



# SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT PARISH

*April 19, 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

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 19TH, 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 18, 2026
OLG 4:00 PM + Edith Thibeault ~ By Family
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026
SAP 8:00 AM + Carol LaRosa
~ By the Deneault and LaRosa Families
STV 9:15 AM + Susan A. McNamara
~ By Wilrose & Linda Duquette
SAP 11:00 AM + Anna and Louis Gugliotti ~ By Family
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026
SAP 8:00 AM + Augustine Peter Barney
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026
SAP 8:00 AM + Thomas Finn
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026
SAP 8:00 AM + Philip Robinson
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026
SAP 8:00 AM + Donald Cipolla & Mary Pluff
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026
SAP 8:00 AM + Michael Main
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026
OLG 4:00 PM + Gilbert Thibodeau ~ By Anita Soltis
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026
SAP 8:00 AM + Lauren Benevento ~ By Courtney Shepard
STV 9:15 AM + Anne Skinner ~ By the Skinner Family
SAP 11:00 AM + Helen, Sherri and Stephen Loomis
~ By Laura and Robert Gaulin

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.

PARISH Support
Collections: THIS Weekend is the Parish Weekly.
NEXT Weekend will be the Parish Weekly and our Parish Seminarian Collection.


Saint Louis de Montfort Parish
April 11th & 12th
WEEKLY: ..... \$ 4,424.00
ONLINE GIVING : ..... \$ 1,418.25
MONTHLY : ..... \$ 2,651.00
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

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# · · · PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS · · ·

## Open Mass Intentions for May 2026 (as of 4/15)

5/4 - SAP 8:00 am		5/18 - SAP 8:00 am
5/5 - SAP 8:00 am		5/21 - SAP 8:00 am
5/6 - SAP 8:00 am		5/27 - SAP 8:00 am
5/13 - SAP 8:00 am		5/28 - SAP 8:00 am
5/13 - OLG 6:00 pm		5/29 - SAP 8:00 am
5/14 - SAP 8:00 am		5/31 - STV 9:15 am
5/14 - STV 6:00 pm		5/31 - SAP 11:00 pm
5/15 - SAP 8:00 am		

## 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 by the Pastor's Assistant if there are any issues.

## St. Louis de Montfort Feast Day: Parish Retreat

Join us in commemoration of our Parish Feast Day for our first **Parish Retreat** at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield. The retreat will be held on **April 28th** beginning with **Mass at 4pm** and concluding around **7pm with Vespers**. A pasta dinner will be served by our Knights of Columbus Councils. There is no "ticket price" but any and all donations are welcome. To sign up, please fill out your name, phone number, and email on the sheet in the back of the churches, or contact the parish office. Feel free to reach out to the office for more information and any questions as well. Sign up is also available on the parish app.



## What is Temperance?

This cardinal virtue of temperance is shown in the person who is master of his passions and his attachment to the world. "It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable."  
(CCC 1809)

## Eastertide Adoration

Adoration & Confession at St. Anthony's is being extended from 6pm to 8pm during the Easter Season. Let us all take some time in these coming weeks to spend more time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



## EASTER SERIES: *Delixi Te*

Throughout this Easter Season, we will be studying Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation, *Delixi Te* (I Have Loved You) in a six-part series on **April 28th, May 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th**, and the concluding session on **June 2nd**. The first session (April 28) will be during our Parish Retreat at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, and will serve as a lecture to introduce us to *Delixi Te*, while connecting it to Pope Francis' *Dilexit Nos*. The rest of the sessions will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Church Hall at 7pm in a book club style reflection. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend and participate.



## 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

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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 and full criteria, as well as additional contact information. The deadline for submissions is May 1st, 2026.



The Litchfield Lion's Club is offering six scholarships of \$1,000 to a graduating senior of Region 20 High School. Please contact the Guidance

Office at (860)-567-7410 to learn more. All applications are due by April 22nd.



# FAITH IN ACTION

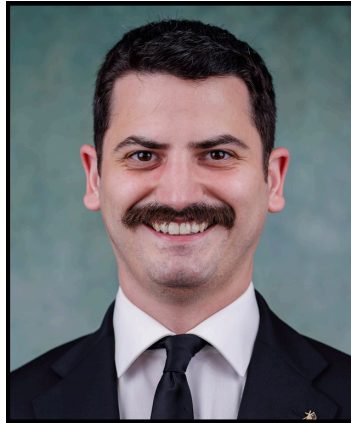


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## SAINTS WITH SAL

The husband of Mary and the earthly father to Jesus, Joseph is one of the most important figures in biblical history. When Joseph first learned of Mary's pregnancy his thought was to secretly divorce her to avoid a scandal, but an angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him of the miraculous birth yet to come. Joseph married Mary and when time came Joseph carried Mary on a donkey to Bethlehem to be counted in the census. After Jesus was born Joseph took the Holy Family to safety in Egypt to escape the wrath of King Herod. Saint Joseph raised Jesus and taught him carpentry. While Joseph doesn't speak a word in the bible, his importance cannot be ignored. Saint Joseph is the patron saint of carpenters and the Universal Church. In my painting of Saint Joseph, I painted him in his workshop killing a snake, showing him as St. Joseph the worker and the terror of demons.





