

# Saint Nicholas Parish



January 9, 2022  
Seymour, Connecticut

## Parish Staff

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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](http://www.stnicholasct.org)  
 Email - [stnicholasct@comcast.net](mailto:stnicholasct@comcast.net)  
 Telephone 203-888-9243 - Fax 203-888-6016

### Rectory Office Hours

Good Shepherd	Mon. to Thur.	9:00am - 4:00pm
	Fri.	Closed

### 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](http://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. 8 Good Shepherd	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	
Mon. Jan. 10 Good Shepherd	9:00am	Mass Available		
Tue. Jan. 11 Good Shepherd	9:00am	✠ Jon Coleman	Shawn & Diane Coleman	Rosary in Church
Wed. Jan. 12 Good Shepherd	9:00am	✠ Jeannine Starnes Guillette	Family	
Thu. Jan. 13 Good Shepherd	9:00am	✠ Victor A Piantedosi	Dolores Zaccaro	
Fri. Jan. 14 Good Shepherd		No Mass		
Sat Jan. 15 Good Shepherd	4:30pm	Mass Available		
Sun. Jan. 16 St Augustine	9:30am	✠ Lynn Ortoli	Joan & Rich	
Sun. Jan. 16 Good Shepherd	11:00am	Mass Available		

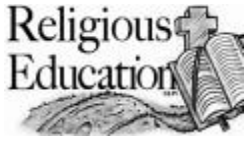
Jan 2022	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Altar Wine	In Memory of Kathleen E. Jachimowski Jamaitis and Edward J. Jachimowski	In Memory of Elene Tong
 SANCTUARY LAMP	Not Available	In Memory of Jachimowski & Gioielli Families
 Hosts	In Memory of Anthony Sr & Anna Chepulis	In Memory of Lawrence Argonese

## Parish Giving

January 2, 2022		
Offertory Envelope	2nd Collection	Total Collection
\$5,859	\$644	\$6,503
Cathderaticum & CSSP	Total Stay in Parish	
\$384	\$6,119	
Thank You for your Generosity		

On Line Giving  
Offertory will be  
provided on a  
Monthly Schedule  
**December \$3,345**

## 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.

### WISH TREE THANK YOU:

Once again parishioners from St. Nicholas Parish were generous in giving approximately 620 gifts to be distributed to St. Vincent DePaul in Derby, Veterans Hospital, Spooner House, Umbrella Shelter for Battered Women, and Mary & Joseph Place. SPECIAL THANKS to my daughter Mary Ellen who printed the labels with hearts. Also to Jessica Sirowich and her daughters Kolbe & Kenzie and her Mom Antoniette Musante who helped with the written labels. Special thanks to my husband Bob who is always there to support me and helped separate all the gifts along with Jessica and her girls. To my son Daniel who cut all the labels. To Mike and Linda Vignola who took care of the gifts at St. Augustine and brought them to Good Shepherd. MANY MORE thanks to all of you who once again gave so generously to help make another Christmas a little brighter for so many. Their thank you notes will be on the bulletin board as I receive them.



GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!!!

Carmie Potash Co-Ordinator/Chairperson

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	Rose S



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.

**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

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.

## What Are You Waiting For?

This Sunday's readings are full of expectation. What are *you* waiting for? How do you need God to come and rescue you from injustices, or deliver you from evil, or comfort you as you wait for loved ones to turn their hearts back to God? What guidance have you been seeking while feeling confused and uncertain?

Do you feel Christ's gift of peace within you as you wait expectantly? Or do you feel frustrated, worried, and impatient?

In the Gospel reading, we see John the Baptizer's congregation filled with expectancy because they hoped that he was their finally-arrived Messiah. Yearning for God to intervene against injustices, foreign oppression, and sin, they latched onto the fiery enthusiasm of John and his baptism of repentance.

God, however, had something much better in mind, more complete. The real Messiah would baptize with the purifying fire of the Holy Spirit. Whereas John could only call people to repentance, the real Messiah would empower them to grow in holiness by giving them his own Spirit of holiness.

When Jesus submitted himself to John's baptism, it was not because he needed to repent; he was sinless. He was uniting himself to *our* need for repentance, thus starting his ministry of delivering us from evil and eventually take our sins to the cross.

In Christian baptism, we are immersed into the holiness of Jesus as well as his ministry, his priesthood, his prophetic sharing of the Good News, his servant leadership, and yes, his sufferings for the benefit of the salvation of others. The Holy Spirit empowers us to do as Jesus did, and the Father says, "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased!"

What do you expect? What do you think should happen in your daily life because of your baptism? Expectation is a good attitude -- unless it's based on impatience, which usually leads to disappointment. Expectation that's based on the goodness of God and what *he* wants for us is the attitude that brings us joy, greater faith, and even miracles.

### Questions for Personal Reflection:

What would you like to expect from God this year? Is this something that he wants for you? How might things turn out differently -- but better -- than what you imagine should happen?

### Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Name some of the baptismal promises that God makes in his covenant with us. How do you know he keeps his promises? Share the story of a time when an answer to prayer turned out better than you expected.

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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 09, 2022
- 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
- Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
- Observances for the week of January 09, 2022
- Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
- Monday:
- Tuesday:
- Wednesday:
- Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:
- Saturday:
- Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lighter Side

### Divine Delivery

A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend's new branch office. When the businessman got to the event, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription "Rest in Peace." He was so outraged that he stopped at the florist to complain.

"It could be worse," the florist said, "Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription 'Congratulations on Your New Location!'"

### "The ABCs of Annulment"

Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal, Bloomfield

Father Philip Schulze, Pastor of Saint Margaret Parish, 24 Academy Street, Madison, Connecticut, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, Connecticut, will host "The ABCs of Annulment" on Saturday of January 22nd, 2022, from 10 am to 12:00 pm, in the Church Hall at the address above. Updates of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese

of Hartford will be presented by Br. Larry Lussier CSC, and Jim Tottenham.

Follow-up Annulment Workshops to help participants write their applications will be held at the same address on Saturday January 29th, and February 12th and 19th, from 10 am to 12:00 pm.

Br. Larry, Jim Tottenham, and other members of the Annulment Team, will be present for the Workshops.

The "ABCs of Annulment" event is open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry @ 475-221-8464 or email him at brolarlus300@gmail.com.

**I**t 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 16<sup>th</sup>** after the 11am Mass. Please come and say "Auf Wiedersehen" to her.

See you then.

Fr. Tom





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