



# SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT PARISH

*April 26, 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



## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy;  
I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” - Jn 10:9-10

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· · · **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 26TH, 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 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

**MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026**  
 SAP 8:00 AM + *Rhoda Mckinnon & Jan Locke Lincoln*  
 ~ By Jackie & Earl Mills

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026**  
 SAP 8:00 AM + *Pope Francis*

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026**  
 SAP 8:00 AM ~ Living and Deceased members  
 of the O'Sullivan Family

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026**  
 SAP 8:00 AM ~ A Special Intention

**FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026**  
 SAP 8:00 AM + *Lorraine Desaulniers* ~ By Doris

**SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026**  
 OLG 4:00 PM + *Marie Evans*  
 ~ By the Bick and Evans Family

**SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026**  
 SAP 8:00 AM + *Deceased members of the Brejwa family*  
 ~ By Debra Wojtzak  
 STV 9:15 AM + *Helene Lachance*  
 ~ By Pierre and Frances Lachance  
 SAP 11:00 AM + *Robert Kaminski* ~ By Family

**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 our Parish Seminarian Collection. *NEXT Weekend* will be the Parish Weekly and the Parish Monthly.

**Saint Louis de Montfort Parish**  
**April 18th & 19th**

**WEEKLY:** ..... \$ 4,036.00  
**ONLINE GIVING :** ..... \$ 1,262.50

*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 4/22)

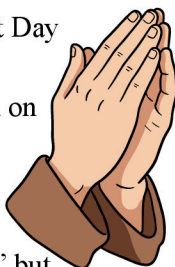
5/4 - SAP 8:00 am  
 5/15 - SAP 8:00 am  
 5/21 - SAP 8:00 am  
 5/27 - SAP 8:00 am



5/28 - SAP 8:00 am  
 5/29 - SAP 8:00 am  
 5/31 - STV 9:15 am

### 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.



### 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.



### 2026 Honorees

**Saint Francis Award**  
**Emeka Okafor**  
*Former NBA & UCONN Basketball Player*

**Saint Clare Award**  
**Ilana Nunn Okafor**  
*Former Sports Public Relations Specialist*

**Dean of Sports Award**  
**Chris LaPlaca**  
*Former Head of Corporate Communications at ESPN*

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**Special Olympians**  
**of Connecticut**

**Mother Shaun Appreciation Award**  
**Anthony & Cynthia Petrello**  
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**Dedication to Community Service Award**  
**Jim & Pat Calhoun**

**June 2nd, 2026 at the Aqua Turf Club**  
**Plantville, CT 5:30pm - 9:30pm**  
**Tickets are \$75 each. Contact the office for more information or to reserve a spot, or scan the QR Code.**



### 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.



# FAITH IN ACTION



Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications and updates by downloading our **Parish App**, available for iPhone and Android smartphones. Enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders for Mass, Confession guides, and much more! To learn more or to download our app today, visit [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) or scan our QR Code.



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**6-10 PM**

Tickets are \$35 for adults - 18 and under are free!

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UNTIL THERE'S A CURE, THERE'S CAMP

### Fill-in-the-Blanks

The letters in squares fit into the spaces at the bottom.

GATEKEEPER	HIS	THIEF	
REALIZE	WILL	DRIVEN	
SPEECH	YOU	CLIMBS	
ENTERS	AMEN	VOICE	

Jesus said: "Amen, \_\_\_\_\_<sup>12</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, I say to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but \_\_\_\_\_<sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ over elsewhere is a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ and a robber. But whoever \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls \_\_\_\_\_<sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. But they will not follow a stranger; they \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, the Pharisees did not \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ what he was trying to tell them.

The sheep 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

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

**K of C 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!



## 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
  - ♥ Michael Dignacco ♥ 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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**Sacramental Class**  
**Class #14 - April 26th**  
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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**



Knights of Columbus Council 56 is holding a Fraternal Benefit Event May 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the St Anthony Church Hall. This event is open to all parishioners and all members of the Knights of Columbus. Pizza will be served.

Scan the QR code to RSVP by May 4th.



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!

## · · THE PASTOR'S CORNER · ·

On the first anniversary of the death of our beloved Pope Francis, his memory lives on in the Church and throughout the world. As I am away from Rome on an Apostolic Journey in Africa, I join in spirit with all those who will gather in the Liberian Basilica to offer the Eucharistic Sacrifice in memory of my Predecessor. Together with the Cardinals, Bishops, priests and religious, I greet with affection the pilgrims who have come to show him their affection and gratitude.

Death is not a wall, but a door that opens out onto the Mercy that Pope Francis tirelessly proclaimed. The Lord called him to Himself on 21 April last year, in the heart of the Paschal light. He concluded his earthly pilgrimage in the embrace of the Risen Christ, in that "joy of the Gospel" that inspired one of his most incisive Apostolic Exhortations.

He was the Successor of Peter and Shepherd of the universal Church at a time that marked, and continues to mark, an epochal change—a change of which he was fully aware, offering all of us a courageous witness that represents a significant legacy for the Church.

