

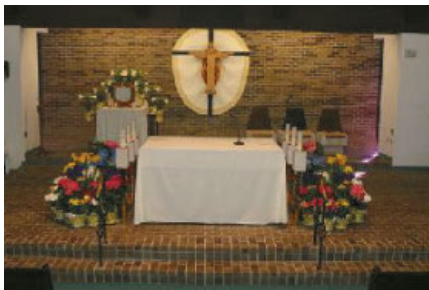
Saint Nicholas Parish

May 29, 2022
Seymour, Connecticut



Parish Staff

Rev. Thomas J Cieslikowski, Administrator
Joan Kayser, Office Manager
Denny McNamara, Cemetery Director
Debi Durette, Coordinator of Religious Education
Glenn Durette, Director of Music (Good Shepherd)
Frank Parda, Building and Grounds (Good Shepherd)
Michael Vignola, Bulletin Editor, Webmaster Parish Website



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 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 | |
| Mon. May 30 Good Shepherd | 9:00am | Mass Available | |  |
| Tue. May 31 Good Shepherd | 9:00am | Mass Available | | Rosary in Church |
| Wed. Jun. 1 Good Shepherd | 9:00am | † Feliks Zak 23rd Anniversary | Daughter-in-law Margaret | |
| Thu. Jun. 2 Good Shepherd | 9:00am | Mass Available | | |
| Fri. Jun. 3 | | No Mass | | |
| Sat Jun. 4 Good Shepherd | 4:30pm | Ethel Fernandes Birthday Blessings | Children & Grandchildren | |
| Sun. Jun. 5 St Augustine | 9:30am | † Orlando Soto & † Armando Serrano | Sonia Garcia | |
| Sun. Jun. 5 Good Shepherd | 11:00am | † Kaminski Family | Dolores Kaminski | |

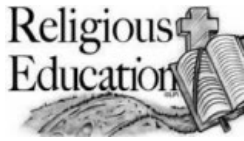
| May 2022 | St Augustine | Good Shepherd |
|---|---|--|
|  Altar Wine | In Memory of Kathleen E. Jachimowski Jamaitis & Edward J. Jachimowski | In Memory of Elene Tong |
|  SANCTUARY LAMP | Not Available | In Memory of Jachimowski & Gioielli Families |
|  Hosts | In Memory of Robert & Diana Ewen | In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

Parish Giving

| Thank You for your Generosity | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| May 1 | \$5,055 |
| May 8 | \$3855 |
| May 15 | \$4,577 |
| May 22 | \$3,900 |
| Fuel Collection | \$2,126 |
| Total Collections | \$19,513 |
| Cathderaticum | \$1,346 |
| Total Stay in Parish | \$18,167 |

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 | | |



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.

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day. Decoration Day was officially proclaimed by General John Logan, national commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. It was first observed on May 30, 1868, when President Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery and flowers were placed on the graves of more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers. In 1882, the name was changed to Memorial Day, and soldiers who had died in other wars were also honored.

In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. It is now celebrated in every state.

The Sacrament Of Relationships

Today's Gospel reading contains the prayer for the Church that Jesus offered up to heaven shortly before he offered his life in the crucifixion. In it, he makes a sacrament out of relationships. As Jesus and the Father are one, we too are to be one with each other, so that by our witness of unity – permanent, committed, self-sacrificing, unconditional love – we show the world what God's love is like. We prove to the world that God's love is real: It's permanent, committed, unconditional, and self-sacrificing no matter how much one sins.

A sacramental marriage is a visual lesson for the world, a teaching about radical love: how God loves us unconditionally, for better and for worse, in sickness and in health, whether we are rich or poor, with complete faithfulness. Marriage is meant to be a life of radical love, a love that cannot be experienced outside the bonds of permanent vows. In a sacramental marriage, the husband lays down his life to serve his wife, and the wife lays down her life to serve her husband, just as Christ laid down his life to serve us and we who are the Church, the Bride of Christ, lay down our lives to follow him and serve him.

