

Saint Nicholas Parish

May 8, 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 May 7 Good Shepherd	4:30pm	† Dolores Cortello	Cortello Family	
Sun. May 8 St Augustine	9:30am	† Diane Chontos Anniversary	Family	Mother's Day
Sun. May 8 Good Shepherd	11:00am	† Richard J. Lombardi Sr.	Lombardi Family	
Mon. May 9 Good Shepherd	9:00am	† Leonard Tomasheski Jr Birthday Memorial	Family	
Tue. May 10 Good Shepherd	9:00am	Dr. Clarence Sponheimer	Alese & David	Rosary in Church
Wed. May 11 Good Shepherd	9:00am	† Elsa Cortella	Family	
Thu. May 12 Good Shepherd	9:00am	† Florence & † Joseph Martone	Annette & Frank Marcucio	
Fri. May 13		No Mass		
Sat May 14 Good Shepherd	4:30pm	† Bertha & † Ted Kasztejna	Downs Family	
Sun. May 15 St Augustine	9:30am	† Mary Aldo	Mary Ellen Slywka	
Sun. May 15 Good Shepherd	11:00am	† Evo Gramolini Memorial	Gramolini Family	

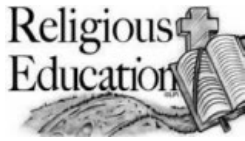
May 2022	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Altar Wine	In Memory of Kathleen E. Jachimowski Jamaitis & Edward J. Jachimowski	In Memory of Elene Tong
 SANCTUARY LAMP	Not Available	In Memory of Jachimowski & Gioielli Families
 Hosts	In Memory of Robert & Diana Ewen	In Memory of Members of Sopoliga Family

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
April \$4,251

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:;
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 08, 2022**
- **Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/ Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30**
- **Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10**
- **Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30**
- **Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50**
- **Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20**
- **Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6**
- **Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17**
- **Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35**
- **Observances for the week of May 08, 2022**
- **Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother’s Day**
- **Monday:**
- **Tuesday: St. Damien de Veuster, Priest**
- **Wednesday:**
- **Thursday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr**
- **Friday: Our Lady of Fatima**
- **Saturday: St. Matthias, Apostle**
- **Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter; St. Isidore**
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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.

Blind Trust In Jesus

This Sunday's Gospel reading is short and to the point: Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is the only one we follow, the only one we can trust blindly.

Others who have authority in our lives might be good shepherds, but none of them are to be followed blindly, not even the best of them. We respect the positions of bishops, parish pastors, employers, teachers, parents, etc., but all make mistakes, all sin, all have incomplete understandings of the situations for which they're responsible. We must use the Holy Spirit's gift of discernment in each case so that we don't behave like dumb sheep inadvertently cooperating with decisions that grieve our Father God.

Only Jesus can be blindly trusted. Only Jesus is perfect and knows all, understands all, and never sins. Only Jesus can successfully make the right decisions all the time and lead us through the various situations of life without inadvertently cooperating with evil. Only Jesus can discern and implement a plan that's best for every person who's affected by the plan. Only Jesus can lead us closer and closer to heaven while guiding us through the pitfalls and dangers of the journey.

And it is only Jesus who can smile at our blunders when we stray from his plans, because he knows that we still really do love him and want to do what's right. He knows how to implement a new plan that will steer us back into safe pastures. He compassionately holds onto us so that we don't wriggle away from the Father's hand forever.

Whenever we distrust anyone -- ourselves, included -- we can safely trust that no matter what happens, Jesus is always there, steadfastly guiding us and re-guiding us after we stray. Because we really do love him and want to do what's right, he is securing our safety, redeeming our mistakes, making good come from bad when we repent of our sins, and of course always making sure that we'll get home to heaven.

To be good sheep, all we have to do is cooperate with his guidance!

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How much do you trust yourself and your discernment of truth and your ability to stay on the path to heaven? Who else is difficult to trust right now? What will you do this week to entrust these matters to Jesus?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

When is it difficult to trust Jesus? Why is it so difficult? Considering that past experiences with imperfect humans naturally causes us to distrust even Jesus, what helps you overcome this so that you can trust God more?

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Mother's Day holiday, in the United States and Canada, celebrates motherhood generally and the positive contributions of mothers to society. It falls on the second Sunday of each May. It is the result of a campaign by Anna Marie Jarvis (1864-1948), who following the death of her mother on May 9, 1905, devoted her life to establishing Mother's Day as a national, and later an international, holiday. The first observances of both Mother's Day and Father's Day were held in the state of West Virginia.



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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.

The Art of Aging

This virtual exhibition will open on our website May 2 at 12 noon.

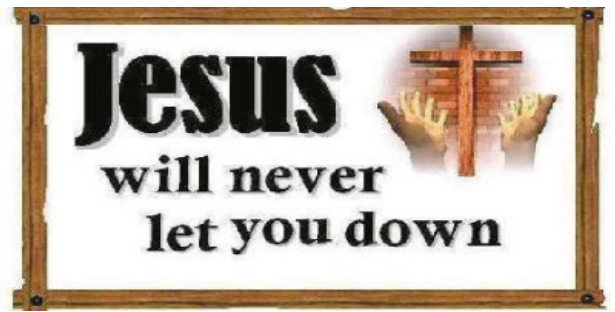
Watch our Facebook page for the opening announcement!

Prizes will be awarded in both photography and paintings based on your votes.

Mark your calendar! Artist Celebration will be held online Thursday, May 26 at 2:00 p.m. when the popular Choice Awards will be announced

Are you aged 60 or older and passionate about painting or photography?

There is still time to register!



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://i.archdiocesofhartford.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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