



SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT PARISH

May 10, 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



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“And whoever loves me will be loved by my
Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”
- Jn 14:20-21

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· · · **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 10TH, 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, MAY 9, 2026
 OLG 4:00 PM ~ The Living and Deceased Mothers of St. Louis de Montfort Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026
 SAP 8:00 AM + *Mary Cardillo* ~ By Lisa Bauer
 STV 9:15 AM + *Donald Clarke Sr.*
 ~ By Don & Gini Clarke
 SAP 11:00 AM ~ The Living and Deceased Mothers of St. Louis de Montfort Parish

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026
 SAP 8:00 AM + *Dale Desaulniers*
 ~ By Doris & Peter Bergamo

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026
 SAP 8:00 AM + *Martha Brown Murphy*
 ~ By Judith and Tom Hogan

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026
 SAP 8:00 AM ~ A Special Intention ~ By the Barra Family
 OLG 6:00 PM + *Helen and Armand Spenard*
 ~ By Suzanne Kozak

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026
 SAP 8:00 AM + *The Barra and Slick Families*
 ~ By Margaret & Joseph Barra
 STV 6:00 PM ~ Most Reverend Juan Miguel Betancourt

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026
 SAP 8:00 AM ~ Health & Intentions of Fr. Josh Wilbur

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026
 OLG 4:00 PM + *Norma Deneault*
 ~ By the Deneault and LaRosa Families

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026
 SAP 8:00 AM + *Members of the Wojtczak Family*
 ~ By Debra Wojtczak
 STV 9:15 AM + *Henry Carisio* ~ By Henrietta Horvay
 SAP 11:00 AM + *Robert Kaminski* ~ By His 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. NEXT Weekend will be the Parish Weekly and the Catholic Communications Campaign Collection.*

Saint Louis de Montfort Parish
May 2nd & 3rd

WEEKLY: \$ 5,706.00
ONLINE GIVING : \$ 1,781.50
MONTHLY : \$ 3,021.00

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

Parish Website Online Giving Request a Mass



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



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 next session (May 12) will be held at St. Anthony Church Hall at **6pm**, reflecting upon the first chapter of the document, "A Few Essential Words." The rest of the sessions will also be held at St. Anthony of Padua Church Hall at **6pm** in a book club style reflection. Light refreshments will be served. All parishioners are invited to attend and participate as we study and learn from Pope Leo.

The Pastor's Assistant is doing his best to keep up with the bulletins. Please be understanding if he makes a mistake.



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.



Congratulations to our Confirmation and First Communion students, who received their Sacraments on May 2nd and 9th. May God bless them as they continue their journey of Faith!



Open Mass Intentions for May 2026 (as of 5/6)

5/21 - SAP 8:00 am, 5/27 - SAP 8:00 am
5/29 - SAP 8:00 am



PARISH NEWSLETTER & DIGITAL BULLETINS

St. Louis de Montfort Parish is launching a new initiative to keep our parishioners up-to-date and informed with parish events and initiatives, as well as updates and news from the Archdiocese through an all-digital newsletter. Parishioners are encouraged to sign up using the QR Code or by filling out a name & email on the form at the entrances of the churches. Parishioners will also be able to receive email bulletins as well. Any questions: contact the Pastor's Assistant.



40th FRANCISCAN SPORTS BANQUET & SILENT AUCTION

2026 Honorees

<p>Saint Francis Award Emeka Okafor <i>Former NBA & UCONN Basketball Player</i></p> <p>Dean of Sports Award Chris LaPlaca <i>Former Head of Corporate Communications at ESPN</i></p> <p>Mother Shaun Appreciation Award Anthony & Cynthia Petrello <i>Long-time Title Sponsors of the Franciscan Sports Banquet</i></p> <p>Dedication to Community Service Award Jim & Pat Calhoun</p>	<p>Saint Clare Award Iana Nunn Okafor <i>Former Sports Public Relations Specialist</i></p> <p>Distinguished Athletes Special Olympians of Connecticut</p>
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**June 2nd, 2026 at the Aqua Turf Club
Plantsville, 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.**

24TH ANNUAL NIGHT OUT

OWENEGO 40 Linden Ave - Branford, CT

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6-10 PM

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Our Lady of Fatima May 13

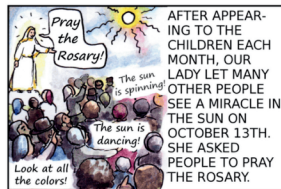
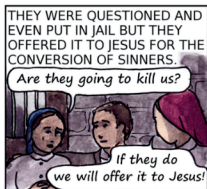


The Shrine of Lourdes IN LITCHFIELD

2026 INAUGURAL MONTFORT SCULPTURE EXHIBITION


Opening Saturday, May 16th at 2-4pm, is the **2026 Inaugural Montfort Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** of 30 installations by 20 artist/sculptors from CT, MA, and NH. The exhibition is sponsored by the Litchfield Arts Council, NW CT Arts Council, Society of Connecticut Sculptors, New England Sculpture Association, and the New England Foundation for the Arts.


