



SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT PARISH

May 24, 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

“RECEIVE THE
HOLY SPIRIT”

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JOHN 20:22



**PENTECOST
SUNDAY**

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··· PENTECOST SUNDAY – MAY 24TH, 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 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

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026

SAP 8:00 AM + *Denis Desaulniers* ~ By Doris

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026

SAP 8:00 AM + *Ginette Clement* ~ By the Clement Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026

SAP 8:00 AM + *Anna Cruoglio*
~ By Her brother Leonardo

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026

SAP 8:00 AM + *Michael Dignacco*

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026

SAP 8:00 AM + Health & Intentions of Fr. Josh Wilbur

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026

OLG 4:00 PM ~ Living and Deceased Members
of the Bramson Family

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

SAP 8:00 AM + *Jack Donohue* ~ By the Donohue Family
STV 9:15 AM + *Christopher Caffrey*

~ By Suzanne and Brian Caffrey

SAP 11:00 AM + *Jeffrey Conley* ~ By Shirley Conley

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 contact the Parish Office.

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 Parish Seminarian Collection.

NEXT Weekend will be the Parish Weekly.

Saint Louis de Montfort Parish

May 16th & 17th

Our Weekly Collection Goal: \$6,500

WEEKLY + ONLINE : \$ 5,043.25

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS : \$ 1,304.00

ASCENSION : \$ 602.00

*Thank you for Your Continued Generosity to
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Parish Website



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· · · PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS · · ·



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 9th and 16th.**

The next session (May 26) will be held at Saint Anthony Church Hall at **6pm**, reflecting upon the second chapter of the document, "God Chooses the Poor." 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.

Open Mass Intentions for June 2026 (as of 5/20)

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



Special thanks to the Pastor's Assistant's sister, who painted the cover art for this weekend's bulletin.

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.



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 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 using Fr. Matt's sign up sheet.

Please Note: the *Delixi Te* session for June 2nd is being postponed to June 16th.

24TH ANNUAL NIGHT OUT

OWENEGO

40 Linden Ave - Branford, CT



WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026

6-10 PM

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

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WEDDINGS & EVENTS

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PENTECOST

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In observation of Memorial Day, the parish office will be closed this Monday, May 25th.

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Memorial Day**
Because of the Brave



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Saint Augustine of Canterbury May 27

IN THE LATE 6TH CENTURY AUGUSTINE WAS THE PRIOR OF A MONASTERY IN ITALY THAT HAD BEEN FOUNDED BY POPE SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT.



WHEN THE POPE SENT HIM AND 40 MONKS TO ENGLAND TO EVANGELIZE THE PAGANS THEY TURNED BACK OUT OF FEAR.



BUT THE POPE SENT THEM AGAIN AND THEY WENT. THE QUEEN THERE WAS CATHOLIC.



You are free to travel anywhere.



AND WITHIN A YEAR HE CONVERTED AND WAS BAPTIZED!



AUGUSTINE AND THE MONKS PREACHED THE FAITH AND TRIED TO RECONCILE THE CELTIC CHRISTIANS IN THE WEST WITH THE SAXONS HE WAS CONVERTING.



This will be a church to honor the Blessed Virgin.



BECAUSE THEY TURNED PAGAN TEMPLES AND FEASTS INTO CHRISTIAN ONES, INSTEAD OF JUST GETTING RID OF THEM, THEY HAD GREAT SUCCESS IN THEIR MISSION.

SAINT AUGUSTINE DIED ONLY 7 YEARS AFTER COMING TO ENGLAND. WHILE HE WAS ALIVE THE SAXONS AND THE CELTS DID NOT MAKE PEACE, BUT AFTER HIS DEATH THE FAITH CONTINUED TO SPREAD AND EVENTUALLY THEY MADE UP. BECAUSE OF HIS WORK AND OBEDIENCE TO THE POPE, SOON ALL OF ENGLAND WAS CONVERTED

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Unscramble: The Pentecost Story

Unscramble the words to finish the story and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one [LCPAE] together. And [ENYLUSSD] there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving [DWN] and it filled the entire [USHOE] in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of [ERFI] which parted and came to rest on each of them. And they were all [ILFLDE] with the Holy Spirit and [GNEAB] to speak in different tongues, as the [IPSTRI] enabled them to proclaim.

Pentecost is the _____ of the Church!



