ!”

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026
 SAP 8:00 PM ~ Living & Deceased of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2026
 SAP 8:00 AM ~ Living & Deceased of the Parish
 STV 9:30 AM ~ Living & Deceased of the Parish
 SAP 11:00 AM ~ Living & Deceased of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026
 SAP 8:00 AM ~ All those on the Easter Flowers List

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026
 SAP 8:00 AM + *Helen Lavoie* ~ By Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026
 SAP 8:00 AM ~ A Special Intention

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026
 SAP 8:00 AM + *Martha and Ed White*
 ~ By Phil & Fran White

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026
 SAP 8:00 AM + Fr. Henry C. Frascadore

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026
 OLG 4:00 PM + The Living and Deceased Members
 of the Bramson Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026
 SAP 8:00 AM + *Barbara and Donna Anderson*
 ~ By Lisa Bauer
 STV 9:15 AM + *Ginette Clement & Leonette Clement*
 ~ By the Clement Family
 SAP 11:00 AM + *Andy Smith* ~ By Beth, Ann, and Helen

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.



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

Saint Louis de Montfort Parish
March 28th & 29th

WEEKLY: \$ 4,870.00
ONLINE GIVING : \$ 1,252.75

Thank you for Your Continued Generosity to Saint Louis de Montfort 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

Parish Website Online Giving Request a Mass



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS

Living & Deceased

Please remember the following in your prayers this Easter Season:



Adrienne Walsh, Alex Pretti, Alice L. DosSantos, All Souls, Andy H. Roland, Ann, Ernest, Bill Gralia, Anna & Louis Gugliotti, Anna Fischer, Anne & Sigmund Herman, Anthony & Frances Chester, Anthony DosSantos, Arminda DosSantos, Barbara & Donna Anderson, Barbara Accetura, Barbara Vallely, Barbara Wilson, Benjamin March, Bernie Richards, Betty & Warren Grosclaude, Bob & Marion LaTulipe, Brian Kimbulu Falkner, Burdsall Family, Caroline Cornelius, Caron Family Members, Catherine Fabbri, Charles Gill, Charlie Hague, Christina Roulin, Christine Aleksinas, Conrad Bauer, David K. Reising, Day Family, DeNominicis Family, Diane Loccisano, Dorothy & Dom Curalla, Ed & Martha White, Ed & Virginia Hotchkiss, Edith Thibault, Eileen & Conrad Bauer, Elba Magdich, Eugene Grazra, Eugene, John, Joseph, & Helen Kelly, Fr. John D'Alonges, Fr. Pierre al-Rahi, Fr. Robert E. Shea, Frank Cosenza, Fred & Helen Schmiedel, Genova Family, George & Mary Walla, Gillian Smith, Gulielmo Family, Harold Cornelius, Helen D. Pease, Helen M. Harbach, Helen S. Keefe, Helene Stewart, Henry & Angeline Carisio, Henry & Mary Boucher, Hind Rajah, Jack & Jeanne Caffrey, Jackie & Dick Caulfield, James & Eileen Blowers, James Stewart, James Waters Jr., James Waters Sr., Janie Grella, Jeanne Poetz, Joan Slick, Joanne Caporale, Joe & Charley Longo, Joe & Henry Lavoie, John & Dorothy Walla, John & Milly Wright, John & Sally Barra, John, Seth, & Danny Tracy, Joseph & Ann Longo, Joseph & Mary Barra, Joseph Keefe, Joseph Vallely, Julia & James Casey, Kathy Martin, Kay & Ed MacLeod, Ken & Ruth Kurczab, Kenneth Blowers, Kevin Irving, Laura Mlynar, Lea Seabury, Louise Hough, Lucille Barra, Madeline Cruoglio, Manuel Santos, Marge Clemente, Marie Stickelberger, Mary & Ben Cardillo, Mary & Max Harbach, Mary Beloski, Mary Santos, Matthew J. Harbach, Mr. & Mrs. DelChario, Mr. & Mrs. Iannuzzi, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Canter, Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore DeVito, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hubbard, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Bellew, Nancy London, Nicholas & Gertrude D'Alonges, Norma Johns, Owens Family Members, Paige Ann Perrin, Pat & Mary Evangelisti, Pat Dignacco, Patchell Family, Patricia J. Hayes, Phyllis Shortsleeve, PJ Bialoglowy, Quinn Family, Raymond Kozak, Renato Gugliotti Sr, Rudolph & Edith Thoms, Ruth, Howard, Molly, Roger, & Stewart Schmiedel, Samuel Mazzarelli, Sheila Cornelius, Stephan Krilyno, Stephen & Carol Jensen, Suffering Souls in Purgatory, Susan & Paul Horvey Jr., The Bazzarini Family, The Beaupre Family, The Belske Family, The Bernie Petronis Family, The Bonetti Family, The Conti Family, The De Maria Family, The Deneault Family, The Diskavich Family, The Fenn Family, The Filosi Family, The Gaulin Family, The Gill Family, The Harmon Family, The Jackson Family, The Kearcher Family, The King Family, The LaRosa Family, The Loomis Family, The Marshall Family, The Mazzarelli Family, The Pilch Family, The Pitonak Family, The Pulica Family, The Reardon, Flynn, Healy, & Gould Families, The Rebecchi Family, The Rendino Family, The Reynolds Family, The Simpson Family, The Tehan Family, The Timms Family, The Zavagnin Family, Thibault Family, Thomas Dignacco, Thomas Grady, Thomas March, Thomas O'Hara, Tim, Leo, & Louise Moynihan, Tish Samponero, Tom & Eileen Donaldson, Toni Lacerenza, Victor & Jenny Betz, The Walla, Pitonak, Farrell, & Kelly Families, Walter Horvey, William Raffone, Zachary Barra.