The exhibition theme is **Contemplation < > Reflection**. During the opening, after a welcome by Fr. Don LaSalle, SMM and Litchfield's First Selectman Denise Raap, members of the public can hear directly from the sculptors as to why their installation connects to the theme. The opening reception includes a wine tasting sponsored by the award-winning Sunset Meadow Vineyards in Goshen, and a poetry reflection by Litchfield's Poet Laureate and author Robert Piazza. **RSVPs are required** to attend this free event: shrinect.org/sculpture. The exhibition will be open to the public 7 days a week from 8AM to 6PM at no charge until November 15, 2026. The location is the Bantam River Meadow located at 50 Montfort Road, off Route 118 in Litchfield, CT.



OUR LADY WANTS US TO PRAY AND MAKE SACRIFICES TO HELP SAVE PEOPLE FROM GOING TO HELL. SHE APPEARED TO LUCIA, FRANCISCO AND JACINTA SO THAT THEY COULD SHARE THIS REQUEST WITH MANY PEOPLE. THINK OF WAYS YOU CAN REMEMBER TO PRAY EVERY DAY AND MAKE LITTLE SACRIFICES.

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 **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!



Fraternal Benefit Event

Learn more about how you can align your finances with your faith.

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. To learn more, please contact the parish office.

PRAYER CORNER

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention For May:
That everyone might have food.

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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

· · LOCAL EVENTS · ·



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** for information.



MAY 16 @ 9AM - 2PM
SPRING CRAFT FAIR
St. John Bosco Parish, St. Mary
Church, Branford

St. John Bosco Women's Group is hosting a Spring Craft Fair. Interested in being a vendor? For more information email: sjbcraftandtag06405@gmail.com. All our welcome to join!



MAY 21 @ 9:30AM - 3PM **\$12**
**NEW DAY SEMINAR FOR
THE BEREAVED**
Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat
Center, Higganum

This seminar helps those who have lost a loved one with the tasks of grieving. The cost of the book is \$12.00. Reservations required. Call Sr. Patricia Cigrand **203-606-4830** or email cigrandpatricia@gmail.com. A free will offering will be welcomed.



MAY 23 @ 9AM - 2PM
ANNUAL TAG SALE
St. Raphael's Parish, St. Ann
Campus, Milford

Come on down for some amazing deals on many unique finds! We have everything from: Tools & Hardware, Furniture & Décor, Clothing & Shoes, Home Appliances, Books, Games & DVDs, Toys... and more. Stop by to see what you can discover!



Litchfield Hills Road Race

Have you always wanted to be a part of the race but you're not really a runner? Then volunteer! The LHRR is looking for good people to

help out! Race marshals are scattered along the course, watching for spectators crossing the streets, keeping an eye on the runners, reporting concerns to the medical crew and, of course, making sure everyone is going in the right direction!

If you think you may be interested in learning more about being a volunteer in any capacity, please email:

info@lhrr.com. Thanks, in advance, for your interest!

Help us to continue making the Litchfield Hills Road Race the most prestigious race in Litchfield County!

· · THE PASTOR'S CORNER · ·

"A Missing Peace" - a phrase we have been reflecting upon for some weeks now in order to encourage us to search for the 'missing peace' in our own life. Many people, including ourselves lack this- whether we know it or not- and it needs to be found. The one person, however, that has the power to give it to us is Jesus. As He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life; the one wounded for us; and whose presence we lack in searching for, but who is always there with us. Today my friends, we need to reflect upon the sort of outcome when it comes to us searching and finding Peace- again, who is Jesus- and that is the fruit of the Holy Spirit called JOY! Although we have reflected upon 'joy' several times before, this is different. Joy in this sense is actually being able to accept the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and to radiate that joy amidst a troubling world.

At our own Baptism, we receive the presence of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the presence of the Holy Spirit is strengthened within us. In our Gospel Jesus says "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept..." The Holy Spirit is truest spiritual gift that Christ gives us to remind us of His divine presence in the world; while the Eucharist is both the most powerful instrument and gift- physically and spiritual that Christ gives in the world as it is Himself. As St. Paul says in his 2nd Letter to the Corinthians, "The love of Christ compels us." The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son, and we are given a share in that. The experience we have, initially is to run- run from God, run from doing what is challenging, run from His presence. However, when we comply and submit ourselves to Him, we experience joy. Philip, in the Acts of the Apostles, helped the people of the Samaria to experience this. As it says, "There was great joy in that city." after he cured the people paralyzed, crippled, and possessed. The Apostles, sometimes did not have it easy in these cities. They often experienced contention and persecution, but nonetheless, they brushed it off their feet and left with great joy. The world they lived in, and the world we live in, we are a contradiction to the world. Everything that we do and believe in is contrary to what the world is- and that is OK. Why? Because of what Peter says in our 2nd Reading: "For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit." If we undergo suffering for the sake of Christ, suffering in terms of doing what is against the tide of the world, we will receive life in the Spirit. The peace we get from this, although may sound counter intuitive, is the joy of being able to suffer with Christ. My friends, we need to, as said before, be people of Joy. When we are, although we are in contradiction to the world from what we believe, we experience the true peace that Christ wants to give us and that is a share in His divine life. Let's let our joy be what compels us to the love of Christ in order for us to discover the missing peace.

