

Saint Nicholas Parish

May 22, 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 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 Anniversary	Wife Marion, Children & Grandchildren	
Mon. May 23 Good Shepherd	9:00am	Mass Available		
Tue. May 24 Good Shepherd	9:00am	† George Ryan Jr.	McGuirk Family	Rosary in Church
Wed. May 25 Good Shepherd	9:00am	† Mary Cisto	Paula Lisewski	
Wed May 25 St. Augustine	6:00pm	Mass Available		Ascension of the Lord Vigil
Thu. May 26 Good Shepherd	9:00am	† Junior DaSilva Birthday Mass	Wife & Kids	Ascension of the Lord Holy Day of Obligation
Fri. May 27		No Mass		
Sat May 28 Good Shepherd	4:30pm	† Father Martin Keane	Bob, Carmie, & Daniel Potash	Catholic Communication Campaign
Sun. May 29 St Augustine	9:30am	† Irene DeGeorge	Don & Cindy Baxter	
Sun. May 29 Good Shepherd	11:00am	† Basso & † Cortello Families	Cortello Family	

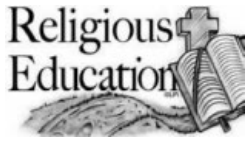
May 2022	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Altar Wine	In Memory of Kathleen E. Jachimowski Jamaitis & Edward J. Jachimowski	In Memory of Elene Tong
 SANCTUARY LAMP	Not Available	In Memory of Jachimowski & Gioielli Families
 Hosts	In Memory of Robert & Diana Ewen	In Memory of Members of Sopoliga Family

Parish Giving

Thank You for your Generosity	
May 1	\$5,055
May 8	\$3855
May 15	\$4,577
Fuel Collection	\$2,126
Total Collections	\$15,613
Cathderaticum	\$1,077
Total Stay in Parish	\$14,536

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 22, 2022
- 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
- Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20
- Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18/ Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53
- Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/ Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/ Jn 17:20-26

- Observances for the week of May 22, 2022
- Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; St. Rita of Cascia,
- Religious
- Monday:
- Tuesday:
- Wednesday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
- Thursday: St. Philip Neri, Priest
- Friday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
- Saturday:
- Next Sunday: 7th Sunday of Easter; The Ascension of the Lord; St. Paul VI, Pope; World
- Communications Day
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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 Key To Successfully Loving As Jesus Loves



As this Sunday's Gospel reading points out, to love Jesus means to live by his commandments and teachings. In our hearts, we do want to do this. We want to honor Christ by imitating him. We want to love like Jesus loves. We know that God dwells in us when we do this.

However, it isn't easy. Every day, stuff happens that challenges our ability to keep his word and imitate his ways. Either we forget what Jesus would have done in a similar situation, or we don't know. When people afflict us with their faults and failings and unloving behaviors, we fumble around in uncertainty and guesswork and sinful reactions.

There is no list in scripture that spells out clearly how to follow Christ in each and every circumstance: "If such-and-such occurs, apply Godly Principle #127."

This is why Jesus assured us that he'd give us his Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is here to remind us of Jesus and his holy ways every time we face another challenging situation, from the moment we wake up in the morning till the moment we're sleeping again.

So then, our problem is not that we don't know how to keep the commandments of Christ. Our problem is that we forget to rely on the Holy Spirit who teaches us how to keep the commandments. Or we don't know how to be aware of his guidance. We have God's full assistance, but we react to life's challenges as if we must handle it by ourselves.

Here's a spiritual exercise that can help you remember to stay open-eared to the sound of Holy Spirit guiding you: Sanctify each hour. Set your watch or a timer app on your cell phone to beep an alarm at the top of each hour. Whenever it beeps, say a few words thanking the Holy Spirit for being with you and guiding you through the next sixty minutes. After doing this for few weeks, you'll become automatically and constantly aware of the presence of God and his ever-available help.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How often do you pray specifically to the Holy Spirit for guidance and insight and understanding? What would you like the Holy Spirit to explain to you right now? Ask for the help, and then wait, watch and listen for God to open your heart to the truth.

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

How has the Holy Spirit been a teacher to you? How has God filled in gaps in your understanding of scripture and Church teachings and their real-life applications? What sources has he used to convey the information (e.g., a homily, a song, a friend)?

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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



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

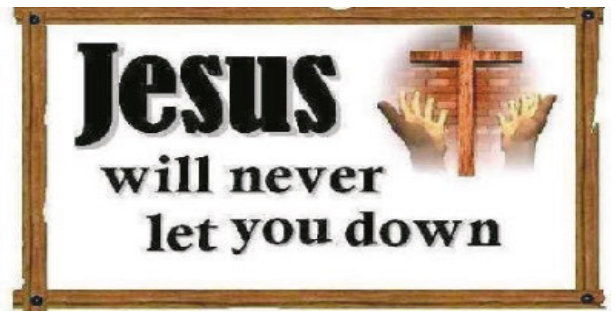
come into church that you would like this honor. If no one comes forward, the ushers will find someone to bring the gifts forward.

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

Please don't wait for the last minute
Over the last several months, I have noticed a growing trend that has me concerned. More and more I am getting requests for the "Last Rites" because someone in a family is on their death bed. The problem is that I am not always in the rectory to respond to the request.



Anointing of the sick

The sacrament is called "The Anointing of the Sick" because it is to be celebrated while the person is still alive and can participate in the liturgy. It may also be received multiple times in one's life. Many people find it comforting and a sense of healing when they are anointed.

So please help me to get the word out that people should not wait until the last moment to receive the sacrament. It pains my heart to know that I missed out on this special moment for a parishioner. As you know, I am the only priest in the parish now and I can't sit at home waiting for the phone to ring 24 hours a day. (I don't think I'd be as much fun if I had to do that.)

Let's work on this together for the sake of God's kingdom.

Fr. Tom



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