

Saint Nicholas Parish

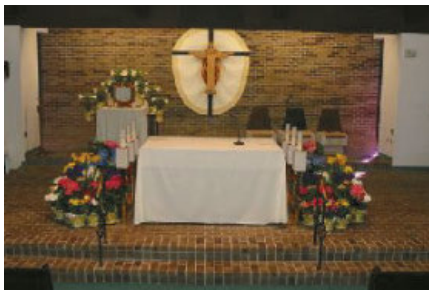
May 1, 2022

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. 30 Good Shepherd	4:30pm	✠ Fr. Jaksina	Annette & Frank Marcucio	
Sun. May 1 St Augustine	9:30am	✠ Louis Zaccaro Anniversary	Wife & Family	
Sun. May 1 Good Shepherd	11:00am	✠ Frank Tonucci	Family	
Mon. May 2 Good Shepherd	9:00am	✠ RoseLee Kops	Mary & Michael Barr	
Tue. May 3 Good Shepherd	9:00am	✠ William Burke	Shawn & Diane Coleman	Rosary in Church National Day of Prayer
Wed. May 4 Good Shepherd	9:00am	✠ Theresa LaRocque	Beata Bilik	
Thu. May 5		No Mass		
Fri. May 6		No Mass		
Sat May 7 Good Shepherd	4:30pm	✠ Dolores Cortello	Cortello Family	
Sun. May 8 St Augustine	9:30am	✠ Diane Chontos Anniversary	Family	
Sun. May 8 Good Shepherd	11:00am	✠ Richard J. Lombardi Sr.	Lombardi Family	

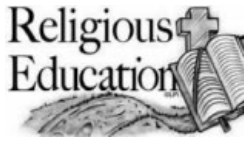
April 2022	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Altar Wine	In Memory of Kathleen E. Jachimowski Jamaitis & Edward J. Jachimowski	In Memory of Elene Tong
 SANCTUARY LAMP	Not Available	In Memory of Jachimowski & Gioielli Families
 Hosts	In Memory of Robert & Diana Ewen	In Memory of Members of Sopoliga Family

Parish Giving

April 24, 2022		
Offertory Envelope	2nd Collection	Total Collection
\$4,261		\$4,261
Cathderaticum & CSSP	Total Stay in Parish	
\$290	\$3,971	
Thank You for your Generosity		

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

Additional Saturday dates for 2022 will be posted at a later time. 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.



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

- Readings for the week of May 01, 2022
- Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/ Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
- Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
- Observances for the week of May 01, 2022
- Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker
- Monday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
- Wednesday:
- Thursday: National Day of Prayer; Cinco de Mayo
- Friday:
- Saturday:
- Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day

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.

The Nature Of Our Calling



Whenever I read this Sunday's Gospel story, I have to wonder, how did Jesus catch the fish he was barbecuing when the disciples came ashore? Did he have a net, too? Did he buy it in town with the bread? If so, didn't anyone recognize him? Or maybe the fish just jumped out of the water onto the fire! And maybe he turned stone into bread, like Satan had once tempted him to do.

Reflect back upon the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fish. Same foods: bread and fish. Same miracle! It does not matter how little we have or even whether we have anything at all. God the Creator has an infinite supply and is able to produce an abundance of everything. It's never based on what we have; it's always based on the love he has for us.

What he wants from us is the willingness to do the work of sharing what God provides. In the miracle of feeding the crowd, the disciples were asked to distribute the multiplied food. In the miracle of the huge catch of fish, the disciples were asked to "bring some of the fish you caught" and add it to the

meal that Jesus was already cooking.

Afterward, Peter was asked to share the love he had for Jesus with the "sheep". From where does love come? Peter didn't love anybody by his own efforts; none of us do. Peter was created with God's love already in him, as we all were, for we were made in the image of God who is love.

Peter's calling was to share the abundance of God's love, so that the kingdom of God could continue to spread throughout the earth. What is God asking you to do? The answer does not lie in what you have, but in what you are willing to do with what God already has.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What work for the kingdom of God (the parish, a friend, a community program) have you felt a desire to do but haven't yet done because your net feels empty? Assume that Jesus is asking you to do it; what action can you take this week that will toss your net over the other side of the boat?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Are you doing everything you feel called by God to do? Share with your community a frustrated calling, i.e., an unsuccessful or un-begun vocation. What does God have that you don't have that could turn the dream into reality? Exchange ideas on how to avail yourself of God's abundance.

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Prayer For Enough

May God Give You

- ❖ Enough Happiness to keep you going
- ❖ Enough Trials to keep you strong
- ❖ Enough Sorrows to keep you human
- ❖ Enough Hope to keep you happy
- ❖ Enough Failure to keep you humble
- ❖ Enough Success to keep you eager
- ❖ Enough Friends to give you comfort
- ❖ Enough Wealth to meet your needs
- ❖ Enough Enthusiasm to make you look forward
- ❖ Enough Faith to banish depression
- ❖ Enough Determination to make each day a better day than the last



Please know that if you are having the weekend mass said for a certain person or reason and you would like to bring the gifts up to the priest during the

mass, please let the ushers know when you come into church that you would like this honor. If no one comes forward, the ushers will find someone to bring the gifts forward.

National Day of Prayer, May 3, calls on all people of different faiths in the United States to pray for the nation and its leaders. It is held on the first Thursday of May each year.





The month of May is dedicated to **The Blessed Virgin Mary**. The first 23 days fall within the liturgical season of **Easter**, which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). The remainder of the month (beginning the Monday after Pentecost) is in **Ordinary Time** which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. May is a month of growth, when nature is reborn. Many Catholics may be aware that May is consecrated to Mary, but it may be unclear why this month was selected for this particular distinction.

OUR MONTHLY SHELTER DINNER



Will be held at the Spooner House in Shelton on Thursday, May 5th. A sign-up sheet with the menu is in the St. Augustine vestibule, for 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.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal Statistics Archdiocese of Hartford Hartford, CT Saint Nicholas Parish - Seymour

Parish Goal:\$60,000.00
Total Pledges:\$29,659.00
Total Paid:\$23,003.00
Total Gifts:149
Average Gift:\$199.05
Percent of Goal:49.43%
Participation Rate:11.25%
Total Number of Parishioners:1324

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. 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://iarchdiocesofhartford.org/appeal>

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

Spring is here! The days are longer and warmer!

For women;

The League of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of St Nicholas Parish, a league for women, will be meeting again.

NEW PLANS: TO HAVE MEETINGS IN THE EARLY EVENING AND/OR LATE AFTERNOON.

This league is for all ST Nicholas Parishes' women, young, middle age and old. It is a time and place for women to meet, meet new people, relax, talk and have refreshments.

Membership in this league will give you the opportunity to strengthen your bond with the ST. Nicholas' Parish's Family.

An activity or activities that you may want to do for enjoyment and fun—ideas for present and future meetings can be discussed and perhaps done.

You may want to have a fund raising activity for something or someone on which the league members can work.

Members may have a speaker(s) and or activities for members and/or the congregation in which to participate.

Members of the league help the Men's Club in their activities.

Starting a devotion to the Sacred Heart were Blessed Claude de la Colombiere and Father Jean Croiset who were members of the Society of Jesus. They were closely associated with Saint Margaret Mary to whom a revelation of the Sacred Heart had been made in 1675.

In November 2022, ST. Nicholas's Sacred Heart League will be 83 YEARS.

Welcoming members and new members. Questions call: 203-888-3496 Elaine





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