-Fr. Matt

Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

MAY 9 - 15, 2026

A Race Against Time: Father Joshua Wilbur Awaits a *Lifesaving Liver Transplant*

- Story by Karen A. Avitabile

Father Joshua Wilbur remains optimistic, though he has acknowledged the reality of his situation.

"I'm hopeful for the future but accepting what God has in store," the Catholic priest says. "I'm very thankful for this feeling, and I am not afraid to die."

Facing a critical, life-threatening autoimmune liver condition, the 45-year-old Father Wilbur was added to the Yale New Haven Hospital transplant waiting list in March. He is hoping for an immediate living donor.

Because his liver is failing, a transplant is essential. Without this lifesaving procedure, doctors estimate he has one or two years left to live.

"This urgent situation is rapidly deteriorating," says Father Wilbur, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Oxford. "It's going to get worse."

Back in August 2025, he was rushed to the emergency room, vomiting blood. Doctors told him that if he had waited another 48 hours, he wouldn't have survived.

"Right now, they are keeping me stable," Father Wilbur says of his medical team.

To manage his health, the priest undergoes blood transfusions every four to five weeks at Yale New Haven Hospital in New Haven, sometimes requiring unplanned two-week hospital stays.

He notes that his intermittent health struggles present "unpredictable and challenging" obstacles; nevertheless, he maintains a commitment to celebrating Mass and fulfilling his parochial obligations when his condition allows.

Following the news of his illness last year, the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish community rallied behind Father Wilbur, holding a well-attended rosary service and ensuring he is constantly uplifted by requesting Mass intentions for him and providing heartfelt messages of prayer.

Ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of Hartford in 2018 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Father Wilbur has served at Annunciation Parish in Newington, Our Lady of Knock Parish in Farmington and Unionville, and started his tenure as pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in October 2023.

The recently established website frjoshwilbur.com chronicles Father Wilbur's vocational story and features a photo gallery. Additionally, the website offers insights into his medical journey and acts as a guide for potential living donors.

During a living donor transplant, a surgeon takes a portion of a healthy liver and transplants it into a recipient. Almost immediately after surgery, the livers of both the donor and recipient begin growing back to full functioning organs.

Donors must undergo a thorough medical evaluation to ensure it is safe for them to proceed as living donors. A dedicated team of doctors, surgeons and donor advocates supports every step of the process. Donors do not need to be related to the priest to be considered.

Father Wilbur's illness has deepened his own understanding of those facing difficulties. "It's given me a greater sense of empathy for those who are struggling," he adds.

This profound shift has also shaped the priest's personal outlook as well. Echoing Pope St. John Paul II, Father Wilbur is framing his own life as an act of total surrender to God's will.

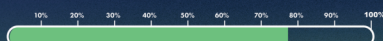
To contact Father Wilbur, visit frjoshwilbur.com. For more information about the Yale New Haven Health Transplant Program, call 866.925.3897 and tell them you are calling about a living liver donation for Father Joshua Wilbur.



Following his ordination in 2018, Father Joshua Wilbur celebrates his first Mass at St. Thomas of Villanova Church in Goshen. PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

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Upcoming Events



MAY 27 @ 6:30PM - 8:30PM
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS EVENT
 Cathedral of St. Joseph, Lower Cathedral Hall, Hartford

Please join us for an interactive educational event to learn about human trafficking. This program, offered by the Partnership to End Human Trafficking (PEHT), features "In Her Shoes", an exercise designed to walk participants through a day in the life of a human trafficking survivor. Following the exercise, you will learn how trafficking happens in our communities and what you can do to help. PEHT has partnered with Order of Malta American Association and the AOH Human Trafficking Task Force to bring you this unique experience designed for adults and teens 16+. There is no charge for this event, but we ask that you register www.tinyurl.com/2f3p7k96 at this link.



MAY 31 @ 10AM
100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
 St. Joseph Church, Ansonia

Saint Joseph Church of Ansonia will commemorate its 100th anniversary with a centennial celebration on May 31, honoring a century of faith, community, and fellowship. The celebration will begin with Mass at Saint Joseph Church with Archbishop Christopher Coyne serving as principal celebrant.

Mass will take place at St. Joseph Church, Ansonia, and Dinner at 12PM will take place at Warsaw Park, Ansonia.



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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.

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