### Saint Joseph, Pray For Us!

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

## SAINT JOSEPH



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

 COUNCIL 13128  
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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!



## 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

  
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## · · LOCAL EVENTS · ·

### *A Caregiver's Support Group - April 23 and May 28*

Caregiving can be a difficult and lonely journey. Take advantage of an opportunity for support and for learning with others who are caring for loved ones living with dementia. Sessions will be held from 6:30pm – 8pm.

### *A Caregiver's Well-Being Retreat - May 9 and May 16*

A Caregiver Retreat for people who are caring for a loved one with dementia. These consecutive Saturday afternoon sessions (3 hours each day) will run from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. and provide opportunities for prayer, reflection, connection with other caregivers while learning about dementia, caregiving strategies and managing caregiving stress while maintaining focus on our loved ones' dignity as persons.

Dr. Thomas and Donna Finn will present this retreat. The \$75.00 cost covers both sessions. For reservations or more information, please call: **203-237-8084** or visit **flcenter.org**



**MAY 13 @ 7:30PM**  
**CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION**

**Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Parish, St. Mary Church, Derby**

Join us in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima! We will gather in front of the church to start the procession. The rosary will take place indoors if it rains. Coffee and cupcakes social to follow!



**MAY 13 @ 5:30PM - 9PM \$50**  
**COUPLES' EVENING RETREAT**  
**Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford**

Please join us as we explore the beautiful concept of marriage as a spiritual friendship. How is marriage a Trinitarian-like expression of love, with Christ at the center? How can deep, intentional listening with "the ear of the heart" cultivate a marriage rooted in spiritual friendship?

Offered both in-person and online via Zoom. Includes dinner with wine and cheese. Visit [www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar).



**MAY 15 - 17 @ 6PM \$300**  
**MEN'S RECOVERY RETREAT**  
**Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford**

We invite men in recovery into a peaceful atmosphere where you can rest, renew your spiritual life, and deepen your sobriety. Hear an inspiring lecture, catch up on some rest, and care for yourself as we care for you in mind, body, and spirit. Our Matt Talbot weekends are open to ALL people, from ALL backgrounds, regardless of whether or not you are a member of a church.

The retreat begins on Friday with a buffet dinner from 6 - 7:30PM and concludes on Sunday around 11AM. Generous scholarships are available. Call Marty V. at **860-250-6246** for scholarship information.

## · · THE PASTOR'S CORNER · ·

War divides; hope unites. Arrogance tramples upon others; love lifts up. Idolatry blinds us; the living God enlightens. My dearest friends, all it takes is a little faith, a mere "crumb" of faith, in order to face this dramatic hour in history together — as humanity and alongside humanity. Prayer is not a refuge in which to hide from our responsibilities, nor an anesthetic to numb the pain provoked by so much injustice. Rather, it is the most selfless, universal and transformative response to death: we are a people who are already risen! Within each of us, within every human being, the interior Teacher teaches peace, urges us toward encounter and inspires us to make supplication. Let us rise from the rubble! Nothing can confine us to a predetermined fate, not even in this world where there never seem to be enough graves, for people continue to crucify one another and eliminate life, with no regard to justice and mercy.

Prayer teaches us how to act. In prayer, our limited human possibilities are joined to the infinite possibilities of God. Thoughts, words and deeds then break the demonic cycle of evil and are placed at the service of the Kingdom of God. A Kingdom in which there is no sword, no drone, no vengeance, no trivialization of evil, no unjust profit, but only dignity, understanding and forgiveness. It is here that we find a bulwark against that delusion of omnipotence that surrounds us and is becoming increasingly unpredictable and aggressive. The balance within the human family has been severely destabilized. Even the holy Name of God, the God of life, is being dragged into discourses of death. A world of brothers and sisters with one heavenly Father vanishes, as in a nightmare, giving way to a reality populated by enemies. We are met by threats, rather than the invitation to listen and to come together. Brothers and sisters, those who pray are aware of their own limitations; they do not kill or threaten with death. Instead, death enslaves those who have turned their backs on the living God, turning themselves and their own power into a mute, blind and deaf idol (cf. Ps 115:4-8), to which they sacrifice every value, demanding that the whole world bend its knee.

Dear brothers and sisters, there are certainly binding responsibilities that fall to the leaders of nations. To them we cry out: Stop! It is time for peace! Sit at the table of dialogue and mediation, not at the table where rearmament is planned and deadly actions are decided! Yet there is a no less significant responsibility that falls to all of us — men and women from all over the world. We are an immense multitude that rejects war not only in word, but also in deed. Prayer calls us to leave behind whatever violence remains in our hearts and minds. Let us turn to a Kingdom of peace that is built up day by day — in our homes, schools, neighborhoods, and civil and religious communities. A Kingdom that counters polemics and resignation through friendship and a culture of encounter. Let us believe once again in love, moderation and good politics. We must form ourselves and get personally involved, each following our own calling. Everyone has a place in the mosaic of peace!

