

Saint Nicholas Parish

May 15, 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 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	
Mon. May 16 Good Shepherd	9:00am	† Bertha & † Ted Kasztejna	Downs Family	
Tue. May 17 Good Shepherd	9:00am	Intention of Daily Mass Congregation	Susan, Matthew & Alexis	Rosary in Church
Wed. May 18 Good Shepherd	9:00am	Mass Available		
Thu. May 19 Good Shepherd	9:00am	† Frank Marti 2nd Anniversary	Wife & Children	
Fri. May 20		No Mass		
Sat May 21 Good Shepherd	4:30pm	† Frances & † Stephen Senetcky	Daughter Alice & Family	
Sun. May 22 St Augustine	9:30am	† Elizabeth Buccino	ST. Nicholas Men's Club	
Sun. May 22 Good Shepherd	11:00am	† Edward Sadlowski 7th Axnniversay	Wife Marion, Children & Grandchildren	

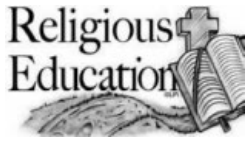
May 2022	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Altar Wine	In Memory of Kathleen E. Jachimowski Jamaitis & Edward J. Jachimowski	In Memory of Elene Tong
 SANCTUARY LAMP	Not Available	In Memory of Jachimowski & Gioielli Families
 Hosts	In Memory of Robert & Diana Ewen	In Memory of Members of Sopoliga Family

Parish Giving

Thank You for your Generosity	
May 1	\$5,055
May 8	\$3855
Fuel Collection	\$1,981
Total Collections	\$10,891
Cathderaticum	\$751
Total Stay in Parish	\$10,140

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:;

5/14, 6/4, 6/18, 6/25

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
Karen T	Steve S	AP	Rose S	Tom G
Diane O.	Joseph G	Bob B		



- Readings for the week of May 15, 2022
- Sundays: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
- Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

- Observances for the week of May 15, 2022
- Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter; St. Isidore
- Monday:
- Tuesday:
- Wednesday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr
- Thursday:
- Friday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
- Saturday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs; Armed Forces Day
- Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
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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.

The Glorious Mission

If you knew you were about to die, what wisdom would you impart to your loved ones in your final moments? What's most important for them to learn from you?

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus knows that his time is short. The first thing he says to his friends are words of praise for God (the Father) while equating himself with God. He even calls his friends "children" as if he himself is God the Father! In so doing, he makes it clear that he is one with the Father -- so totally that the lines between Father and Savior are blurred. And he does it humbly. He could have said, "Hey guys, in case you're not sure, I am divine. I am God. Worship me." But instead, he focuses on the glory of God.

Glory is the radiating light of God's presence: his love, his joy, his holiness, his peace, his wisdom, his creativity, and everything else that he imparts on those who want to bathe in his glory. When we glorify God, we are reflecting back to him this same glory. How much of this glory is illuminating your life?

After describing the exchange of glory between Father and Son, Jesus imparts to his disciples the highest wisdom of the universe: The key to successfully joining Jesus in the glory of God is to love as he loves.

Love is not love unless it unselfishly gives itself to others. Jesus unselfishly gave himself to us completely, even in death. Followers of Jesus are not true followers, disciples are not true disciples, priests are not true priests, lay leaders are not true leaders, unless they serve with love, in love, and through love.

The glory of God is love that gives itself completely, even sacrificially. Why does the Gospel reading give us a scene from the Passion of Christ while we're celebrating the season of Easter? The other readings are full of Easter: "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5a). And yet here is Jesus preparing for betrayal, torture, and death. Why?

This Gospel reading is Jesus imparting to us today the key to continuing the mission of sharing God's glory, which Jesus began and now calls us to do. By loving one another in a spirit of sacrifice, we are showing the world that Jesus is real, he is risen, and he is alive in us.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Whom do you not love? If you were able to give that person a gift of yourself as an act of love for the glory of God, what would that gift be?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

How do sacrificial acts of love glorify God? Name a good deed you did recently. How was it self-giving (sacrificial)? How was it also a gift from Jesus, a sign that he was working through you?

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St. Michael Church

25 Maple Ave., Beacon Falls, CT 203-729-2504

Spring Fair: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

in the St. Michael Church Park (next to the church)

Food by our Men's Club, Ladies' Guild Baskets, Kids' Zone,
Live Entertainment by Full Circle, Juke Box Bingo, Vendors,
Cash Raffle

Raffle Drawing: 4:00 PM on Sunday, May 22, 2022,
at the Spring Fair St. Michael Church Park

Ticket Price: \$20 each.

There will be 12 Cash Prizes!

1st Prize: \$5,000 2nd-4th Prizes: \$1,000

5th-7th Prizes: \$500 8th-12th Prizes: \$100

**Raffle tickets sales at Good Shepherd at the 4:30 Mass
on Saturday, May 14th, and the 11:00 Mass on Sunday,
May 15th.**

Thank you for your support



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

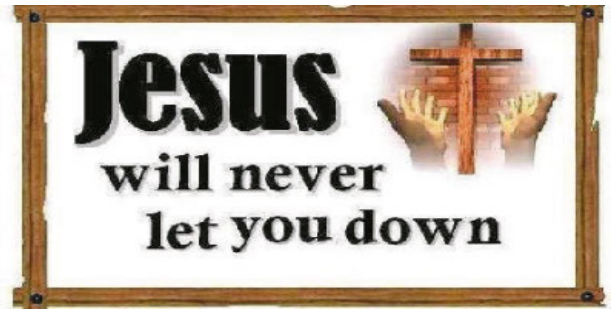
come into church that you would like this honor. If no one comes forward, the ushers will find someone to bring the gifts forward.

The **Archbishop's Annual Appeal** provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference. Right here in our own town Organizations such as Seymour-Oxford Food Bank, Master's Table Community Meals, Ansonia, & St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, Derby received funding from the Appeals Vicariate Outreach Program which serves our local neighbors.

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.**



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

Refreshed & Renewed !!



You may have noticed that the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the St. Augustine flower bed looks brighter. One of our parishioners, Tom Cigas, took it upon himself to give the statue a little facelift and cleaning. It now looks much better. Thanks Tom for your time and effort to make the church a brighter space!



Fr. Tom



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