NOTICE FROM THE OFFICE:

In observance of Easter, the parish office will be closed on Monday April 6th.



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.

Open Mass Intentions for April 2026

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



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

Knight 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.



FAITH IN ACTION

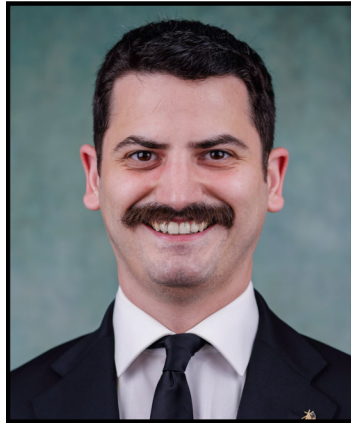


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SAINTS WITH SAL


Saint Francis of Assisi was an Italian mystic, poet, and friar who founded the Franciscan religious order. Born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone, Saint Francis came from a life of wealth and pleasure but decided to give up his wealth and dedicate his life to Christ. While praying in front of a crucifix at San Damiano, a small, neglected church in Assisi, Francis heard the voice of God saying, "Go and repair my house." Francis took the injunction literally and sold his father's possessions to pay for repairs. Francis renounced his inheritance and stripped his clothing and became clothed by the Church. Saint Francis, being an example of poverty, has become one of the most popular saints in the Catholic Church. In my image of Saint Francis, I painted him rather simply, wearing his robes and cincture in a moment of prayer and reflection. I have Saint Francis holding a skull to remember life is fleeting and we should live a well ordered life centered on God.




~ Sal Devito, Seminarian, St. Louis de Montfort Parish

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



 COUNCIL 56
Knights of Columbus
Business Meetings:
Second Thursdays of the Month
in the St. Anthony Church Hall

 COUNCIL 13128
Knights of Columbus
Business Meetings:
First Tuesdays of the Month
in the St. Thomas Church Hall

Contact the parish office for more information or to join!



This Easter, the parish office has 3 "Easter Egg Prizes." Call the parish office this Tuesday to see if you win something special! (Be sure to ask for Blaze!)

PRAYER CORNER

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention For April:
For priests in crisis.

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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

 **Gift**
Saint Louis de Montfort Parish
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2025-26
School Year

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Class #14 - April 26th
Starting at the 9:15am Mass at St Thomas of Villanova Church, Goshen



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LOCAL EVENTS

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



APRIL 9 @ 7PM
**A FRANCISCAN APPROACH
TO ECOLOGY**
Franciscan Life Center, Meriden

Sister Damien Marie Savino, FSE reflects on how inner human healing and outer ecological healing mutually impact each other in the human vocation to care for creation. Reception to follow. Call 203-237-8084 to RSVP.



