

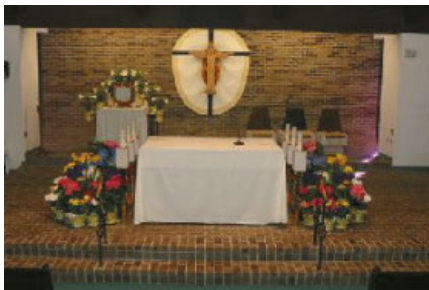
# Saint Nicholas Parish



April 17, 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

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### 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. 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	
Mon. Apr. 18 Good Shepherd	9:00am	✠ Junior DaSilva 13th Anniversary	Wife & Kids	
Tue. Apr. 19 Good Shepherd	9:00am	✠ Mary & ✠ Joseph Bednarek	Shawn & Diane Coleman	Rosary in Church
Wed. Apr. 20 Good Shepherd	9:00am	✠ Florence Gray	Annette & Frank Marcucio	
Thu. Apr. 21 Good Shepherd	9:00am	✠ Sponheimer & ✠ Kummer Families	Alese & David	
Fri. April 22		No Mass		
Sat Apr. 23 Good Shepherd	4:30pm	✠ Fr. Jaksina	Robert & Eva Zegarck & Sons	
Sun. Apr. 24 St Augustine	9:30am	✠ James Chontos Anniversary	Family	
Sun. Apr. 24 Good Shepherd	11:00am	✠ The Holy Souls in Purgatory	Joyce Vallone	

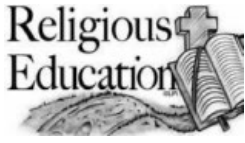
April 2022	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Altar Wine	In Memory of Kathleen E. Jachimowski Jamaitis & Edward J. Jachimowski	In Memory of Elene Tong
 SANCTUARY LAMP	Not Available	In Memory of Jachimowski & Gioielli Families
 Hosts	In Memory of William & Hattie Belconis	In Memory of Al Mongillo

### Parish Giving

April 3, 2022		
Offertory Envelope	2nd Collection	Total Collection
\$5,335		\$5,335
Cathderaticum & CSSP	Total Stay in Parish	
\$363	\$4,972	
<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 17, 2022
- 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
- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/ Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
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- Observances for the week of April 17, 2022
- Sunday: Easter Sunday
- Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
- Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter; St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter;
- Earth Day
- Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter; St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
- Next Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy); St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
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### Christ's Victory For Your Crosses

Alleluia! Celebrate the healing and increased faith that comes from growing closer to Jesus through the faith-building exercises of Lent and the solemn meditations of Holy Week!

The doorway into heaven is the cross. Experiencing the glory of the celebration of Easter -- deep within our hearts, within our needs, within our desires -- began with accepting our sorrows and sacrifices and sufferings are our own personal connections to Jesus. And now, Easter joy comes not only from accepting what Jesus did for you on the cross but also from continuing the journey, side by side, step by step with Jesus.

When we're sincere about following Christ, if we truly want to grow in faith, we do whatever he does, united to his ministry of helping others grow in their eternal relationship with God. In this, we face the cross again and again. There is no gain in salvation without the pain of sacrificial love.

The victorious alleluia of Easter is the triumph of the cross. It's the realization that life doesn't have to be free of troubles in order to be full of joy. It's the day-to-day living out of a faith that comes from trusting that God is carrying us through the trials and bringing good out of bad.

Our cross is a soft word that we speak when someone else is angry and we feel like shouting. Our cross is a hand outstretched to comfort the afflicted when it's inconvenient and we feel like withdrawing. Our cross is a good deed that we do to those who treat us unjustly and we feel like retaliating. And our resurrection is the joy that comes from knowing that we have made a difference in the lives of others for the sake of God's kingdom.

Love that's given when it's difficult is a suffering love, a passionate love, a salvific love, i.e., it benefits the eternal lives of others. Then, our sacrifices have a value of endless worth. This is so much better than a self-serving, easy life. It's *eternally* better! Easter Sunday Mass is the celebration of rising with Jesus into glorious victory over evil.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What sacrifices are you suffering from right now? Write Jesus a love letter that connects your pain to his pain on the cross, then rest quietly with him as if you were sharing his tomb with him. When you're ready to rise from your chair, celebrate that God appreciates all you have done for his kingdom; this is your resurrection!

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

Describe the time when a bad experience turned into something good. What did you learn from it about God or faith? How do you know that you're an Easter Christian?

### 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!**

### Paying it forward

A family from the parish recently came forward and wanted to share their good fortune. They recently had a small miracle happen to one of their family members and were very grateful to God and many of our parishioners for their prayers and support. With grateful hearts they decided to "pay it forward" and chose to give a very generous financial contribution to the parish. Sometimes God's work in this world is very evident; sometimes he moves in mysterious ways.

Let's all be grateful for compassion shown by God to this family and to all who supported them here at St. Nicholas Parish. May God bless us all this Easter season.



Fr. Tom

### Archbishop's Annual Appeal Statistics

Archdiocese of Hartford  
Hartford, CT

Saint Nicholas Parish - Seymour

Parish Goal:	\$60,000.00
Total Pledges:	\$23,914.00
Total Paid:	\$16,192.00
Total Gifts:	114
Average Gift:	\$209.77
Percent of Goal:	39.86%
Participation Rate:	8.60%
Total Number of Parishioners:	1325



Another great send off party! If you were unable to make the reception for Deacon Ken Ewaskie as he retires from active ministry, you missed some great food and fellowship. All those present agreed that it was a great gathering. Even Deacon Ken seemed to have a good time! My thanks to all who prepared the event. I just hope that people don't get too accustomed to these events and expect them every few weeks.

*Fr. Tom*

**Good Food - Good Friends - Good Memories!!**

## Gratitude Exemplified

It was a pleasure greeting and meeting with our faith community at the reception held on my behalf on the occasion of my retirement as Deacon from Saint Nicholas Parish. I will always remember and cherish fondly, the many close relationships that we have established in pursuit of a closer bond with Our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. Through our mutual knowing and sharing and living our faith we have become true disciples of our God.

I am humbled and appreciative of the out-pouring of sentiment and memorials offered by my dear sisters and brothers in Christ. I will pray always for the common good of our collective welfare in doing the will of God.

God bless you.

*Deacon Ken*

P.S. Father Tom has presented me with an open invitation to reconnect with our faith community as the situation permits. I shall take advantage of his generous offer.



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