Marriage is that sacred! This is the reason why a Catholic priest cannot marry couples who have been divorced until after an investigation proves that previous marriages were not true unions. The unity of a couple is as sacred as the unity between Jesus and the Father and as sacred as our God-ordained mission to reveal his love.

Other relationships – when God has formed them – are sacred, too. Each union created by God is a sacrament (the presence and power of Christ for the world). Each relationship is meant to be a visual lesson that teaches the world about the true identity and salvation of Jesus.

How horrible – how anti-evangelization – are divisions within the Body of Christ!!

Questions for Personal Reflection:

List the people who are God's gift to you. Who used to be a gift but no longer seems so due to hardships and relational difficulties? What will you do for that person this week to serve him or her in love (even if they won't be able to know about it)?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Describe a time when a loving gesture from a friend, spouse, parent, or someone else revealed to you God's love. Even if you didn't realize it at the time, how was this gift of love an answer to Jesus' prayer? How is God building unity in your home or parish as an answer to Jesus' prayer?

© 2022 Terry Modica, Catholic Digital Resources, www.catholicdr.com. Printed by permission.

- • • • •
- **Readings for the week of May 29, 2022**
- **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 *Seventh 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
- **Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
- **Tuesday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56
- **Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
- **Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
- **Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
- **Saturday:** *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
- **Next Sunday:** *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
 Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
 • *Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/
 Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Day:* Acts 2:1-11/
 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or
 Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26
-
- **Observances for the week of May 29, 2022**
- **Sunday:** 7th Sunday of Easter; The Ascension of the Lord; St. Paul VI, Pope; World
- **Communications Day**
- **Monday:** Memorial Day
- **Tuesday:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- **Wednesday:** St. Justin, Martyr
- **Thursday:** Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
- **Friday:** St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
- **Saturday:**
- **Next Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday; St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
- • • • •

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

5/17/2022

Saint Nicholas Parish - Seymour

Parish Goal: **\$60,000.00**

Total Pledged: **\$33,874.00**

Total Paid: **\$26,918.00**

Total Gifts: **178**

Average Gift: **\$190.30**

Percent of Goal: **56.46%**

Participation Rate: **13.48%**

Total Parishioners: **1,320**

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



**Catholic
Communication
Campaign**

CONNECT WITH CHRIST

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC engage and build Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Archdioceses of Hartford to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message.

Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit

www.usccb.org/cc



FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICE

"Pledging To Serve As We Would Be Served"

Burial - Cremation • Pre-Need & Title 19 Trusts
Monuments • Free Bereavement Library

Franklyn E. Hull • Jane M. Hull • John P. Stavola, L.E., L.F.D.

Obituaries & Virtual Tour Online. Go To www.hullfh.com

161 West Church St.

888-2538

Since 1952

CHUCTA COMPANY
Well Water Specialists
Specializing in Well Water Since 1977
203-736-0202
Family Owned & Operated
www.Chucta.com

DAYTON CAMBRA, DDS
Family and Cosmetic Dentistry
Dental Implants and Invisalign

(203) 888-4561
245 West St., Rt. 67 • Seymour, CT

ATTORNEYS AT LAW
Fred Stanek
Teodosio Stanek, LLC
481 OXFORD ROAD, OXFORD
881-3600

Falcioni PAINTING
(203) 888-3000 • www.falcionipainting.net

Cindy Baxter - Realtor®
Parishioner for 36 Years, Five Star Realtor for 7 years!
The finest compliment I can receive is a referral, Thank you!
Cell: **(203) 214-9487**
cindy.baxter@yahoo.com
Home Office - Seymour
Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated

KW KELLER WILLIAMS
REALTY

MLS

Pre-Planned Funeral Arrangements
- Parishioners -
Miller-Ward Funeral Home & Cremation Services
Family Owned
Route 67, Seymour Title 19
203-888-2021 Funeral Planning
Kurt Miller Director

