

Saint Nicholas Parish



Epiphany Worship

January 2, 2022

Seymour, Connecticut

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Church of the Good Shepherd
 135 Mountain Road

Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30 pm
 Sunday Mass: 11:00 am
 Weekdays (M,T,W,Th,) 9:00 am
 Sat. Confession 3:30 - 4:00 pm



St. Augustine Church
 35 Washington Ave

Sunday Mass 9:30 am
 Handicap Accessible Side Entrance

Parish Website www.stnicholasct.org
 Email - stnicholasct@comcast.net
 Telephone 203-888-9243 - Fax 203-888-6016

Rectory Office Hours

Good Shepherd	Mon. to Thur.	8:00am - 4:30pm
	Fri.	8am - 1pm

Baptisms

Registration is required.
 Please call the rectory office.

Marriages

Please contact rectory office at least six months in advance.

Office of Vocations

Phone: 860-242-5573

Web site: www.vocationshartford.org

Sick Calls

We are happy and honored to visit the sick or homebound.

Weekly Church Calendar

Date	Time	Intention	Requested By:	Events
Sat Jan. 1 St. Augustine	4:30pm	Mary the Holy Mother of God Not a Holy Day of Obligation		
Sun. Jan. 2 St Augustine	9:30am	Mass Available		
Sun. Jan. 2 Good Shepherd	11:00am	✠ Anne & ✠ George Sember	Family	
Mon. Jan. 3 Good Shepherd	9:00am	Mass Available		Rectory Closed
Tue. Jan. 4 Good Shepherd	9:00am	✠ Mary & ✠ Joseph Bednarek	Shawn & Diane Coleman	Rosary in Church
Wed. Jan. 5 Good Shepherd	9:00am	Mass Available		
Thu. Jan. 6 Good Shepherd	9:00am	Mass Available		
Fri. Jan. 7 Good Shepherd		No Mass		
Sat Jan. 8 St. Augustine	4:30pm	✠ Antonio DiLura	Jerry & Karolyn Petrucci	
Sun. Jan. 9 St Augustine	9:30am	✠ Shirley M. Gaetano	League of the Sacred Heart	
Sun. Jan. 9 Good Shepherd	11:00am	✠ Leonard Tomasheski, Jr	Strubbe Family	

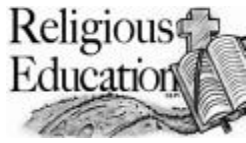
Jan 2022	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Altar Wine	In Memory of Kathleen E. Jachimowski Jamaitis and Edward J. Jachimowski	In Memory of Elene Tong
 SANCTUARY LAMP	Not Available	In Memory of Jachimowski & Gioielli Families
 Hosts	In Memory of Anthony Sr & Anna Chepulis	In Memory of Lawrence Argonese

Parish Giving

December 19, 2021		
Offertory Envelope	2nd Collection	Total Collection
\$5,053		\$5,053
Cathderaticum & CSSP	Total Stay in Parish	
\$298	\$4,755	
Thank You for your Generosity		

On Line Giving
Offertory will be
provided on a
Monthly Schedule
November \$3,335

Religious Education 2021-2022



Religious Education will continue this year, but its format will be the same as last year on account of the ongoing pandemic and all of its uncertainty. We will not be able to hold classes at Seymour High School for Grades 1-8 due to the inability of following the continued required safety protocols for cleaning, small cohorts, and social distancing that is necessary to keep everyone healthy and safe. Because of this, we are once again asking you, the parents/guardians of our students, to help them at home. We can assist you through the use of an assigned textbook and unit quizzes provided when

you register them. These "unit quizzes" can be used as a guide to help your child(ren) focus on the most important information in the unit. We just ask that you return these completed "unit quizzes" to us.

To adhere to the guidelines of social distancing, we will be stationed in the Fr. Keane Hall at Good Shepherd on Saturday mornings, 9:30 AM – 11 AM. This hall is in the back of the church. Please come in, wearing a mask, to register and receive the materials.

The following list are dates for registration/pick-up of supplies:

1/8/22, 1/22/22, 1/29/22, 2/5/22, 2/12/22

Additional Saturday dates for 2022 will be posted at a later time. Please note that snow/ice would cancel the affected Saturday. If you have any questions, please call Debi or Glenn Durette at 203-735-3190.

St. Augustine Cemetery

This winter, as in the past, our cemetery will be closed, date depending on the weather - hopefully we'll make it through December without snow. Just remember when the snow flies the cemetery is closed until after the "mud season" in the Spring.

You will notice a new closure at ALL entrances and exits. The posts of our new closures are very securely cemented deeply into the ground and the strong chain that creates a barrier will be locked in place. These are in place for everyone's protection during the winter months. Thank you for your understanding.



OUR MONTHLY SHELTER DINNER

Will be held at the Spooner House in Shelton on Thursday, January 6th. A sign-up sheet with the menu is in the St. Augustine vestibule. Anyone willing to provide a portion of the meal can sign up.

Meal Items should be brought to St. Augustine by 3:00 pm on that day to permit a timely delivery to the Spooner house.



If you would like to receive a statement for income tax purposes for donations made in 2021, please Contact Business

Office, St. Nicholas parish at 203-888-9243. Provide name and Church envelope number.

