



SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT PARISH

May 17, 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

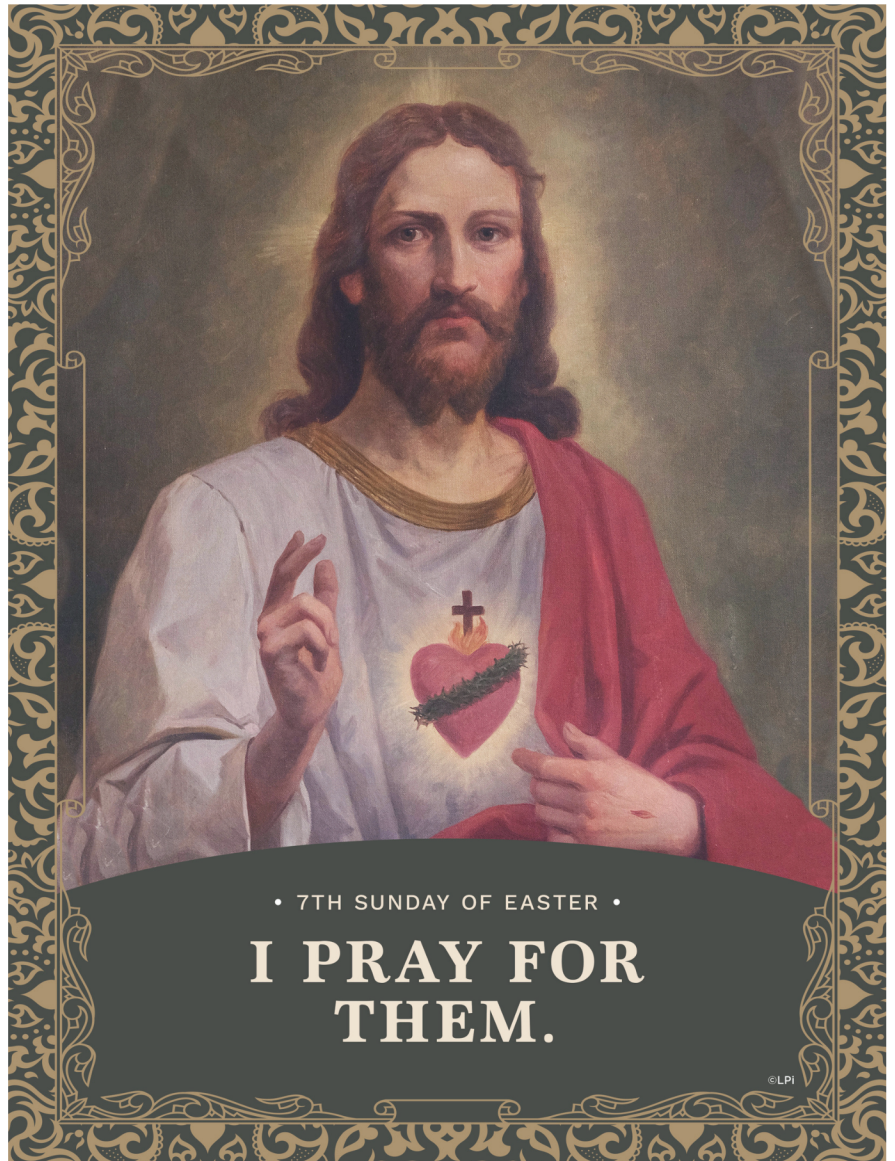
Saturdays at Our Lady of Grace Church –

3:00 - 3:45pm

Adoration

Mondays at St. Anthony Church –

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



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· · · SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 17TH, 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 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

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026
 SAP 8:00 AM + *Betty Locke* ~ By the Cappello Family

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026
 SAP 8:00 AM + *Tim Moynihan* ~ By the Moynihan Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026
 SAP 8:00 AM + *Blake Shepard* on her 12th Birthday
 ~ By Her Family

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026
 SAP 8:00 AM ~ *Susan Shepard* ~ By the Shepard Family

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026
 SAP 8:00 AM + *Anna S McKeon* ~ By Family

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026
 OLG 4:00 PM + *Betty Locke* ~ By Jackie & Earl Mills

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026
 SAP 8:00 AM + *Geraldine J. Jackavonis*
 STV 9:15 AM + *Peter Wolfertz* ~ By Family
 SAP 11:00 AM ~ *Gerry and Laurene Pesce* on their
 50th Wedding Anniversary
 ~ By Gerry and Laurene Pesce

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 the Catholic Communications Campaign Collection. *NEXT Weekend* will be the Parish Weekly and the Parish Seminarian Collection.

