

# Saint Nicholas Parish

August 10, 2025

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 9:00 am  
Handicap Accessible Side Entrance

Parish Website [www.stnicholasct.org](http://www.stnicholasct.org)  
Email - [stnicholasct@comcast.net](mailto:stnicholasct@comcast.net)  
Telephone 203-888-9243 - Fax 203-888-6016

### Rectory Office Hours

Good Shepherd	Mon. to Thur.	9:00am - 3:00pm
	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](http://www.vocationshartford.org)

### Sick Calls

We are happy and honored to visit the sick  
or homebound.

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 10, 2025

Good Shepherd	Mass Intentions
Sat. 8/9 4:30 pm	† Steven Shingara (Daughter Valeria)
Sun. 8/10 11:00 am	† Antoinette & † Marin Petric Anniversary Memorial (Gramolini Family)
Mon. 8/11 9:00am	† John Coleman (Tony Giovanetti & Frank Parda)
Tue. 8/12 9:00am	† Diane Coleman (Tony Giovanetti & Frank Parda)
Wed. 8/13 9:00am	Parishioners of St. Nicholas Parish
Thur. 8/14 9:00am	† Carolyn Koval (Annette Marcucio)
Fri. 8/15 9:00 am	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat. 8/16 4:30 pm	† Ann Supranovich (Family)
Sun. 8/17 11:00 am	† Sister Carmela DiMauro (The Deegan's)

St. Augustine	Mass Intentions
Sun. 8/10 9:00 am	† Susan Taylor Smith (Sonia Garcia)
Fri. 8/15 6:00pm	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 8/17 9:00	† Bernardino Urbano (Antionetta Venezia)

- Readings for the week of August 10, 2025
- Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/
- Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/
- Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
- Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 18:21—19:1
- Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/
- Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/
- Lk 1:39-56
- Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15
- Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/
- Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
- Observances for the week of August 10, 2025
- Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Clare, Virgin
- Tuesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
- Wednesday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
- Thursday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
- Friday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday: St. Stephen of Hungary
- Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time LPI



To Join the Parish E-Mail list, send me your name and email address to [mvignola@me.com](mailto:mvignola@me.com) and you will be added to the list

Thank You for your Generosity		
August 3		\$5,366
August 10		
August 17		
August 24		
August 31		
OnLine Giving July		\$4,038
Fuel Collection		\$1,476
Total Collections		\$10,880
Cathderaticum Fee		\$762
Total Stay in Parish		\$10,118

**Masters Table**  
**August 10th**  
**August 24th**  
**Time: 3:30-4:30pm**  
**Pickup meal inside**  
**All meals located**  
**at: Assumption**  
**Church Hall 61 N.**  
**Cliff St, Ansonia**  
**Cost: Free, open to**  
**the public, no rsvp,**  
**Phone:**  
**203-732-7792**  
**Website:**  
[www.masterstablemeals.org](http://www.masterstablemeals.org)

August 2025	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Wine	In Memory of Bernardino Urbano Requested By Zumba Family	In Memory of Elaine Norris Requested By Crofut Family
 Sanctuary Lamp Good Shepherd	In Memory Of Jachimowski & Gioielli Families Jean E. Jachimowski Kathleen E. Jachimowski Jamaitis Edward J. Jachimowski Requested by Jachimowski Family	
 Hosts	In Memory of Molly & Steve Grick Requested by Dan & Judy Halchak	In Memory of Charles Tarby Requested by DiCintio & Tarby Family

### Summer Mission Appeal

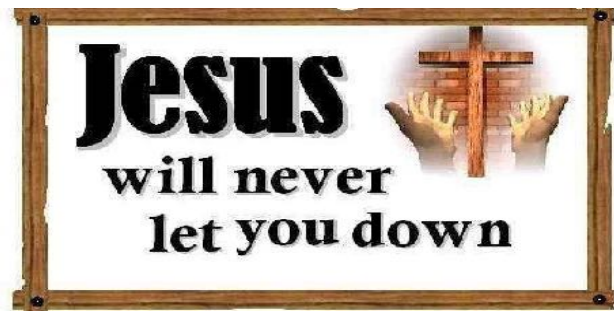
This year, St. Nicholas parish has been assigned to the Salesians of Don Bosco, New Delhi province. We Salesians from New Delhi province are working in the two parishes of Naugatuck and St. Michael, Beacon Falls. Fr. Johnson, SDB, will be preaching and making the Mission Appeal in St. Nicholas, Seymour.

#### August 9:

- \* Fr. Tom Celebrating Mass: 4:30 PM
- \* Fr. Johnson Preaching (Good Shepherd)

#### August 10:

- \* Fr. Tom Celebrating Mass: 9:00 AM
- \* Fr. Johnson Preaching (St. Augustine)
- \* Fr. Johnson Celebrating Mass: 11:00 AM (Good Shepherd)



Please pray for the health and wholeness in body, mind and spirit for:

Al A	Jim H	Denny W	Aidan C	Samatha B
Lizz F	Henry D	Quinn	Laura B	Lucille M
Jim H	David C	Diane C	Ruth S	Joe S
Linda A	Rich D	Nick S	Kenzie S	Kristen O
Michael H	Cindy S	Michael	Ernestine G	Alese K
George	Daniel	Jayne	Jeff	Tim
Grace F.	Ryleigh H	Greyson H	John Christopher D	

Please Note:

That we are only reporting first 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.