Please pray for the health and wholeness in body, mind and spirit for:

Jean D	Pat S	Michael V	Arnie R	Denise H
Darrin M	Bob B	Patricia T	Suzanne M	Alice E
Jane W	Doreen O	Maggie D	Barbara O	Tom G
Michael S	Barbara S	Jerry D	Denny M	Irene D
Linda C	MT	Amy G	AP	

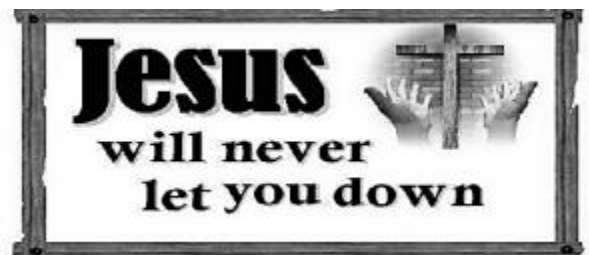


EPIPHANY



Please Note:

That we are only reporting first name and initial of last name. We ask that if you have a name (1st name and 1st initial of last name) that you would like on the list, you must call the rectory (203-888-2081 - St. Augustine or 203-888-9243 - Good Shepherd) and resubmit the name. The name will stay on for 2 months and then be removed unless their name is resubmitted. Using this method we can keep names current. Thank you for your cooperation.



Celebrating the Epiphany of Discovery

The Season of Christmas includes the celebration of the arrival of the magi from the East.

The Greek word "magi" meant oriental scientists. Despite sometimes being translated as "astrologers", their appearance at the manger does not validate astrology. Matthew included the magi in his Gospel account to show that Jesus was born to bring salvation to all: Gentiles as well as Jews.

The Church celebrates Epiphany to tell the world that no one who humbles himself before Jesus, paying homage to his divine-and-human presence, is excluded from the kingdom of God. Christ is the way, the truth and the life. No one can have eternal life without him, but all are welcome.

Contrary to popular legends, the magi were not kings, even though post-biblical writings often referred to them as kings because of the royal gifts they brought. It's not *their* kingship that the gifts represent; it's the Messianic kingship of Jesus. The magi prophetically testified with these gifts that Jesus was a divine king who would die.

Gold honored Jesus as king, incense honored his divinity, and myrrh, which was used in preparing the dead for burial, honored his death. Eventually, the gifts also came to symbolize our Christian response: gold represents our righteousness, incense our prayers, and myrrh our sufferings for Christ.

The word "epiphany" means a moment of discovery, a revelation that changes our lives. Did the magi recognize the baby Jesus as the world's savior? It was a common belief at the time that all kings were divine -- they were gods living among us until they died. Did the magi have an epiphany about the permanent kingship of Jesus?

Surely after this pilgrimage they never forgot about him and they kept their ears open for news from Jerusalem about him. Surely they learned about the King of the Jews who was crucified. We know this, because at some point, they became very saintly Christians; their relics still exist and have been venerated since very early times.

Without a doubt, the magi worshiped Jesus, even if they didn't fully understand why until later.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

In what ways do you pay homage to Jesus? Reflect on how this assures you of your salvation.

Questions for Faith Sharing:

Describe an epiphany you had during a time of suffering. How did it increase your righteousness? How did it affect your prayer life? These are your royal gifts for Jesus!

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The St Nicholas Sacred Heart League and the St Nicholas Men's Club are cosponsoring a trip to the Father McGivney Pilgrimage Center to view the display of crèches from around the world.

The trip is scheduled for Thursday Jan 13 at 1pm and is limited to 50 people. Since parking at the Center is limited, car pooling is encouraged. Parishioners should meet in the parking lot of St Augustine Church to car pool for the trip to the Center at 12 noon.

- **Readings for the week of January 02, 2022**
- **Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- **Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- **Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
- **Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
- **Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
- **Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
- **Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
- **Next Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- **Observances for the week of January 02, 2022**
- **Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- **Monday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- **Tuesday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- **Wednesday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop
- **Thursday:** St. André Bessette, Religious
- **Friday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- **Saturday:**
- **Next Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord

Prayer For Enough

May God Give You

Enough Happiness to keep you going
 Enough trials to keep you strong
 Enough Sorrows to keep you human
 Enough Hope to keep you happy
 Enough Failure to keep you humble
 Enough Success to keep you eager
 Enough Friends to give you comfort
 Enough Wealth to meet your needs
 Enough Enthusiasm to make you look forward
 Enough Faith to banish depression
 Enough Determination to make each day a
 better day than the last

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Mary and Joseph's Place would like to thank St Nicholas Parish for their generosity and support of our Pro-life Ministry to save the Babies. Your Parish raised \$3,120.50 in donations to help our clients and their families in need. May God bless you and your families, and a special thanks to Father Tom for his support.

Yours in Jesus and Mary,
 Barbara Mucha Oko, RN

Come Sit with Me

Jesus invites you to come and spend some quiet time with Him. On the first Thursday of every month, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the Thursday morning mass at 9am at Church of the Good Shepherd. It will last approximately one hour. This wonderful gift of the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is truly a time to pause and give thanks for the many treasures God gives to us in our daily lives. If you can, join other parishioners as they give glory to God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit. It will be time well spent!



It is one of the worst kept secrets in Seymour. Many of you already know that the Office Manager, Alese Kummer is retiring the end of this month. She has worked for over twenty years in the office for Saint Augustine Church and then Saint Nicholas Parish. Her knowledge and experience will never be surpassed, especially in the inner working of the cemetery. She knows so many of you by name and has helped you in times of difficulty. She was indispensable to me when I came to the parish.

Whenever I ask her something, I rarely got an answer of "I don't know". Her kind smile and keen sense of humor will be greatly missed in the rectory. A reception honoring Alese will be held on **Sunday, January 16th** after the 11am Mass. Please come and say "Auf Wiedersehen" to her.

I am currently looking for her replacement. Computer skills are a must including QuickBooks. Also, because of the nature of the job, discretion must be employed. If you know someone, please let me know.

See you then.

Fr. Tom





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