Saint Louis de Montfort Parish
May 9th & 10th
Our Weekly Collection Goal: \$6,500
WEEKLY + ONLINE: \$ 6,512.25
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

Happy Birthday to Anthony

Belske, our Pastoral

Associate, this Tuesday!

Fill this new year with Your peace and grace. Draw him closer to You, protect him from harm, and help him grow in holiness, joy, and love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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 seven-part series on **April 28th, May 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th**, and on **June 2nd & 9th**.

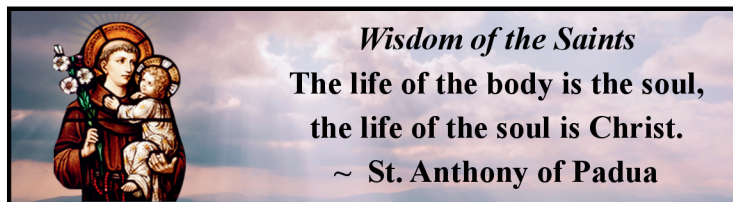
The next session (May 19) will be held at Saint Anthony Church Hall at **6pm**, reflecting upon the third chapter of the document, "God Chooses the Poor" (Part 1). The rest of the sessions will also be held at St. Anthony of Padua Church Hall at **6pm** in a book club style reflection. Light refreshments will be served. All parishioners are invited to attend and participate as we study and learn from Pope Leo.

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.



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.



2026 Honorees

Saint Francis Award

Emeka Okafor
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Iana Nunn Okafor
Former Sports Public Relations Specialist

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Chris LaPlaca
Former Head of
Corporate Communications at ESPN

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June 2nd, 2026 at the Aqua Turf Club
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Tickets are \$75 each. Contact the
office for more information or to
reserve a spot, or scan the QR Code.



24TH ANNUAL

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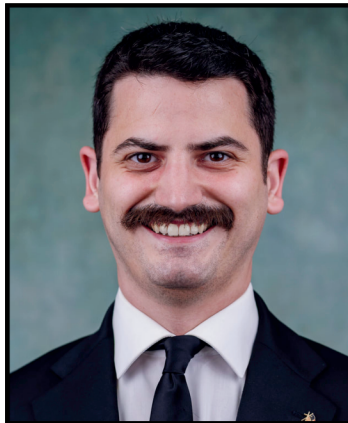


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SAINTS WITH SAL

"Truly this was the Son of God." These words were spoken by Saint Longinus, the Roman soldier who pierced the side of Christ. The soldier was given the name Longinus. Not much is known about Longinus's early life but we do know he was present at the crucifixion. Longinus was said to have had bad eyesight and when he took his lance and pierced Jesus, blood and water flowed from Christ's side and into Longinus's eyes and healed his sight. It was at that moment Longinus realized what he had done and believed in Christ. After the crucifixion, Longinus converted to Christianity and spread the word of Christ and was martyred in Cappadocia. I drew my image of Longinus in his Roman centurion armor with the Blood of Christ on his lance and in his eyes. His head is bowed in regret over what he had done with the crucifixion behind him. "St. Longinus, pray for us! Help us to draw close to Jesus' Sacred Heart, as close as thy spear!"



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

SAINT LONGINUS



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!



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



33 HOURS OF ADORATION



To commemorate the Feast of Corpus Christi, the parish will be holding 33 hours of Adoration, beginning with the 11:00am Mass on June 7th, followed by a Eucharistic Procession. Adoration will then run for the rest of Sunday, through the night, and all day Monday, concluding at 8pm on the Monday June 8th. Volunteers are needed to fill at least 30 one-hour slots. Sign up is available by contacting the Parish Office or by filling out Fr. Matt's sheet.

