

Saint Nicholas Parish

January 30, 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. 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	
Mon. Jan. 31 Good Shepherd	9:00am	Mass Available		
Tue. Feb. 1 Good Shepherd	9:00am	† Joan & Kathy Radin	Diane & Shawn Coleman	Rosary in Church
Wed. Feb. 2 Good Shepherd	9:00am	Mass Available		
Thu. Feb. 3 Good Shepherd	9:00am	† John "Uncle Buck" Davey	McGuirk Family	
Fri. Feb. 4 Good Shepherd		No Mass		
Sat Feb. 5 Good Shepherd	4:30pm	† Dolores Cortello	Cortello Family	
Sun. Feb. 6 St Augustine	9:30am	† Pablo Ceas	Son, Marlon Ceas	
Sun. Feb.6 Good Shepherd	11:00am	Mass Available		

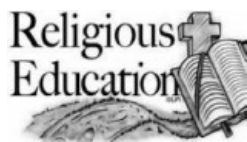
Jan 2022	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Altar Wine	In Memory of Kathleen E. Jachimowski Jamaitis and Edward J. Jachimowski	In Memory of Elene Tong
 SANCTUARY LAMP	Not Available	In Memory of Jachimowski & Gioielli Families
 Hosts	In Memory of Anthony Sr & Anna Chepulis	In Memory of Lawrence Argonese

Parish Giving

January 23, 2022		
Offertory Envelope	2nd Collection	Total Collection
\$4,020	\$802	\$4,822
Cathderaticum & CSSP	Total Stay in Parish	
\$237	\$4,585	
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.

OUR MONTHLY SHELTER DINNER

Will be held at the Spooner House in Shelton on Thursday, February 3rd. A sign-up sheet with the menu is in the St. Augustine vestibule. Anyone willing to provide a portion of the meal

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



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

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
Peggy O	Steve S			



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.

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.



When Others Judge Us Wrongly

Take a close look at this Sunday's Gospel story. Jesus has just finished reading the scripture that we heard on the previous Sunday ("The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor," etc.). He tells the people in the synagogue that this scripture is now being fulfilled through him, and they all speak highly of him. But by the end of this scripture, they're furious with him.

What changed their attitude?

Their awe turned into confusion when they remembered, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" Unlike those who would meet Jesus for the first time in later chapters of the story, these people had experiences with Jesus the toddler who fell when learning to walk, Jesus the teenager who bled from mistakes made while learning the carpentry trade from his father, Jesus the young man who wept at his father's funeral.

Their attitude changed when they stopped listening with their spirits and started listening with their pre-conceived notions. This disconnect from the divine then stirred up their emotions.

Think of how people react when you confuse them by doing or saying something out of character, that is, out of the character that they expect from you. If you're perceived as too young or too old to do what you are in fact capable of doing, or if your education level doesn't include a formal degree that proves that you know what you do already know, or if you don't tell people what they want to hear, their surprise turns into confusion that triggers an emotional response against you.

We expect them to believe us and trust us, and when they don't, our surprise turns into confusion that triggers an emotional response against them. But how did Jesus handle it when they treated him this way? He calmly spoke a truth that was inspired by the Holy Spirit. Did he have an emotional reaction? Sure! He was human like us; we were all created by the Father to have emotions. The problem is not in the emotions; the problem occurs when we listen through our emotions instead of our spiritual connection to the Holy Spirit.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How much time do you spend training your ear to hear the Holy Spirit within you? When life is busy happening around you, do you mostly react to it or are you on some level praying about it? What can you do this week to develop a more automatic connection to the Spirit of God?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

What are some of the ways you listen to the Holy Spirit? Keeping in mind a surprising challenge that happened to you recently, describe the differences between an emotional reaction and a spiritual action.

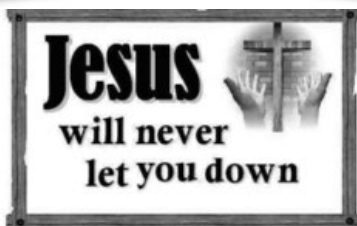
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Welcome!

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



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- **Readings for the week of January 30, 2022**
- **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
- **Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk
5:1-20
- **Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2,
3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
- **Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
or 2:22-32
- **Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a,
12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
- **Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
- **Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk
6:30-34
- **Next Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor
15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/
Lk 5:1-11

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- **Observances for the week of January 30, 2022**
- **Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools
Week
- **Monday:** St. John Bosco, Priest
- **Tuesday:**
- **Wednesday:** The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for
Consecrated Life
- **Thursday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
- **Friday:**
- **Saturday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- **Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and
Companions, Martyrs
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On Sunday, Jan 16th a Sad but Happy Day was shared by all who wished Alese Congratulations and Best Wishes on her Retirement, after over 20 years working for our Parish.

Good Food - Good Friends - Good Memories!!

Dear Friends,

I would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone for the wonderful retirement reception, for all your kind words as we spoke to each other, as well as in the beautiful cards, and the many thoughtful gifts.

A special "Thank You" to Father Tom and the ladies, and their husbands, for preparing the hall, the delicious lunch goodies, especially the artistic deviled egg tray, the beautiful retirement cake and the mouthwatering cookies and fruit basket. Everything looked delectable and tasted yummy!

Your friendship through all the years that I have worked for both churches and St Augustine Cemetery have helped me realize the importance of friendship, of kindness to all who come into our life's, compassion, being a good listener, and the significance of a "family" like we have at Saint Nicholas Parish.

Again, "Thank You" EVERYONE – I will never forget you or this special day.

God bless you *Alese*

As we get older, most people find changes difficult in our lives. And in these unusual times, change can be very difficult. But a few changes have come to our parish. As I announced on Christmas Eve, Deacon Ken Ewaskie has fully retired as Deacon of Saint Nicholas Parish. He has served us faithfully for many years. I will miss his stories at the beginning of each homily. It certainly got my interest each time. He will be spending more time with his mother as he is her care giver. Thank you Deacon Ken for all the time and talents you shared with us over the years.

Also, long time trustee of the parish, Stanley Jachimowski, has resigned as trustee. Most of you probably don't remember a time without his name associated as a trustee. He will be replaced by Barbara Junko. Many of you know her (or maybe even had her) as an excellent Kindergarten teacher. We thank Stan for all his dedication and inspiration he gave to the parish.

St. Blaise | February 3

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life. History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.



Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ©LPI



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