APRIL 11 @ 8:30AM **\$75**
**CONTEMPLATIVE
ENRICHMENT DAY**
Holy Family Passionist Retreat
Center, West Hartford

Inspired by Rilke's "Sonnets to Orpheus," this retreat explores themes of transformation and the courage to "live the questions." Join us to practice "heart-work" and discover how to belong to "the Whole." In-person and online via Zoom. Two Centering Prayer sessions and lunch. Visit holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar.



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 a 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 12 @ 3PM
**DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY SERVICE**
Christ the King Parish, Corpus
Christi Church, Wethersfield

We invite you to join us for a special service of Divine Mercy. The afternoon will include the chanting of the Chaplet, the veneration of St. Faustina's relic, and will conclude with Benediction. Join us as we seek the graces of the Merciful Heart of Jesus

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

"Christos Anesti! Alethos Anesti"- "Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen" My brothers and sisters today we rejoice for what we celebrate is absolute victory! Not our victory, but Christ's victory for us! At the beginning of last week, we read about the 'joy' of the crowd as Jesus marched triumphantly into the city of Jerusalem. Just a few days ago, we read about the 'joy' of Jesus being with His disciples one last time. We then commemorated the 'joy-filled' and sorrow of Jesus' death on the Cross. But today, we rejoice! As St. Augustine once said, "Of ourselves we had no power to live, nor did he of himself have the power to die. Accordingly, he effected a wonderful exchange with us, through mutual sharing: we give him the power to die, he will give us the power to live. The death of the Lord our God should not be a cause of shame for us; rather, it should be our greatest hope, our greatest glory."

My brothers and sisters, let us exalt and rejoice for darkness and its power over the world is vanquished, and the light and victory of Christ prevails. As we began this Holy Week meditating on 'The Power of the Cross: The instrument of peace for our troubled hearts' in union with the desire and prayers for peace, in particular in union with those in the Holy Land, we are able to experience the effect of that peace here and now in our celebrations during the Easter Season. The light of Christ is the power coming forward from the instrument of peace- the cross!

In a prayer written by St. Francis of Assisi as one goes before the cross, he prays, "Most High and Glorious God. Enlighten the darkness of my heart. Give me truer faith, more certain hope, and perfect charity. Sense and knowledge of you, so that I may carry out your holy and true command for my life." May this be our prayer this Easter Season. For our reflection on the cross does not decrease or end with the conclusion of Lent; but rather it continues as it is through the cross that we are able to see the rays of Christ's glory! For us, here my friends, the Cross helps us in the most instrumental way. The Cross is a bridge. Christ uses the horizontal axis of the Cross to unite all peoples of the earth, and the vertical axis to unite heaven and earth. He invites us to do the same. As 'bridge builders to Christ' the Cross gives us the opportunity to do just that- both as an instrument and as an example. As the Cross, the bridge of Christ, is the instrument of peace whose power radiates the light of Christ, we are invited and need to invite all peoples to share in His resurrected glory.

As it says in the Exultet proclaimed at the Easter Vigil, "Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven... Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal king... Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of his glory, let this holy building shake with joy..." We are Easter people my friends, and we need to share the joy in the light of Christ that we receive from the power of the Cross. May this Easter season help us to radiate the glory of the Cross more immensely in our daily lives as we continue to pray for Christ's peace to extend throughout all the earth. Blessed Easter to all!

-Fr. Matt

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the joy and hope of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I want to offer my warmest and most heartfelt Easter blessings to each of you across our beloved Archdiocese of Hartford.

Easter is the great proclamation of our faith: Christ is risen, He is truly risen. From the silence of the tomb bursts forth new life, renewed hope, and unshakable joy. No matter the burdens we carry or the uncertainties we face in daily life, the light of the risen Christ breaks through every darkness, assuring us that death and sin do not have the final word.

The Resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our Christian hope. Through Christ's victory over death, we are offered new life, a life that is rooted in mercy, strengthened by grace, and sustained by God's unfailing love. In this sacred season, we are reminded that nothing is beyond God's redeeming power and that His mercy knows no limits.