• • LOCAL EVENTS • •

Open Mass Intentions for June 2026 (as of 5/13)

6/1 - SAP 8:00 am 6/10 - SAP 8:00 am 6/28 - SAP 8:00 am
 6/2 - SAP 8:00 am 6/11 - SAP 8:00 am 6/28 - SAP 11:00 am
 6/5 - SAP 8:00 am 6/16 - SAP 8:00 am 6/29 - SAP 8:00 am
 6/8 - SAP 8:00 am 6/17 - SAP 8:00 am 6/30 - SAP 8:00 am
 6/23 - SAP 8:00 am

ALL NIGHT VIGIL

Friday, June 12 - Saturday, June 13

IN HONOR OF THE

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Join us in prayer for an **overnight Vigil of Reparation** to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts as we seek to live in imitation of Christ, who often spent the entire night in prayer, and to offer reparation for the countless sins committed against *His Sacred Heart* and the *Immaculate Heart of Mary*. All-night vigils have been a practice in the Church since the earliest times.

The all-night vigil is *different* from the forty-hour devotion or nights of holy hours in which different persons take turns throughout the night; **rather, a full night of prayer is offered** from the opening evening Mass to the closing Mass in the morning.

It is a **radical response of love!** God wants to pour down grace and mercy on those who have walked away from Him—the unbelievers, the lukewarm, the indifferent. We can help by our personal sacrifice and reparation in communion with others in the Faith.

Will you join us?



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Vigil begins at **8:00pm** with opportunity for Confession until 8:45pm.
 Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at **9:00pm**.

Each hour throughout the night will have some structured prayer time as well as time for quiet reflection.

Vigil concludes with **8:00am** Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Coffee and water
 will be available
 throughout the night.

Homemade Bread
 will be shared after the
 8:00am Mass in honor
 of St. Anthony's
 Feast Day, June 13.

• • THE PASTOR'S CORNER • •

Friendship: a term that has been defined distinctly with many variations. The five best definitions however, can be described as this: 1) Jesus Christ: "You are my friends if you do what I command you...love one another" 2) Aristotle: 'a relationship based on mutual, virtuous love, where both individuals wish the good of the other for the other's own sake'; 3) Augustine: 'true friendship is a unity between creatures bound into the love of the Holy Spirit, God's own agency of union and charity'; 4) Aquinas: 'true friendship is based on unselfish love for another person...[the] effective desire to do good to another'; 5) St Aelred: 'friendship is the agreement in things human and divine, with good will and charity'. The point is that friendship are relationships based and established on the virtue of charity or love.

The fact: we all need friends! No one was created to be alone. At the beginning of time, God created man in His image and likeness; and when He could not find a suitable helpmate for the man amongst the creatures, He created woman from the man's side. This was after God had said that 'it is not good for many to be alone'. Friendship allows us to grow in communion and relationship with all people. When we choose to isolate ourselves from the world, meaning other human beings, we isolate ourselves from God. Even hermits who lived in the desert still had friends, people who would come to them and whom they ministered to. We all need friends!

Our Gospel for this coming Sunday distinctly identifies friendship in the fullest sense by giving us the model of all friendship relationships. This Gospel is very unique for us because we are one of the only Diocese in the United States that actually reads from Jesus' High Priestly Prayer for the Church on Sunday, as all other Diocese transfers the Ascension to Sunday. In Year A we read the first part of this great prayer which uniquely illustrates for what Jesus prays in thanksgiving for unity with Him and His Father. Jesus says in the Gospel, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you...I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began." Jesus, first and foremost is acknowledging God as Father, and praising the revelation of the Father's glory that He has done in the world. The Glory of God, can be viewed as the revelation of the Father's love for the world through the Son, which is ultimately seen through Jesus' passion and death. Jesus then goes on to say, "I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word." Jesus here is giving praise to the Father for the disciples whom the Father has given to Jesus. The relationship between the Father and the Son is glorified, and now that glory is being manifested through the 'friends' that the Father has given to the Son.