~ Pope Leo XIV  
Reflection from the Vigil for Peace  
April 11, 2026

# Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

APRIL 18 - 24, 2026

## Albertus Magnus Students Swap Spring Break for Ohio *Mission Work*

- Story by Joe Pisani

Six students from Albertus Magnus College of New Haven went on spring break. But they did not go to Florida; they traveled to Ohio to perform mission work. They were part of the first Albertus Magnus Spring Break Mission Trip to Columbus, where they did service work for different ministries of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, whose motherhouse is located in the capital city.

"Going to Florida may be cool, but doing community service and helping people out who are in need is more impactful than sitting on the beach," says Owen Griswold of New London, a junior majoring in criminal justice/pre-law.

For him, the highlight of the week was the four hours the group spent packing 2,760 meals for the Columbus-based LifeCare Alliance. The nonprofit organization distributes the meals to homebound residents.

*"Jesus was all about helping people and giving back, and that is what we did."*

Service is a fundamental part of life at Albertus Magnus and one of the four pillars of the Dominican charism – prayer, study, community and service. The college was founded in 1925 by the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, now known as the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

"That's how we live our lives every day," says Sister Cathy Buchanan OP, the campus minister who organized the trip. "All 19 Dominican colleges and universities have the same four pillars, so there is a shared culture, no matter where they are. When we go to conferences, we talk about the different pillars and what

they mean to us. Since service is one of our pillars, students know from the day they arrive that's what they're buying into." Sister Cathy, who made her first vows three years ago and is now temporary professed, knows about service. After a 27-year career in law enforcement, she was looking forward to retiring to Florida and sitting on the beach. But God had a different plan, she says, which includes working with young people and starting a new life with the Dominican Sisters of Peace. She describes the spring break in Ohio as "amazing."

"Everything went perfectly, considering this was our first time going," Sister Cathy says. While there, the Albertus students also met fellow students from Ohio Dominican University.

During the week, the group toured the Martin de Porres Center, a place dedicated to spirituality, education and the arts, and had an opportunity to do farm work and feed the animals at nearby Shepherd's Corner, the Dominican ecology center. Also, they visited the Dominican Learning Center, which offers adult learning classes

in ESL, GED and Adult Basic Education. In between their service work, the students were able to pray, meet many of the 150 sisters who live in the Dominican Motherhouse, and give them thank you cards of appreciation during Catholic Sisters Week, celebrated March 8 to 14. "Jesus was all about helping people and giving back, and that is what we did, just as Jesus did," says Griswold, who is a resident assistant and an admissions ambassador at Albertus.

The trip had special meaning for him since he became a Catholic last year at the Easter Vigil, when he was baptized, received First Communion and was confirmed.

He made the decision to enter the OCIA process after talking with another student at the National Dominican Preaching Conference. Before that time, he says, "I didn't have much faith at all."

Sister Cathy says the Albertus Magnus students, who were inspired by their experience this year, have already begun preparing for a spring break mission trip next year.

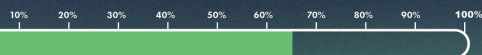


Sister Cathy Buchanan, OP, introduces students from Albertus Magnus College to the Dominican Sisters of Peace living at the Columbus motherhouse during lunch.



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# Upcoming Events



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@hamdenatholic.org](mailto:m.ricci@hamdenatholic.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 7:45PM.



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](mailto:kathleen.pencz@aohct.org) to RSVP.



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. 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](mailto:hello@waterburybasilica.org) to RSVP.



APRIL 24 @ 7PM  
**YCP SPEAKER EVENT**  
Bl. Michael McGivney Parish, St. Mary Church, New Haven

*"AI. Faith. Your Career. Are They Compatible?"*  
Come join Young Catholic Professionals Central CT for our next Executive Speaker Series Event! Come enjoy light refreshments and networking along with a talk by Omar Kouatly on AI and faith in the workplace. We look forward to meeting you there!



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

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 a reflection. Please stay for a free dinner and community fellowship. Registration required. Email [cdemiany@ascjus.org](mailto:cdemiany@ascjus.org) to RSVP.



MAY 9 @ 9AM - 2PM  
**DAY WITH MARY | RETREAT**  
Precious Blood Parish, St. Agnes Church, Milford

Join us for a Marian Eucharistic Day Retreat with the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate. Day will include: Holy Mass, Confession, Conferment of the Miraculous Medal, Fatima Video, Benediction, Marian Procession, Conferment of the Brown Scapular, Recitation of the Rosary and talks by Franciscans. Inclement weather, check status [www.daywithmarywest.org](http://www.daywithmarywest.org) Retreat is FREE, bring a snack!



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](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar).

## Daytrip

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



\$35.00pp

Limited to 16

Transportation on Lift equipped Bus

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.

Thursday May 14, 2026

Depart LCC: 9:30 am

Exhibit Tour: 11:00 am

Buffet Lunch included -

prepared by Fairfield University

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