



SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT PARISH

July 12, 2026



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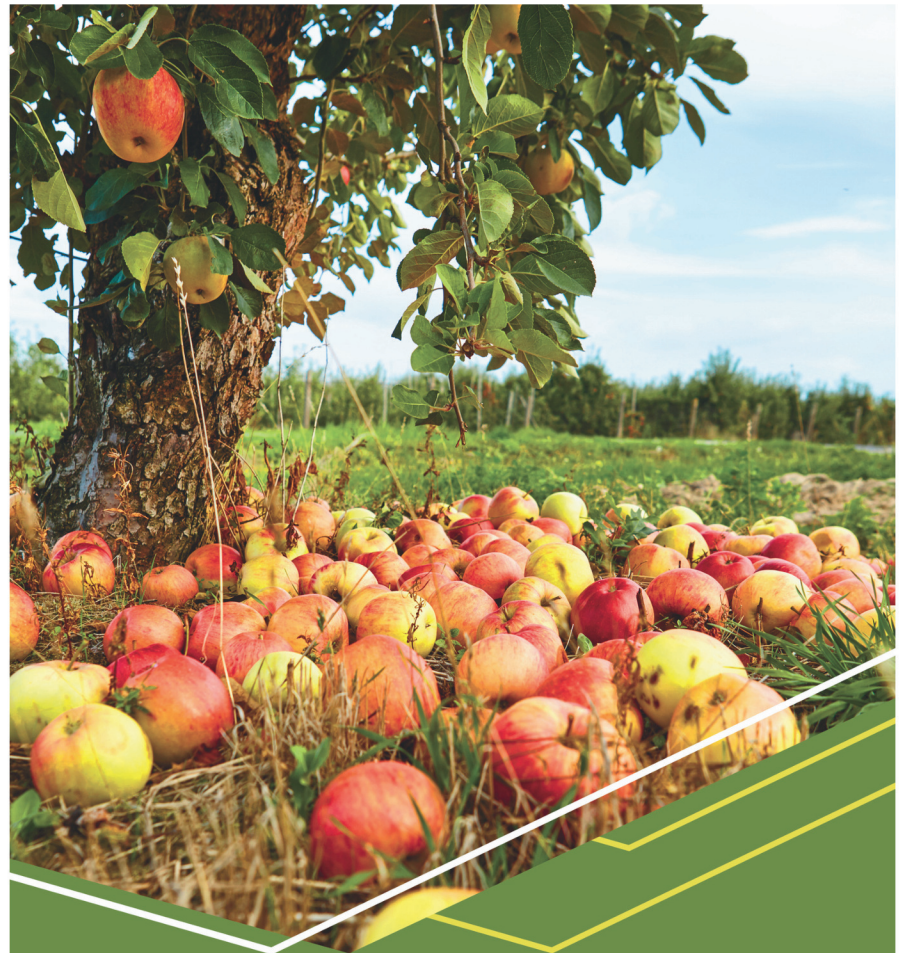
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15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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Sunday Mass: 8:00am & 11:00am

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday 8:00am

Adoration & Confession:

Mondays from 7:00pm-8:00pm

Saint Thomas of Villanova Church

71 North Street, Goshen, CT 06756



Sunday Mass: 9:15am

Our Lady of Grace Church

715 Bantam Road, Bantam, CT 06750



Vigil Mass: Saturday 4:00pm

Rosary: 3:30pm before Mass

Sacrament of Confession:

Saturdays 3:00pm - 3:45pm



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 12TH, 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, JULY 11, 2026 -Pastoral Installation Mass

SAP 4:00 PM ~ Living & Deceased of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

SAP 8:00 AM + Jan Zivic ~ By Anne & Sarah

STV 9:15 AM + Norma Johns & Laura Mylnar

~ By their Family

SAP 11:00 AM + Peggy Knox-Perusse ~ By her Family

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026

SAP 8:00 AM + Joseph & Jenny Griglio

~ By their brother Leonardo

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026

SAP 8:00 AM ~ A Special Intention ~ By the Barra Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026

SAP 8:00 AM + James Fiolek ~ By Kathryn Gill

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026

SAP 8:00 AM + Mary Harty Hogan

~ By Judith and Tom Hogan

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026

SAP 8:00 AM + Taryn Barney

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026

OLG 4:00 PM + Dr. & Mrs Joseph R Bergen & Mother

Irene Boothroyd ~ By the LeDuc Family

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

SAP 8:00 AM ~ Living & deceased members of our Parish

STV 9:15 AM + Walter Horvay ~ By Henrietta Horvay

SAP 11:00 AM + Michael Dignacco

~ By Mary Barnett and 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 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 Monthly Collection.