COUNCIL 56
Knights of Columbus

Business Meetings:

Second Thursdays of the Month
in the St. Anthony Church Hall



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Business Meetings:

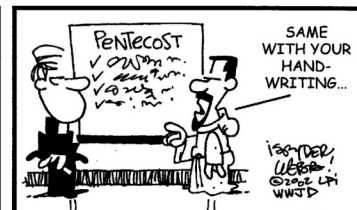
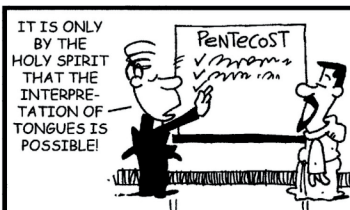
First Tuesdays of the Month
in the St. Thomas Church Hall

Contact the parish office for more information or to join!



Wisdom from the Saints:
He who wishes for anything but Christ, does not know what he wishes; he who asks for anything but Christ, does not know what he is asking; he who works, and not for Christ, does not know what he is doing.

~ St. Philip Neri (Feast Day: May 26th)



.. 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
- ♥ Susan Shepard ♥ Betty Perry
- ♥ Fiona Riley ♥ John Pelchat ♥ Eileen Proveaux
- ♥ Bob Grosclaude ♥ Liz Carter ♥ Ed Perry
- ♥ Mary Corbo ♥ Tracey Bassos ♥ Stephen Foster
- ♥ Lacey G & Elliott ♥ Briar Stack-Sweeney
- ♥ Chris Dole ♥ Bernard Harrington ♥ Fr. Josh Wilbur

· · LOCAL EVENTS · ·

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?

Any questions, call 860-379-3369 or 860-335-2182.

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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.*



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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Franciscan Sports Banquet*

Dedication to Community Service Award
Jim & Pat Calhoun

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.



· · THE PASTOR'S CORNER · ·

My friends, as we continue to reflect upon the treasury of friendship through the lens of the 'Doctor of Friendship'— St Aelred, the Church in celebrating the Solemnity of Pentecost today, gives us a unique perspective into the gift of friendship. Friendship, as St. Aelred reminds us is, "the mutual harmony in affairs human and divine coupled with benevolence and charity...Friendship, therefore, is that virtue by which spirits are bound by ties of love and sweetness, and out of many are made one." God did not, as we continue to keep saying, create us to be alone. Rather, we are all meant to be in communion with the other. Jesus understood what it meant to be alone after His disciples abandoned Him in the garden, but yet he still had the Father. When looking at the disciples- the twelve that followed Jesus for three long years, Jesus could not have picked the most diverse group of men with very different occupations, personalities, and, most importantly, characteristics. Jesus was loyal to them, trusted them, believed in them, and loved them; and in turn His disciples tried to do the same. Although they abandoned, Jesus forgave them. In forgiving them Jesus not only dispelled their unbelief in the Resurrection, but also gave them gift- a gift that will remain with them and all those whom they share it with until the end of time. That gift is the Holy Spirit! As we have been reading in the Acts of the Apostles, the Holy Spirit has done such wonders for, from, through, and within the Apostles. Their timidity, fear, and all other characteristics that they had before the Resurrection were blotted out. When Jesus breathed on them the Holy Spirit- the 'instrument' of His peace and presence, His breadth was the breadth of new life into the Church He established on the Cross, and commissioned His Apostles to become its pillars and to build it up. The thing is though, Jesus did not change his disciples, He formed them. By imparting the Holy Spirit on them, He gave them unique characteristics that ultimately will show the world who they are. The characteristics of fear, unbelief, timidity, etc... were all still there, not to mention their own individual strengths and weaknesses. Nonetheless though, Jesus gave them something that would enhance their friendship in order for them to go out and to make more friends of Christ. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity, and for those that have received it at Baptism, we have been given unique characteristics that make us true friends of Christ. St. Paul talks about the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit throughout his letters, and it is important for us to pray on them so that we can discover the spiritual characteristics that make us good friends of Christ, and also good friends to everyone else. We all have our own characteristics that other people see in us- good and not so good; that's what makes us distinct. However, we need to 'tap into' the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit because only those 'characteristics' can help us become true friends. Remember, "a faithful friend is a sturdy shelter. He who finds one finds a treasure." Lets build up the treasure of friendship within us for others. Lets pray on these gifts and fruits that will help to make our friendships grow. Which ones are strong? Which ones are weak? Jesus breathed on the Apostles at Pentecost to remind them of His presence in the world, and how much He wants to be our friend. May we breathe in His new breadth of life- the Holy Spirit so that our friendships may be true, and we become a treasure of friendship to others.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Counsel, Understanding, Knowledge, Piety, Fortitude, Fear of the Lord.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control, Modesty, and Chastity.

