

# Saint Nicholas Parish

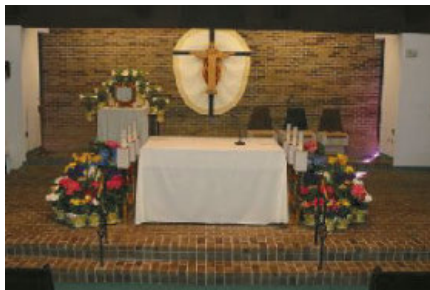
## April 10, 2022

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](http://www.stnicholasct.org)  
 Email - [stnicholasct@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://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. 9 Good Shepherd	4:30pm	Mass Available		Fuel Collection
Sun. Apr. 10 St Augustine	9:30am	Mass Available		
Sun. Apr. 10 Good Shepherd	11:00am	✠ Basso & ✠ Cortello Families	Cortello Family	
Mon. Apr. 11 Good Shepherd	9:00am	✠ Christopher Gonzales Birthday Remembrance	Mom & Family	
Tue. Apr. 12 Good Shepherd	9:00am	✠ James Walsh	Diane Coleman	Rosary in Church
Wed. Apr. 13 Good Shepherd	9:00am	Mass Available		
Thu. Apr. 14 Good Shepherd	7:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper		Holy Thursday
Fri. Apr. 15 St. Augustine	3:00pm	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion		Good Friday
Fri. April 15 Good Shepherd	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross		
Sat Apr. 16 Good Shepherd	10:00am	Blessing of Easter Food		
Sat Apr. 16 Good Shepherd	8:00pm	Mass Available		Easter Vigil
Sun. Apr. 17 St Augustine	9:30am	✠ Louis Zaccaro Birthday Remembrance	Wife & Family	
Sun. Apr. 17 Good Shepherd	11:00am	✠ Basso & ✠ Cortello Families	Cortello Family	

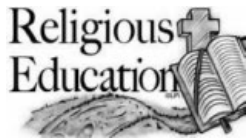
April 2022	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Altar Wine	In Memory of Kathleen E. Jachimowski Jamaitis & Edward J. Jachimowski	In Memory of Elene Tong
 SANCTUARY LAMP	Not Available	In Memory of Jachimowski & Gioielli Families
 Hosts	In Memory of William & Hattie Belconis	In Memory of Al Mongillo

### Parish Giving

March 27, 2022		
Offertory Envelope	2nd Collection	Total Collection
\$5,330		\$5,330
Cathderaticum & CSSP	Total Stay in Parish	
\$362	\$4,968	
<b>Thank You for your Generosity</b>		

On Line Giving Offertory will be provided  
on a Monthly Schedule  
**March \$3,628**

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, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21

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.

**Religious Education Mandate:**

Even though the religious education for our students is completed by their parents at home, the Archdiocese of Hartford has continued to mandate participation in the *Child Lures Prevention Program: Think First, Stay Safe*. If you would like to present this to your child, we do have a parent guide that you can use. It will be available to you for pick-up on the scheduled Saturday mornings listed in the bulletin.

Thank you!  
Debi

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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- **Readings for the week of April 10, 2022**
- **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
- **Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
- **Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- **Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
- **Thursday:** *Chrim Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
- *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:*
- Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/
- Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- **Friday:** Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/
- Jn 18:1—19:42
- **Saturday:** *Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or
- Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
- Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/
- Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/
- Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/
- Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/
- Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12
- **Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/
- Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35
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- **Observances for the week of April 10, 2022**
- **Sunday:** Holy Week begins; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- **Monday:** St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
- **Tuesday:**
- **Wednesday:** St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
- **Thursday:** Holy Thursday
- **Friday:** Good Friday; Tax Day
- **Saturday:** Holy Saturday
- **Next Sunday:** Easter Sunday
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### Share Your Colt With Jesus



Palm Sunday begins the highest holy week of the liturgical year. Will it also begin in your life a high holy experience of uniting yourself to Jesus and to his awesome love?

There's a key phrase in the reading that we hear at the beginning of this Mass, during the Procession with Palms, which sums up this experience of your union with God: "The Master has need of it."

Why do you think the Gospel writer spent time explaining how Jesus obtained the colt for his ride into Jerusalem? It's meant to teach us something in our current circumstances. We each have a "colt" tied up somewhere in our lives. It's anything that belongs to us and is not yet being shared with Christ: It could be our possessions, money, talents and skills, creativity, time and energy, etc. The Master has need of it! But sometimes we selfishly tie these up with our own agendas and busyness. They would be useful to Jesus if we let him have them. Like the colt that Jesus rode, they could become gifts that

glorify our Savior.

Palm Sunday teaches us that he deserves to be glorified for his awesome love, which he made visible on the cross. Who else would die for you -- with *that* much suffering? Jesus sacrificed his comfort and his body and blood to take the punishment that we deserve for our sins.

We should rejoice gratefully for this every Sunday with hosannas and admiration, for in the Eucharist we reunite ourselves to that tremendous love. In this communion, why aren't we grinning like lovers who have become joined to their beloved? The answer to that is: Our "colts" are still tied to the post.

Jesus has sent his disciples to you to ask you to share your "colt" with Jesus. They are at the altar consecrating the Eucharist for you. They are writing bulletin "help wanted" blurbs. They are interrupting you at work asking for your prayers or counsel or other assistance. They are the strangers who are in need of your charitable donations.

Who have you heard asking you to become more involved in the plans of God's kingdom?

Our WordBytes site has reflections and self-assessment tests to help you discern what God designed you to do. Go to [wordbytes.org/evangelization-ministry/of-the-laity/](http://wordbytes.org/evangelization-ministry/of-the-laity/) and visit *The Master Needs You*.

#### Questions for Personal Reflection:

Make a list of the "colts" in your life. Which ones would you like Jesus to put to good use? Spend time in prayer imagining that you are untying them and handing them over to Jesus. See how pleased he is!

#### Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Tell your group about a "colt" in your life that Jesus has need of. Why is it difficult to let go of the reins? How can giving control of it over to Jesus help him complete his Good Friday sacrifice in today's world?

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In just a few short weeks, our parish has raised \$23,914 for the 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. In these trying times, the need of our surrounding community grows

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and the assistance provided by the Appeal becomes all the more crucial. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will help continue the vital services, ministries and programs that help so many throughout our Archdiocese.

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.**



Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for **revealing Christ's love** to those who are poor and marginalized around the world.

If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) for more information on how to give.

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### Some Extra Special Time



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

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- 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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