NEXT Weekend will be the Parish Weekly.

Saint Louis de Montfort Parish

July 4th & 5th

Our Weekly Collection Goal: \$6,500

WEEKLY + ONLINE : \$ 5,483.75

MONTHLY : \$ 1,675.00

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... PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS ...

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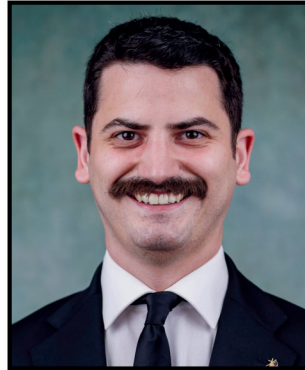


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SAINTS WITH SAL

Born Elisabeth Catez, Elizabeth of the Trinity was a French Discalced Carmelite nun known for her spiritual writings. From the moment of her First Communion, Elizabeth wanted to be closer with God and give her life to Him. She knew from a very young age that she wanted to be a Carmelite. When Elizabeth came of age, with her mothers' blessings, Elizabeth entered the Carmelites in Dijon. Elizabeth found great joy in her life while being a nun and her connection with God grew even more. Elizabeth chose "of the Trinity" for her name because she full-heartily believed that baptized souls are living sanctuaries indwelt by the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. She believed that everyone can glorify God in everything as long as they are united to the Trinity living in their souls. Even in illness, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity found joy in her vocation and devotion to the Lord, even calling herself "*Laudem Glorae*" (Praise of Glory). I painted St. Elizabeth of the Trinity in monochrome blue watercolor and gave the drawing to a former mentor of mine as a gift. Hopefully he can pray with St. Elizabeth during both rough times and happy times.



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

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.. PRAYER CORNER ..

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention For July:
For respect for human life.

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Please add the following people to your prayers:

- ♥ Marie Sanford ♥ Lois Buchanan ♥ Stephen Hayes
- ♥ Susan Shepard ♥ Betty Perry ♥ Karen Jennings
- ♥ Fiona Riley ♥ John Pelchat ♥ Eileen Proveaux
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*First Tuesdays of the Month
in the St. Thomas Church Hall*

Contact the parish office for more information or to join!

· · · THE PASTOR'S CORNER · · ·

My brothers and sisters today is a day for us to celebrate! This is not because of me being Installed as Pastor of St. Louis de Montfort Parish, as much as it is a great joy that I be named 'Pastor'. Rather, the real reason we celebrate today is because the people of God, of this particular community, have come together in order for us to be fed from the hands of the Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ! The word 'Pastor' comes from the Latin verb, 'Pascere' meaning 'to feed' or 'lead to pasture'. It is a word that means 'Shepherd'. 'Pastor' is a title given to a Priest by the Bishop, entrusting him to lead and minister the people of a local Parish community. However, as was mentioned beforehand, it's not about me. Rather, it's about the sheep, both you and I, reminding ourselves that we are fed, led, and ministered by the Chief Shepherd.

A Shepherd feeds his flock with the physical and spiritual nourishment they need, namely the Eucharist. Every time we gather in the Church we are given both the Word of God through Sacred Scripture, and the Eucharist, the true presence of Christ. This is what strengthens us! This is what we need to live for every day. Being fed by the hand of the Lord we not only experience the joy of being satisfied in the life we live, but also, we experience a foretaste of the magnificence He invites us to in the eternal pasture in Heaven. Our Lord uses the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to unite Heaven and earth. As I said when I first arrived, it is my job to get you to Heaven, and the Sacrifice of the Mass is the first steppingstone. Why? Because our relationship with the person of Jesus Christ is everything, and we have the opportunity to receive Him into our own physical bodies and welcome Him into the Spiritual temple of our hearts. He is the Shepherd that feeds us with His Word and Himself.