DIVINE MASSAGE
Relax, Refresh and Restore your Spirit
Divine Massage and Energy Works LLC
Gift Cards & Packages available!
Buy for yourself & give a gift to someone special!
Private sessions by appointment only.
35 Columbus St, Seymour
(203) 650-2433
divinemassage@yahoo.com

CONCEPTIONAL LANDSCAPE SERVICES
203-734-2825
290 Roosevelt Dr., Seymour

HOFFMAN ENERGY
SINCE 1977
800-637-2239
• Heating Oil, Air Conditioning Sales & Service
• Propane
• Household Plumbing
• Energy Audits
• Chimney Services
• Natural Gas Service
www.hoffmanfuel.com
HOD #.366 or .99

Nickie O'Toole Realty LLC
Life-long Local Resident
Serving Fairfield and New Haven Counties
Home Office: **203-888-3921**
realestate@nickieotoole.com
I Don't Just List Property, I Sell it!
Nickie DiDio O'Toole | Owner/Broker

DENTIST
Nagesh D. Shrestha, DDS
Accepting New Patients
300 Bank St.,
(Rt. 67) Seymour, CT
(203) 888-0700
Evening & Saturday appointments available
Participate with Many Insurances

EXPERIENCED ELECTRICAL SERVICE AT REASONABLE COST
PEDRO J. FERRER, OWNER
FERRER'S ELECTRIC LLC
Fully Licensed and Insured
LIC#FE1-0200850
203-733-3310 • 845-913-5175
FerrerElectricLLC.com

DAVIS OIL COMPANY INC.
"The Heating Service That Pleases"
75th ANNIVERSARY 1941 - 2016
Family Owned & Operated Oil Company
PO Box 8116, NEW HAVEN, CT 06513
203-734-6142
HOD.1160

Anthony V. Chepulis Funeral Home
Funeral & Cremation Services
Licensed Directors: Anne R Chepulis • Paul N. Warren, Ph.D.
Funeral Assistant: Joseph J. Rogalis
47 Washington Ave., Seymour, CT 06483
203-888-3812 | chepulifuneralhome.com

Dedicated to testing for & mitigating radon gas levels in your home.
NOW OFFERING FULL SPECTRUM HOME INSPECTIONS FOR HOME BUYERS & SELLERS IN CT.
203-985-9441
ABSOLUTERADONCT@GMAIL.COM
Owned & operated by a lifelong Seymour resident.

RALPH NOEL BUILDING & REMODELING
All Size Jobs, Kitchens, Baths, Laminate Flooring, Additions & More
Licensed & Insured
203-605-8972

Ask us about the **Catholic Funeral Plan**

700 MIDDLETOWN AVENUE, NORTH HAVEN
203-239-2557 • CCACEM.ORG

Explorers Learning Center
203-881-5437
30C PROGRESS DRIVE, SEYMOUR
INFANTS - TODDLERS - PRESCHOOL & MORE
elc.explorerslearningcenter@gmail.com
www.explorerslearning.com

ABSOLUTE ESTATE CLEANOUT SERVICES
No job too big or too small- We Do It All!
All types of cleanouts- foreclosures, estate removals, junk hauling, donations, dump runs, odds & end jobs- just ask!
Home & Business Asphalt & Concrete Repairs
We get the job done- leave no mess behind!
Fully Licensed & Insured | Seymour resident
Call Mark for a Free Estimate - 203-868-5163
www.absoluteestatecleanoutservices.com

FREE AD DESIGN
WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE
CALL 800.477.4574

Aria's European Deli & Market
FULL-SERVICE GOURMET DELI
ARIA'S EUROPEAN DELI & MARKET
Gourmet Imported Foods, Meats & Pastries.
Custom Platters ~ Catering ~ Pierogi
Oxmour/CVS Plaza @ 223 West St, Seymour
Open Everyday **(475) 675-5696**
www.ariaseuropeandelilandmarket.com