

Saint Nicholas Parish

April 3, 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 Apr. 2 Good Shepherd	4:30pm	✠ Cecilia Krohelski	Bob, Carmie & Daniel Potash	
Sun. Apr. 3 St Augustine	9:30am	✠ Helen Zielinski	Family	
Sun. Apr. 3 Good Shepherd	11:00am	✠ Joan Radin	Marian Sadlowski & Patricia Wolniak	
Mon. Apr. 4 Good Shepherd	9:00am	✠ Jack Simpson	Family	
Tue. Apr. 5 Good Shepherd	9:00am	✠ Emanuel DeMelis	Lombardi Family	Rosary in Church
Wed. Apr. 6 Good Shepherd	9:00am	✠ Daniel Marcucio	Annette & Frank Marcucio	
Thu. Apr. 7 Good Shepherd	9:00am	Mass Available		
Fri. Apr. 8 Good Shepherd		No Mass		
Sat Apr. 9 Good Shepherd	4:30pm	Mass Available		Fuel Collection
Sun. Apr. 10 St Augustine	9:30am	✠ Christopher Gonzales Birthday Remembrance	Mom & Family	
Sun. Apr. 10 Good Shepherd	11:00am	✠ Busso & ✠ Cortello Families	Cortello Family	

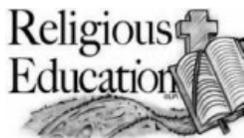
April 2022	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Altar Wine	In Memory of Kathleen E. Jachimowski Jamaitis & Edward J. Jachimowski	In Memory of Elene Tong
 SANCTUARY LAMP	Not Available	In Memory of Jachimowski & Gioielli Families
 Hosts	In Memory of William & Hattie Belconis	In Memory of Al Mongillo

Parish Giving

March 27, 2022		
Offertory Envelope	2nd Collection	Total Collection
\$5,330		\$5,330
Cathderaticum & CSSP	Total Stay in Parish	
\$362	\$4,967	
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;
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
Diane O.	Joseph G	Bob B	Karen T	John E

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.

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Thank you!

Hear ye, Hear ye! Notice is given that we will give thanks for all the time and dedication that Deacon Ken Ewaskie gave to the Church of the Good Shepherd and Saint Nicholas Parish. We will be ever grateful for all words of wisdom that he shared in his homilies and lectures. Those stories he started each homily with were always interesting and attention getting. He touched so many lives in all the Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals/Wake services he officiated during his lengthy career.

So join us on April 3rd, after the 11am mass in the Fr. Keane Hall at Good Shepherd Church, for a reception to wish Deacon Ken well as he fully retires from his clerical duties. Maybe you have a story about how he touched your life. Hope to see you there.

Father Tom

Christ's Compassion



This Sunday's Gospel reading shows us a good example of how to treat someone who is, as Jesus says elsewhere in scripture (Matthew 25) "the least of these." The recipient of Christ's compassion in this story was considered to be unworthy of life itself. She was first of all a woman, which in her society meant she was inferior to men. She was a sinner and deserved punishment. She was one single person facing a condemning crowd alone. How much more of a "least" one could anyone be?

When have you felt alone and insignificant? Perhaps you've faced a condemning crowd. Then again, have you ever treated others as if they're not important? Yes, none of us can cast the first stone.

There are many in the Church who feel forgotten and neglected. We all know some of them. Their loneliness is usually hidden from us, and if we're busy with many important responsibilities, seeking them out and giving them attention feels too overwhelming. Their needs become too insignificant to warrant the expense of our time, the development of parish resources, and the sacrifice of our personal comfort.

Divorced Catholics often feel condemned, and many who could be receiving Communion stay away because they've been misinformed about the Church's rules, and no one is reaching out to lead them back. And although the Church has been focusing on stopping the abuse of children, often the sin of homosexual activities between "consenting" adults and the lustful or abusive grooming of easily influenced adults is ignored, because they are dismissed as "less vulnerable" -- they are of least concern.

Identifying the least among us and reaching out to them is a good Lenten exercise -- but only if the intention is to make it a year-round habit.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Which persons are you neglecting because their situation makes you feel uncomfortable or inadequate? Which members of your family or parish do you avoid because you like them "least" of all? Begin to give them compassionate attention by praying for them, then discern if the Lord is inspiring you to do anything more.

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Share the story of a time when you encountered -- or were -- one of "the least of these". Did anyone show compassion? How? Where was Jesus? How was he helping?

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- **Readings for the week of April 3, 2022**
- **Sunday:** Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
- **Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20
- **Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
- **Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
- **Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
- **Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
- **Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
- **Next Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/
Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49
- **Observances for the week of April 3, 2022**
- **Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent
- **Monday:** St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- **Tuesday:** St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
- **Wednesday:**
- **Thursday:**
- **Friday:**
- **Saturday:**
- **Next Sunday:** Holy Week begins; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2022 Appeal literature! Organizations such as Seymour-Oxford Food Bank, Master's Table Community Meals, Ansonia, & St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, Derby right here in our own community received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in the lives of our local neighbors. Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org to learn more and make your gift today. 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/>



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Some Extra Special Time



Fr. Tom will hear confessions on the Mondays of March 28th, April 4th and the 11th from 6pm to 6:30pm (or later if needed) at Church of the Good Shepherd. There will be no confession on Holy Saturday the 16th of April.

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 His Right To My Mercy!

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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

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