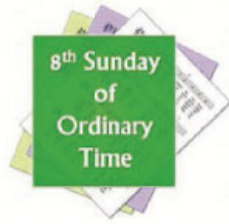


Saint Nicholas Parish

February 27, 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 Feb. 26 Good Shepherd	4:30pm	✠ JoAnn Kenyhercz	Bob, Carmie & Daniel Potash	
Sun. Feb. 27 St Augustine	9:30am	✠ John Gabriel	Children	
Sun. Feb. 27 Good Shepherd	11:00am	✠ Gloria & ✠ Nelson Bacchicocchi (Memorial)	Gloria Gramolini	
Mon. Feb. 28 Good Shepherd	9:00am	Mass Available		
Tue. Mar. 1 Good Shepherd	9:00am	✠ Bertha O'Conner	Strubbe Family	Rosary in Church
Wed. Mar. 2 Good Shepherd	9:00am	Mass Available		Ash Wednesday
Wed. Mar. 2 St. Augustine	7:00pm	Mass Available		St. Augustine Church Ashes Distribution 11am to 5:00 pm
Thu. Mar. 3 Good Shepherd	9:00am	Mass Available		
Fri. Mar. 4 Good Shepherd		No Mass		
Sat Mar. 5 Good Shepherd	4:30pm	✠ Ricky Domorad Sr.	Bob, Carmie & Daniel Potash	Fuel Collection
Sun. Mar. 6 St Augustine	9:30am	✠ Richard Budzik	Downs Family	
Sun. Mar. 6 Good Shepherd	11:00am	✠ Donald Dripchak (60th Anniversary) ✠ Robert G. Burns (10th Anniversary)	Cousin Marion Sadlowski & Doris Burns, Wife	

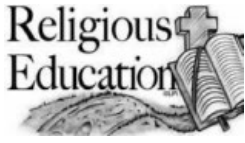
Feb 2022	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Altar Wine	In Memory of Kathleen E. Jachimowski Jamaitis and Edward J. Jachimowski	In Memory of George Zrelak
 SANCTUARY LAMP	Not Available	In Memory of Jachimowski & Gioielli Families
 Hosts	In Memory of Walter & Susan Chepulis-Ewen	In Memory of Elene Tong

Parish Giving

February 20, 2022		
Offertory Envelope	2nd Collection	Total Collection
\$4,844		\$4,844
Cathderaticum & CSSP	Total Stay in Parish	
\$329	\$4,515	
Thank You for your Generosity		

On Line Giving
Offertory will be
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Monthly Schedule
January \$4,025

Religious Education 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:

2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9

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.



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.

Statements for OnLine Giving are accessed by logging on to the Parish OnLine Giving website <https://www.osvhub.com/st-nicholas-ct/funds>

The Tax information is under the My Account tab.

The screenshot shows the 'Account' tab selected in a navigation bar with other options: FUNDS, MY ACCOUNT, MY GIFTS, MY FORMS. Below the 'Account' header, there is a section for 'Parishioners Info' with an 'Upload Photo' button (300px x 300px) and 'Email Preferences' for 'Email Gift Reminders' and 'Email Pledge Updates'. The 'Tax Statements' section is expanded, showing a list of available statements from 2016 to the current year, each with a 'DOWNLOAD' button.

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	MT	Denny M	Suzanne M	Alice E
Peggy O	Steve S	AP	Rose S	Tom G
Irene D				



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 203-888-9243 - 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.

OUR MONTHLY SHELTER DINNER



Will be held at the Spooner House in Shelton on Thursday, March 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.

The 4 Lies That Have Ruined Lives

A blind person, in the analogy that Jesus makes in this Sunday's Gospel reading, is anyone who cannot see things in the light of truth. It can be due to sin or ignorance, but it's always dangerous. There are many wrong decisions that we bump into when we don't see things the way God sees them. We make mistakes that hurt us and others. We feel safe with temptations that lead us away from God.

Here are four popular lies that are ruining lives by leading people into spiritual blindness, followed by the truths that everyone needs to know.

1. Your happiness is the most important goal. To achieve it:
2. Put yourself first.
3. Trust your feelings.
4. If you dream it, you can have it.

This never works. Happiness is elusive or, at best, short. So people try even harder, stuck in the trap of these lies. When it still doesn't work, they get rightfully angry, but at others, blaming others. Conflicts worsen. Anger increases. Violence is the eventual outcome, and spiritual hell.

The only way that does work is what Jesus revealed.

1. Happiness is based on externals, which you cannot control very long. Joy, on the other hand, comes from within and is discovered when you understand that God loves you so much that he gave you his only begotten Son to conquer evil and lead you to the eternal joy of heaven.
2. When you lay down your life for others, you experience fulfillment from making a difference, and this is a great joy. And it unites you to Christ, bringing heaven to earth.
3. Realize your natural tendency to sin and the limitations of your finite brain, which make it easy to misinterpret everything. Do not trust your own understanding. Feelings can change quickly. Receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit so you can discern God's guidance. Trust only God.
4. When you seek to know God's dreams for you, you develop good vision. You discover which talents, knowledge, and experiences will give you your greatest fulfillment, because he had these in mind when he created you. And when you work hard to make these dreams come true, forsaking distractions, persisting past obstacles, and accepting the lessons that are hidden in hardships, you realize the best that life can offer.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Which of the four lies described above have you been blinded by? How has believing them made you feel?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Give an example for each of the four truths described above. How has each one given you joy? How do they help you see Jesus more clearly?

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Readings for the week of February 27, 2022

- **Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
- **Monday:** 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27
- **Tuesday:** 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31
- **Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- **Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
- **Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
- **Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
- **Next Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

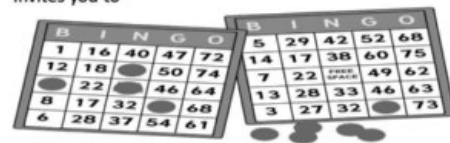
Observances for the week of February 27, 2022

- **Sunday:** 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- **Monday:**
- **Tuesday:**
- **Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday
- **Thursday:** St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
- **Friday:** St. Casimir
- **Saturday:**
- **Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent

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Fond Farewell

This past Wednesday we said "a Dieu" to The Reverend Edward Jaksina. We were honored to have Bishop Betancourt to preside at the Mass of Christian Burial. Many of Father's brother priests were in attendance to bid him



farewell. Also, many parishioners attended to pay their respects to their former pastor. Finally, Father Turner inspired us by his words of remembrance.

A reception in Father's honor was held in the Fr. Keane Hall immediately following the mass. Fr. Jaksina left his wishes that it be a nice event and not to skimp! We tried to follow his wishes. I want to thank Carmie Potash and Barbra Junko and all their helpers for hosting a great meal. I think Father would have been pleased. May he rest in peace.

Fr. Tom

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VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)

TEAM offers free tax preparation and filing between Feb. 1st to April 15th through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. IRS-trained volunteers help taxpayers prepare basic tax return forms, where the primary source of income is from wages and salaries. The tax returns are filed electronically at no cost.

VITA aims to:

- Increase the number of working families that qualify for the [Earned Income Tax Credit \(EITC\)](#) and the [Child Care Tax Credit \(CTC\)](#)
- Reduce the amount of EITC and CTC tax dollars lost to tax preparation fees
- Increase the number of free tax preparation sites
- Promote the use of EITC and CTC dollars as a gateway to asset building through financial literacy training

Eligibility Requirements

VITA offers free tax help to low- to moderate-income people (annual household income of \$54,000 and below, or 200% of [Federal Poverty Guidelines](#)).

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://wwmectw.org/>.

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