A Shepherd leads his flock. To be a leader means to have compassion to show the authentic love of Christ to those whom one is entrusted to serve. Jesus repeatedly in the Gospels shows us through His own reaction to the crowds, 'Jesus had compassion for the crowds because they were lost and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd.' It's compassion that really gives the emphasis on how far one must go to feed and to lay down one's life for the flock. Leaders have a difficult task in leading the flock. Some may draw themselves to them, others may choose to scatter, and still others will observe and see what the leader does. As a Shepherd though, and following the example of Christ, one must go out and bring everyone into the fold- whether they choose to come or not. Why? Because the Shepherd does not run from his sheep- meaning that a shepherd cannot avoid his task of leading the flock; and a shepherd, although in making hard decisions as a excuse for sheep to scatter, nonetheless, must bring them into the fold so that they may not feel abandoned or lost, but receive the compassion of Jesus Christ.

A Shepherd is called to minister to the flock. What this means is to actually be 'persona Christi Capitus'. It becomes one of the hardest characteristics of a Pastor because one needs to put aside himself so that he may give of himself entirely to those entrusted to his care. God emptied Himself to become man in the person of Jesus Christ. All Priests are called to do this, but Pastors even more so as the responsibility for them is great. There are no words that can describe the interior disposition of this ministerial act, other than it is out of love for Christ and the people He calls us to serve.

So, may this be a celebration for us my friends, my new flock! Please pray for me that I may feed you with the Word of God and the Sacraments; that I may lead you on the bridge so you can have a relationship with Christ; and for me to give up myself so that I may give of myself to all of you as your Pastor!

-Fr. Matt

Open Mass Intentions for August 2026 (as of 7/8)

8/6 - SAP 8:00 AM		8/17 - SAP 8:00 AM
8/7 - SAP 8:00 AM		8/18 - SAP 8:00 AM
8/9 - SAP 8:00 AM		8/19 - SAP 8:00 AM
8/10 - SAP 8:00 AM		8/20 - SAP 8:00 AM
8/11 - SAP 8:00 AM		8/21 - SAP 8:00 AM
8/12 - SAP 8:00 AM		8/23 - SAP 8:00 AM
8/13 - SAP 8:00 AM		8/24 - SAP 8:00 AM
8/15 - SAP 9:00 AM		8/25 - SAP 8:00 AM
8/16 - SAP 11:00 AM		8/26 - SAP 8:00 AM
		8/27 - SAP 8:00 AM

In everything,
whether it is a thing
sensed or a thing
known, God Himself
is hidden within.

—St. Bonaventure

Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

JULY 11 - 17, 2026

Treasures of Our Faith: *The Reliquary at St. Stanislaus Church in Bristol*

- Story by Jim Tierney

A renewed devotion to the saints has brought new life to a historic collection of relics at St. Stanislaus Church in Bristol. Inspired by a powerful experience at the National Eucharistic Congress in 2024, parishioners rediscovered relics that had rested for decades and created a new reliquary display to share them with the faithful.

In July 2024, several parishioners of St. Stanislaus Parish attended the National Eucharistic Congress, where one of the most popular attractions was a large relic display. Visitors often waited hours before the exhibit even opened, and once it did, steady lines formed throughout the day as people came to venerate and pray at the site of the relics. The experience revealed a deep spiritual hunger to encounter these tangible connections to the saints.

When the group returned to Bristol and suggested obtaining a relic for the parish, then-Pastor Tomasz Szuber shared unexpected news: the parish already possessed a collection of relics that had been stored in the rectory for many years. But significant work remained to prepare the relics for public veneration.

Many of the reliquaries had dulled or tarnished over time, and some had become slightly warped. In fall 2024, the parish formed a committee to plan the project, raise awareness and develop educational materials around an initiative called, "Treasures of Our Faith."

The restoration effort brought together local craftsmen to restore the reliquary and modify an antique cabinet to house the collection. Their work not only preserved the beauty of the reliquary, but highlighted the care the Church takes in safeguarding these sacred objects.