As we gather with family, friends, and parish communities to celebrate this holy feast, I invite you to reflect on how we are called to be witnesses of the Resurrection in the world today. In a society often marked by division, fear, and indifference, we are entrusted with the mission of bringing Christ's peace, compassion, and reconciling love to all; those we know well and those we have yet to encounter.

May this Easter season renew in each of us a deeper commitment to faith, service, and charity. On this holy day, my prayer is that the light of the Risen Christ fills your homes with peace, your hearts with renewed hope, and your families with the deep assurance that death does not have the final word—love does.

Please know that you remain in my prayers, and I ask that you kindly remember me in yours. Happy Easter to you and to all those you cherish.

With Easter joy and blessings,

Christopher J. Coyne

Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Archbishop of Hartford



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www.archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal

Upcoming Events



APRIL 14 - 15 @ 11AM - 7PM
PEOPLE OF HOPE MUSEUM
 Cathedral of Saint Joseph rear lot,
 off Asylum Ave, Hartford

Step inside for an inspiring look at how Catholic Charities agencies bring compassion to help people in need nationwide. Visit www.ccaoh.org/poh to learn more.



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 with Trivia, 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 Yatchko at 203-453-2788.



APRIL 24 @ 7PM
SEEN: A NIGHT OF HOPE & HEALING
 St. Paul VI Parish, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Hamden

Join us for a Holy Hour and Reception including Adoration, prayer teams, guided prayer, support and resources for those struggling with pregnancy loss or infertility. Registration required. Please reach out to m.ricci@hamdencaatholic.org to RSVP.



MAY 2 @ 4PM
LATINO VOCATION DISCERNMENT NIGHT
 St. Augustine Parish, Hartford

Join us for 4PM Vigil Mass, followed by free dinner and a Q&A panel of speakers from all different vocations. Registration required. Email kathleen.pencz@aohct.org to RSVP.



APRIL 27 @ 7PM
SPEED NETWORKING AND MENTORING
 Holy Angels Center, Meriden

Join Young Catholic Professionals Central Connecticut and meet inspiring professionals, connect with other young adults, and walk away with practical insight for your career and faith. Food and drink will be provided. We will be having Stations of the Cross and prayer at 7pm, and the speed networking and mentoring will start at 7:45.



MAY 8 @ 6PM
SEEN: A NIGHT OF HOPE & HEALING
 The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Waterbury

All are welcome for a night of prayer and support for those experiencing infertility or pregnancy/child loss, whether you are personally carrying this cross or desire to intercede and accompany others. We will have welcoming remarks, Mass, a reflection, Adoration with Praise and Worship, and a reception to follow with light refreshments, veneration of relics, resources, community, and opportunities to meet with Religious Sisters and Prayer Teams. Registration required. Please reach out to hello@waterburybasilica.org to RSVP.



MAY 8 @ 6PM
WOMEN'S HOLY HOUR & DINNER
 St. Bridget of Sweden Parish,

Are you seeking peace and direction? Join us for an evening dedicated to women's vocational discernment. We'll begin with a Holy Hour featuring beautiful music, prayerful silence, and an inspiring reflection. Please stay for a free dinner and community fellowship. Registration required. Email cdemiany@ascjus.org to RSVP.



MAY 10 @ 10AM Adults \$50
MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
 Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

Children 4-12, \$15 | Children under 4, Free
 Come celebrate Mother's Day with a special Mass for mothers and families, and then enjoy a delicious gourmet brunch prepared by our chef. Visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar.

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Daytrip Icons on Ammo Boxes: Christian Art of Hope and Sorrow from the War in Ukraine

Fairfield University is hosting an exhibition of Ukrainian sacred art created from ammunition boxes recovered from the front lines of the Russia-Ukraine war.

The Icons on Ammo Boxes project has been displayed all over the world & supports volunteer initiatives dedicated to helping soldiers and civilians who have suffered injury, trauma, and displacement due to the war.

\$35.00pp
Limited to 16

Thursday May 14, 2026
 Depart LCC: 9:30 am
 Exhibit Tour: 11:00 am
 Buffet Lunch included - prepared by Fairfield University Food Service
 Depart: 2:30 pm

Transportation on Lift equipped Bus

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