

Saint Nicholas Parish

January 23, 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.	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

Sick Calls

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

Weekly Church Calendar

Date	Time	Intention	Requested By:	Events	
Sat Jan. 22 Good Shepherd	4:30pm	✠ Karen Torres	Mom & Family		
Sun. Jan. 23 St Augustine	9:30am	Mass Available			
Sun. Jan. 23 Good Shepherd	11:00am	✠ Steven Plotkin	Wife & Children		
Mon. Jan. 24 Good Shepherd	9:00am	Mass Available			
Tue. Jan. 25 Good Shepherd	9:00am	✠ Leonard Tomasheski, Jr.	McGuirk Family	Rosary in Church	
Wed. Jan. 26 Good Shepherd	9:00am	✠ Alice Cieslikowski	Family		
Thu. Jan. 27 Good Shepherd	9:00am	Annette & Frank Marcucio - 60 th Wedding Anniversary			
Fri. Jan. 28 Good Shepherd		No Mass			
Sat Jan. 29 Good Shepherd	4:30pm	✠ Theresa B. Tucci	Mr & Mrs Alfred Tucci Jr		
Sun. Jan. 30 St Augustine	9:30am	✠ Joseph & ✠ Florence Klezovich	Family		
Sun. Jan. 30 Good Shepherd	11:00am	✠ Linda Janeskie	Family		

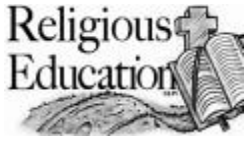
Jan 2022	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Altar Wine	In Memory of Kathleen E. Jachimowski Jamaitis and Edward J. Jachimowski	In Memory of Elene Tong
 SANCTUARY LAMP	Not Available	In Memory of Jachimowski & Gioielli Families
 Hosts	In Memory of Anthony Sr & Anna Chepulis	In Memory of Lawrence Argonese

Parish Giving

January 16, 2022		
Offertory Envelope	2nd Collection	Total Collection
\$4,142		\$4,142
Cathderaticum & CSSP	Total Stay in Parish	
\$244	\$3,898	
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.

Master Table

Free meal pickup on Sunday, Jan 23;
3:30 – 5:00pm or until food runs out.
Assumption Church parking lot, drive by pickup. All welcome.
In case of inclement weather cancelling the event people can call
203.732.7792

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.

The Ministry of Christ Today

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we see Jesus announcing the reality of his ministry: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.... Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."



Did this ministry come to an end when he ascended to heaven and disappeared off the face of the earth?

As the reading from Corinthians points out, we are now the Body of Christ on earth.

We are *all* -- every one of us -- *important* parts of this body! Do not underestimate yourself. God created you and brought you into the Church because you can make a significant difference. No one else can do what you can do, the way you can do it, in the plans that he has for making this world a better place.

We Christians are, as a community of believers, the Body of Christ on earth. Every time we receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion, we receive what we are, and thus we're renewed in the continuation of Christ's ministry. His mission is our mission.

By receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, we consume not only Jesus in his full humanity and his full divinity, we also consume his ministry. The Spirit of the Lord comes upon us. Every Mass is a renewal of our vocation to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free, and to proclaim what is acceptable to the Lord.

In other words, every time we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, the scripture passage that he quoted in Luke 4:18-21 is fulfilled again.

Sin is anything that prevents this from happening.

Whenever the prayers of others are not answered, whenever evil is allowed to prevail, whenever souls suffer because they have not heard the good news of salvation in Jesus, it's because the parts of Christ's earthly body that can do something about it are not doing it. God provides everything that's needed on earth *through us!* Jesus continues his ministry on earth *through us!*

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How does it feel to know that you're called to continue Christ's ministry? Reflect on how important you are to the Body of Christ and his mission. What are you good at? What do you feel passionate about? What particular evils disturb you most? This is where you can make a difference!

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Name ways that ordinary people can bring good news to the poor, or free captives, or help the blind see, or set the oppressed free, or proclaim what is acceptable to the Lord. What are your experiences doing this?

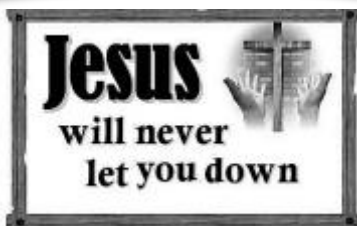
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Welcome!

We welcome Joan Kayser to the staff of Saint Nicholas Parish. Joan takes over the position of Office Manager recently vacated by Alese Kummer. Joan has worked to advocate for senior citizens for years. It's a good thing because she will be working for me!

The new office hours will be Monday thru Thursday from 9am to 4pm. The office will be closed on Fridays. Please be patient with us as we make this transition. Let's make Joan feel at home in the rectory office.

Fr. Tom



- Readings for the week of January 23, 2022
- Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/ Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
- Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/ Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
- Observances for the week of January 23, 2022
- Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
- Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:
- Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic School Week

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://wwwmectw.org/>.

Allow God to strengthen, renew, rekindle and even transform your marriage sacrament. Take time for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

"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 brlolarlus300@gmail.com.



12-31-21

Dear Fr. Cieslikowski,

We are very grateful to you and your parish family for the generous and abundant gifts we received through your Living Tree.

Your generosity to Mary and Joseph's Place will help us to continue to provide support to mothers and child in their time of need.

We are very grateful for choosing to support this ministry.

Sincerely,
The Staff

New Day Bereavement Program –

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Parish Center

733 Oxford Rd. Oxford, CT

Those who are grieving the death of a loved one need to proactively work through their grief. One way that may be helpful is to participate in the bereavement support group called the New Day Program. This program consists of ten two-hour weekly meetings. During each meeting, participants work through one component of the grieving process, guided by the New Day Journal.

We will be offering two sessions. Session A: Zoom Starts Thursday, February 3rd from 6:30-8:30pm. Session B: In Person Starts Friday, February 4th from 10:30am-12:30pm. Masks are required for the in person session. Sessions are free. Registration is required. Must RSVP by January 31st. If you would like to register, please contact Maryjane at 203-888-2382 ext 104 or pastoralcare@stthomasoxford.org



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