My friends, the friendship between the Father and the Son is everything! It's the foundation of all relationships. Why? Because its essence is love- not the 'mussy gushy' love, but sacrificial love. And that love-relationship is then passed through to the apostles, Jesus' closest friends, and to all of us. We need to make all of our relationships grounded in the relationship Jesus has with His Father (through the love of the Holy Spirit). When we do, we then will obtain the true and authentic friendships. "A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter: he that has found one has found a treasure. There is nothing so precious as a faithful friend, and no scales can measure his excellence. A faithful friend is an elixir of life; and those who fear the Lord will find him." (Sirach 6:14-16)

-Fr. Matt



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!

Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

MAY 16 - 22, 2026

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center Celebrates *75th Year of Spiritual Renewal*

- Story by Shelley Wolf

In 1951, Holy Family Monastery and Retreat House opened its doors in West Hartford, on a hill with a lighted cross, as is the Passionist tradition. On Feb. 2 of that year, the retreat center welcomed 95 men from St. Thomas the Apostle Church in West Hartford for the first weekend retreat, striving to grow their spirituality and connect them more deeply to God.

What is now known as Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year with a slate of activities that will be open to the general public.

"We're so proud of all that we've achieved and all that we've become over the years," says Father David Cinquegrani, a Passionist priest and the leader since 1999, "and we're beyond thrilled to be celebrating this milestone anniversary.

"We're proud of our history as a place of peace and an instrument of spiritual growth and transformation for so many people," he says, "and we hope to continue on that path for many years to come."

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center's roots go back far longer than 75 years — to 1720. It was then, in Italy, that St. Paul of the Cross founded the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ (Passionists) with the goal of teaching people how to pray and meditate on Christ's Passion.

The Order arrived in the United States in the 1800s, and in 1945, Bishop Henry J. O'Brien of Hartford invited the Passionists to establish a monastery and retreat house for Catholic men in Connecticut.

Under the leadership of Father Joseph Leo Flynn, a Passionist priest, the Passionists purchased 69 acres of farmland in West Hartford, and in 1951 the monastery and retreat house opened for men. In 1986, it added retreat programs for women, and in the 1990s added youth programs and programs for those in recovery.

Today, Holy Family is the largest parish-based Catholic retreat center in the United States, offering a wide variety of retreats and programs. According to Luke Giroux, director of administrative operations, between 4,000 and 5,000 people visit for retreats and other programs each year.

To celebrate its anniversary, Holy Family has a number of activities planned for 2026. So far, two special anniversary events have been scheduled.

A Summer Concert will be held **July 8** at 7 p.m. at the outdoor pavilion.

"A collection of talented vocalists and musicians from Holy Family's music ministry will be performing a mix of Broadway numbers and jazz hits," Giroux says. All are welcome to this free event. No registration is required.

On **Sept. 13**, an Anniversary Celebration is set for 3 p.m., beginning with an outdoor Mass and a reception immediately following. The event will offer music, food and an array of speakers. It is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

"Holy Family welcomes all who seek to deepen their relationship with God and with one another," Giroux says. "We encourage all seekers to come be at peace on our 48 acres, to enjoy the labyrinth, to walk the outdoor stations, and to discern their relationship with God as we take steps into the next 75 years."

For updates on these and other anniversary events, visit holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar-of-events.

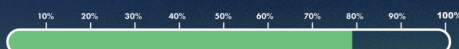


Priests and Catholic retreatants gather for the very first retreat Feb. 2 to 4, 1951, at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford.

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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.



JULY 9 - 11 @ 5PM - 9PM
SUMMER FOOD FESTIVAL
 Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Parish, St. Mary Church, Derby

Our Summer Food Festival brings our parish and our community together for a joyful celebration held right in our church parking lot. Featuring delicious food tents, special evenings with live music, family-friendly games for children, and the excitement of announcing our annual raffle winners, the festival is a highlight of the summer season! Come join us - menu/poster can be seen on our Facebook events @StMarysChurchDerbyCt or on our website www.OLQAderby.org.



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. 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

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