The Catholic Church has long maintained strict processes to ensure the authenticity of relics, according to parishioner Michelle Fox, a former medieval historian who assisted with the relic project.

Each relic is typically enclosed in a small metal container called a theca with glass on one side, Fox notes. Inside is a Latin identification label known as a cédula. The relic and label are sealed with red silk thread and an ecclesiastical wax seal, preventing tampering and confirming that the relic has remained unopened since authentication. Many relics are also accompanied by a certificate of authenticity, or authentica, issued by a bishop or the Vatican.

These safeguards developed over centuries help to prevent fraud and protect the sacred character of relics. The Catholic understanding of relics, Fox says, can be compared to family photos or memorials: they are physi-

cal objects that connect to the memory and sacrifice of a real person.

"Although relics have sometimes been associated with conversion and miracles, Catholics do not believe they possess magical powers," Fox says, pointing out a distinction between praying with relics and Eucharistic Adoration and worshipping the Real Presence. "Catholics are not worshipping the physical object, nor the saint from whom it came," she adds. "Worship is reserved for God alone and any miracle that may occur when praying with a relic comes from God working through them."

Last year, the restored reliquary was unveiled on All Saints' Day. Leading up to the feast day, the parish offered bulletin articles, homilies and a half-day educational seminar exploring the biblical origins of relic veneration, the lives of the saints and the proper way to venerate relics. The celebration concluded with a procession of the relics at the opening of the Vigil Mass.

The reliquary is available for private prayer whenever the church is open. Parish officials plan to revive the tradition of displaying individual relics on the feast days of their saints.

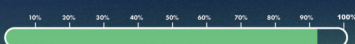


Michelle Fox holds a book which identifies relics in a case inside St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish in Bristol. She helped to restore a collection of relics and reliquaries that had been in a closet for several years. PHOTO BY KAREN A. AVITABILE



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JULY 16 - 19

88TH ITALIAN FESTIVAL

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church,
Waterbury

Join us for our 88th Annual Italian Festival in Honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel! Delicious Italian food and entertainment. All are welcome!
Thursday, July 16th - 5 - 10PM
(Feast Day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel)
Friday, July 17th - 5 - 10PM
Saturday, July 18th - 2 - 10PM
Sunday, July 19th - 11AM Mass with Procession, 1 - 8PM.



JULY 18 @ 5PM \$20

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St. Joseph Church Grounds, Canaan

Join us for St. Martin of Tours Famous Chicken BBQ, with Potato, Coleslaw, Corn on the Cob, Bread, Beverage and Ice Cream Cups! Our Event is on Saturday, July 18th from 5PM until sold out! Price is \$20 Adults - \$10 Children. Drawing for Great Raffle Prizes will be in the evening.



JULY 24 - 26 @ 7PM

TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF GOOD SAINT ANN

Blessed Michael McGivney Parish,
St. Michael Church, New Haven

The Saint Ann Society would like to invite you to the annual Triduum in honor of good Saint Ann. The dates of the Triduum will be July 24th, 25th, and 26th (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) at 7:00pm. The Triduum begins with two nights of rosary and prayers invoking the intercession of Saint Ann. The third and concluding night is a Mass with a reception afterward. Please extend this invitation to anyone whom you feel may benefit from this experience or just wants to join us. Also, we are always actively looking for women who may want to become new members of the St. Ann Society.



JULY 29 @ 5:30PM

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR THE END OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

All Saints - Todos Los Santos Parish,
The Shrine of St. Anne, Waterbury

Human trafficking is a grave offense against the God-given dignity of every person. An estimated 27 million women, men, and children worldwide are exploited through sex and labor trafficking.

The Human Trafficking Task Force of the Archdiocese of Hartford invites you to a bilingual Eucharistic Holy Hour to pray for victims and survivors of human trafficking, and for an end to this exploitation. This service, to be held on the eve of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, will be in English and Spanish.

Following the Holy Hour, attendees are welcome to stay for the Parish's daily Mass at 6:30 P.M. or to speak with Task Force members about ways to support awareness, prevention, and survivor assistance through this important ministry.



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