-Fr. Matt

Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

MAY 23 - 29, 2026

Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center Relocates to *New Location* - Story by Jim Tierney

In a new home more visible to the community, Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center begins its next chapter. Behind its doors, the work continues — rooted in a quiet commitment to the women and children of Torrington and the area.

Two Hearts Pregnancy Center, which first opened in October 2012 in the former rectory of Sacred Heart Church, began a new chapter after the parish property was sold in 2023. While relocating had not been part of the plan: "Moving for us was not an option," says Lynn Reynolds, former executive director of Two Hearts Pregnancy Center, the search led to a building that proved to be the right fit.

Purchased in March 2025 after what she described as a "futile search of many properties," the site "needed some work, but the location was perfect."

"Volunteers are critical to the life of the center."

Following renovations, the center welcomed families into its new home in October 2025. Located along a well-traveled road in Torrington, the new site offers visibility that helps ensure women and families know support is available when they need it most.

"If you want to help women in need, they have to know you are there," Reynolds explains. "This location helps us do that."

Since 2012, Two Hearts, a nonprofit supported by the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, has served 1,059 mothers — and more than 1,000 children — through 21,805 visits for support and supplies, Reynolds notes. Over time, the former space had become difficult to manage.

Supplies were stored in multiple small rooms, making it harder for volunteers to organize and access what families needed. The reception area, where many first conversations take place, was tight and divided.

But the new layout has changed that.

"Supplies are better organized, volunteers can prepare items more efficiently, and the reception area is open and welcoming," Reynolds says. "As they say, first impressions count."

Meanwhile, Reynolds says the center's mission itself has grown.

"I would like to stress that we do not just assist pregnant mothers trying to decide if they want to abort or keep their child," she says. "Our original vision was just that."

The center's volunteers have met many women who had already chosen to carry their child despite difficult circumstances. "We also help those women and their children," Reynolds adds. "We believe this is more reflective of Christ's love." A key component of Two Hearts is its volunteers.

"Volunteers are critical to the life of the center," Reynolds says. "Without volunteers, the center could not function." As the only paid staff member, she oversees administration and meets with clients, while volunteers handle nearly everything else — maintaining the supply room, scheduling visits, preparing packages and cleaning. When it came time to move, volunteers painted, handled electrical work and transported every item from the old building to the new one.

With the move complete, the center is entering a new chapter under newly hired executive director Jane Muir Sellery, who assumed her post April 20.



Dora Csehak, board member and client services volunteer, standing on the chair, and Ann Marie Kelson, client services volunteer and diaper room coordinator, help provide essential resources to families in need.

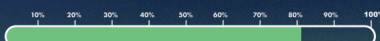
"Asking our volunteers, they said that when clients come to this location after having received services at the former location, they universally say it's nice," says Muir Sellery. "One advantage of the current space is that all operations, other than a small amount of storage, are located on one floor, as compared to two separate floors."

Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center, 139 New Litchfield St., Torrington, is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit twoheartscenter.com. For questions, call the office at 860.482.0673. Women seeking help can call the 24-hour hotline, 860.482.0672.



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Upcoming Events



JUNE 15 @ 8AM - 6PM \$50
YOUNG MEN'S RETREAT
 Holy Family Passionist Retreat
 Center, West Hartford

Experience a day of spiritual renewal and brotherhood with the St. Paul Young Men's Group, specifically for those ages 18–25. Hear from impactful speakers including Fr. Anthony Federico, Sam Todzia, and Noel Terranova while enjoying a full schedule of prayer, Mass, Confession, and great conversation.

Tickets are \$50 in advance or \$60 at the door, which includes your meals for the day, from a light breakfast upon arrival to a full dinner and dessert, with coffee and refreshments available throughout. It's a perfect opportunity to step back from the daily grind and focus on fellowship and faith!



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.OLQAderb.org.



JUNE 2 @ 7PM
CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
 Mount Sacred Heart, Hamden

The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are hosting a bilingual holy hour with consecration to the Sacred Heart in preparation for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The ceremony will include a special prayer of consecration, a blessing of each individual and family, and a blessing of the home. Each person or family will also receive a blessed image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of their choosing. We invite you to consider this opportunity to consecrate yourself or your family to the Sacred Heart! To register, email Sr. Angela at consecration@ascjus.org or visit bit.ly/consecration626.



MAY 30 @ 9AM - 2PM
ST. ANN FLEA MARKET
 Church of Saint Ann, Avon

Discover hidden treasures at our Flea Market! From vintage finds to unique crafts, there's something for everyone! Come shop, explore, and enjoy great deals, all while supporting a wonderful cause. Proceeds from the event will benefit **Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center**.



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