His teaching was lived as a missionary disciple as he liked to say. He remained a disciple of the Lord, faithful to his Baptism and to his consecration in the episcopal ministry, to the very end. He was also a missionary, proclaiming the Gospel of mercy "to everyone, everyone, everyone", as he often said. The good that came from his witness as a caring Shepherd touched the hearts of so many people, even to the ends of the earth, thanks also to his apostolic pilgrimages and especially to that final "journey" of his illness and his death.

In harmony with his predecessors, he took up the legacy of the Second Vatican Council and urged the Church to be open to mission, a guardian of the world's hope, passionate about proclaiming that Gospel which is capable of giving every life fulfillment and happiness.

We still hear his exhortations, expressed in eloquent words, to make the Good News more accessible: mercy, peace, brotherhood, the odour of the sheep, the field hospital and many others. Each of these expressions leads us back to the Gospel he lived out in a new language that proclaims the same Gospel as always.

Pope Francis nurtured a deep devotion to Mary throughout his life; indeed, we recall that he visited Saint Mary Major, the site of his burial, on many occasions, as well as numerous Marian shrines around the world. May the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, help us to be, in every circumstance, tireless apostles of her divine Son and prophets of His merciful love.

Pope Leo XIV  
Address to Cardinals  
April 21, 2026

# Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

APRIL 25 - MAY 1, 2026

## SEEN Events Offer Grieving Parents Avenues to Healing

- Story by Shelley Wolf

Families who have experienced infertility, the loss of an unborn child or a stillbirth often suffer in silence. But there is hope and healing for the invisible pain of child loss.

"SEEN," which stands for "Supporting Everyone Experiencing Neonatal Loss," is a series of events intended to acknowledge the life lost and to provide spiritual support for grieving families.

There is one upcoming spring event: Friday, May 8 at 6 p.m. sponsored by Immaculate Conception Parish at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 74 West Main St., Waterbury.

"Parents love that baby with all their heart from the first moment," says Valerie St. Jean, associate director of adult and family life ministries for the Archdiocese of Hartford. "When a parent loses a baby, the sadness is almost too much. And the loss is not recognized.

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*"There will be prayer, adoration and other ways for people to experience the presence, love and mercy of Jesus."*

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"The name 'SEEN' is important because very often, nobody knows what happened. The parents hold it inside," she explains. "But we're here to affirm the dignity of the life lost. As Catholics, we believe that life begins at conception, and every soul has meaning and purpose."



Roses, candles and religious images set a quiet and prayerful tone for a SEEN gathering.

SEEN events allow parents to come forward to acknowledge their loss, meet other parents, gain spiritual nourishment and find ways to begin healing. The Basilica event will offer both spiritual and practical resources for coping with the loss of a child, whether the loss was due to a miscarriage or occurred after birth.

The evening event at the Basilica will include Mass, adoration, the veneration of relics, and a reception with resource materials. It will also feature a ministry of presence, including prayer, reconciliation, and counselors as well as art and journaling therapies.

"These events offer those suffering a safe place to grieve and to process their emotions, to be comforted and guided by spiritual support through our Catholic teachings," St. Jean stresses.

"There will be prayer, adoration and other ways for people to experience the presence, love and mercy of Jesus. Expanding upon other resources and forms of prayer, can help people process their grief in different ways. The Basilica has done an amazing job

of finding resources to help people," she adds.

The SEEN concept was started as a grassroots effort in 2020 by interested parishioners at Blessed Michael McGivney Parish in New Haven and has been quietly circulating to other parishes around the archdiocese in slightly different formats to reach more Catholics.

This past week, a SEEN event was also sponsored by St. Paul VI Parish at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 2819 Whitney Ave., Hamden.

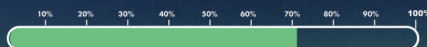
While the events are parish-driven, the Archdiocese of Hartford's Office of Faith Formation and Parish Life is offering its support and guidance, recognizing SEEN events as creative forms of support to reach the hearts of those who are suffering.

SEEN events are free, with many resources and services being donated, including music, food and materials. All interested families are welcome to attend.



### 2026 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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# Upcoming Events



**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. Inlement 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).



**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.



**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. The retreat begins on Friday with a buffet dinner from 6-7:30PM and concludes on Sunday around 11AM. Scholarships are available. Call Marty V. at [860-250-6246](tel:860-250-6246) for information.



**APRIL 28 @ 5 - 9PM**  
**BENEFIT NIGHT FOR HAITI MINISTRY**  
 American Flatbread, The Shoppes at Farmington Valley, Canton

Enjoy dinner and support feeding & educating almost 500 students at St. Thérèse School in Lilaouis, Haiti at the same time! Dine in or take out - it all counts! Visit [www.ourladyofknock.org/haiti](http://www.ourladyofknock.org/haiti) for more information.

## 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

Transportation on Lift equipped Bus

**Thursday May 14, 2026**

Depart LCC: 9:30 am  
 Exhibit Tour: 11:00 am  
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 Depart: 2:30 pm

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