

Saint Nicholas Parish

March 13, 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 Mar. 12 Good Shepherd	4:30pm	✠ Theresa B. Tucci	Mr & Mrs Alfred Tucci Jr.	Daylight Saving Time Begins
Sun. Mar. 13 St Augustine	9:30am	✠ Isa-Maria Pereira (1st Anniversary) ✠ Ruth Curran	Curran Family	
Sun. Mar. 13 Good Shepherd	11:00am	✠ Marilyn Cigas (Birthday Remembrance)	Husband & Family	
Mon. Mar. 14 Good Shepherd	9:00am	Mass Available		
Tue. Mar. 15 Good Shepherd	9:00am	✠ Daniel Joseph DePasqua (Birthday Remembrance)	Theresa & Rick Moore	Rosary in Church
Wed. Mar. 16 Good Shepherd	9:00am	✠ Angel & ✠ Maria Torres	Son & Family	
Thu. Mar. 17 Good Shepherd	9:00am	Mass Available		
Fri. Mar. 18 Good Shepherd		No Mass		
Sat Mar. 19 Good Shepherd	4:30pm	✠ Roz Cuccaro	Cortello Family	
Sun. Mar. 20 St Augustine	9:30am	✠ Pietro Crisanti	Stevens Family	
Sun. Mar. 21 Good Shepherd	11:00am	Deceased Members of the ✠ McCabe Family	Jon & Ann Marie McCabe	

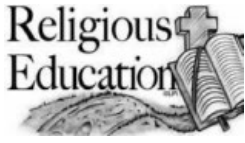
Mar 2022	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Altar Wine	In Memory of Kathleen E. Jachimowski Jamaitis and Edward J. Jachimowski	In Memory of Elene Tong
 SANCTUARY LAMP	Not Available	In Memory of Jachimowski & Gioielli Families
 Hosts	In Memory of Walter Fittig & John Martusis	In Memory of Al Mongillo

Parish Giving

March 6, 2022		
Offertory Envelope	2nd Collection	Total Collection
\$5,778	\$1,684	\$7,462
Cathderaticum & CSSP	Total Stay in Parish	
\$507	\$6,955	
Thank You for your Generosity		

On Line Giving
Offertory will be
provided on a
Monthly Schedule
February \$3,298

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:

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.



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.

St. Mary-St. Michael School Great Gift Card Giveaway

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GREAT PRIZES

For each drawing the winner gets

a \$100 grocery gift card

+ a \$50 gas gift card

On Fridays there are also gift baskets in the mix.



Light In Our Darkness

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we see Jesus reveal the uncreated light of his true identity and we hear the Father say, "This is my chosen Son; *listen to him.*"

We experience Christ's deepest identity every time we listen to him and allow the Holy Spirit to enlighten our understanding of his words and guidance.

By listening to him, we let his uncreated light consume the darkness that still lingers within us. Then, the people around us experience more of him, because they meet him in us -- in our actions, in our compassion, in our forgiveness, etc. This is evangelization!

Lent is a time of concentrating on our need for Christ to shed his light into our areas of darkness. When we let Jesus enlighten us so that we repent (which means change), seeking and receiving forgiveness and the Holy Spirit's power to change, we become more like Christ. We shine more brilliantly with him. And we enter more fully into his ministry of redeeming the world. Although there is suffering in this ministry, we know that the pain of Good Friday is always followed by the victory of Easter.

It's in the trials and sacrifices of life -- our own crucifixions -- where our holiness changes the world. Do we dare follow Jesus all the way to Calvary? It's the only way to get to Easter! Our trials are his blood being shed again. Our pains are his pains. We're already on the cross with Jesus! So why not embrace this extreme intimacy with him for the sake of those who've scourged us and betrayed us?

By loving those who don't love us, forgiving those who mistreat us, and working hard to replace evil with the kingdom of God, we reveal the light of Christ to those who live in darkness.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Think of a redemption you've experienced, an area of darkness in your life that Jesus shed his light upon when he inspired you to repent. How has this change increased your holiness? What is he inviting you to change now, something that's been difficult to look at or hard to overcome? What would you like to hear from Jesus that will help you turn this darkness into holiness? After you figure it out, take this to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Why is the Passion of Christ your passion? What crosses are you carrying that you hope will help Christ redeem the world from sin and darkness? How does your cross purify your own holiness?

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Readings for the week of March 13, 2022

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/

Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/ 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Observances for the week of March 13, 2022

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time

begins

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day

Friday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of

the Church

Saturday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin

Mary

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

The 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

is now underway in our parish. The Parish Goal is \$60,000. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are carried forward.

• For the sixth year in a row, in 2021, the Archbishop's Annual

Appeal Vicariate Outreach

Program provided over \$1,000,000 to over 180 local organizations in Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven counties.

• Organizations such as Seymour-Oxford Food Bank, Master's Table Community Meals, Ansonia, & St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, Derby right here in our area received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in serving our neighbors.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>.

No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

APPEAL

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS

Presented by:

Master's Table Community Meals

Dinner Date: Sunday March 20, 2022

Time: 3:30-5:00pm or until food runs out

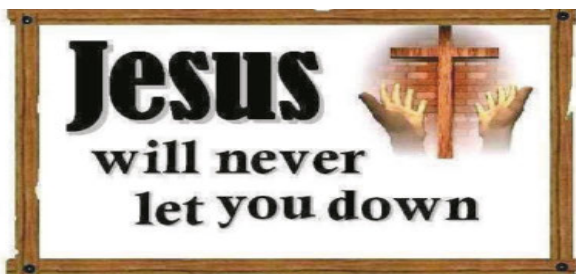
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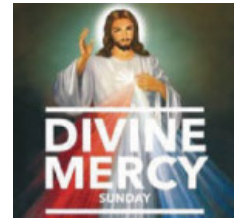
Website: www.masterstablemeals.org

Drive up meal pickup only. All walkups must wear
face mask & stay 6 feet apart in line. Please enter
parking between church and school. Do not exit
vehicle. Cancellations of dinner are announced
Thursday prior to dinner on wfsb.com and
wtnh.com or Facebook or our voicemail at the
above number. Stay Safe!

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

will be celebrated on Apr.24 the Sunday after Easter,
as instructed to St. Faustina by
Jesus.

This Devotion offers complete
forgiveness for the temporal
punishment (Purgatory time)
we have accumulated due to
our sins even though
confessed and forgiven. A
"clean slate"!



To obtain this forgiveness we
must go to Confession during
Lent and receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy
Sunday (Saturday vigil is acceptable.)
Even with COVID restrictions and if we are not able to
get to Church we are still able to receive forgiveness
and the graces of Divine Mercy Sunday if we on
Divine Mercy Sunday:

1. Truly desire to receive them with all our hearts.
2. Trust that we are able to receive them.
3. Make an Act of Perfect Contrition (one that
expresses our sorrow for our sins because of
our deep love of Jesus). Go to Confession as soon as
we reasonably can.
4. Make a Spiritual Communion asking Jesus to come
into our hearts.

An excellent explanation of what Divine Mercy Sunday
offers (including a Plenary Indulgence)
can be found on YOU TUBE, "Divine Mercy Sunday
Reflections 2020" .

**The greater the sinner, the greater the
right to the mercy!**

TEAM, INC. Programs 203.736.5420**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](#)).



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