### Religious Education Class Registration 2025-2026

Please watch the website and bulletin for additional dates to register for the Fall Religious Education classes.

This registration is for children who are in Grades 1-8. A copy of the Baptismal Certificate is needed for all Grade 1 students and any students who are new to our program -- **only if** those students were **not** baptized at the Saint Nicholas Parish, Church of the Good Shepherd, or Saint Augustine. Educating our children in the Catholic faith is a great group of volunteers. We anticipate that many more will be needed for the Fall 2025 classes. Volunteers as teachers and substitute teachers are desperately needed. Please join us! **We need your help!! Religious Education classes of Saint Nicholas Parish cannot exist without your help and the help of other volunteers!!**

The following is the fee schedule for the 2025-2026 Religious Education school year:

\$77 for one child

\$149 for 2 or more children

We are unable to accept cash!

Please write checks payable to Saint Nicholas Parish.

If you have any questions, please call Glenn or Debi Durette at 203-735-3190. Thank you!



**We** welcome into our Parish Family through the saving waters of Baptism:

#### Joseph Raffaele

Son of Richard Raffaele and  
Elaina Vicari Raffaele

May God's graces and blessings be with him always as he grows in wisdom and understanding, and may his life always reflect God's goodness and love.



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



# Branches on the Vine

AUGUST 9 - 15, 2025



Maria Reina de la Paz Parish at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Hartford is being elevated to an archdiocesan shrine.  
PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

In August, a new Marian shrine will be dedicated in the Archdiocese of Hartford, creating a sacred pilgrimage destination where all local Catholics can deepen their devotion to Mary.

On Aug. 14 at 7 p.m., Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne will elevate Maria Reina de la Paz Parish (Mary, Queen of Peace) at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Hartford to the status of an archdiocesan shrine. Archbishop Coyne has already recognized the shrine through a signed decree.

## ARCHBISHOP TO DEDICATE A MARIAN SHRINE IN ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

"This shrine is going to become a place of hope, prayer and encounter with Mary," says Father H. Alexander Avendaño, pastor of the parish, who will also become the rector of the shrine. "Mary is the key. This is a spiritual place where we as Mary's children encounter her motherly love, and we will make sure that's going to happen here, day after day."

While the shrine is open to all, it will aim to be a welcoming pilgrimage site for the archdiocese's growing Hispanic population, many of whom have a special devotion to Mary.

For years, Maria Reina de la Paz Parish has offered daily Masses, the rosary, weeknight confessions, overnight confessions on First Fridays, and numerous Marian celebrations throughout the year – all of which factored into the parish's elevation to a shrine and which will continue to be offered.

Future plans for the shrine include regular talks on Mary, workshops and a Marian congress or full-day retreat with invited speakers and activities.

"The shrine will offer a deeper understanding of Marian spirituality. There's more than piety," Father Avendaño explains.

"There is knowledge, there's facts. This shrine will be a place where Catholics will come to learn, gain knowledge and understand the mystery of Mary in sanctification and salvation."

Longer-range plans, dependent on fundraising, call for the addition of outdoor stations of the cross, painted

icons of Mary on the ceiling, and improved accessibility and more restrooms.

Father Avendaño is preparing for a full house at 7 p.m. on Aug. 14, the day of the shrine's dedication by Archbishop Coyne, which is also the Vigil Mass for the feast of the Assumption of Mary. Pilgrims may be seated in the main church, in the lower church and can spill over onto the lawn, if needed.

The next day, on Aug. 15 at 7 p.m., on the actual feast of the Assumption of Mary, the shrine will host its first Spanish Mass with Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt. A traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima, which was blessed by Pope Francis in 2017 and played a role in the shrine's genesis, will be permanently enthroned at that time.

The new shrine has also been designated by the archdiocese as a Jubilee Church for the Jubilee Year of 2025, allowing pilgrims who attend between Aug. 14 and Jan. 6 to receive a special indulgence.

"Anyone who comes properly prepared and stays for Mass will be granted a plenary indulgence for the Jubilee Year of Hope," Father Avendaño says. "I would like every parish to make a pilgrimage to get the indulgence before Jan. 6, when the Jubilee ends."

For shrine offerings, visit [mrpct.org](http://mrpct.org) or download the Maria Reina de la Paz app at Google Play or The App Store. The shrine is located at 494 New Britain Ave. in Hartford.

- Story by Shelley Wolf



## Upcoming Events



08/14-08/17 WEEKEND  
**UNIQUE BOUTIQUE - TAG SALE**  
St. Bridget Church, 80 Main St,  
Manchester

The Parish of St. Teresa of Calcutta invites you to Unique Boutique, a large, quality tag sale featuring a wide range of items for sale including furniture, books, jewelry, collectibles, toys, hardware, artwork, household items, linens, glassware, sporting goods, holiday items, crafts, gardening supplies, luggage, pocketbooks and much more.

**Schedule & Admission:**

Thursday, 08/14, 5PM-8PM - \$10 admission (includes wine & cheese while you shop)

Friday, 08/15, 4PM-8PM - \$1 admission

Saturday, 08/16, 9AM-6PM - Free admission

Sunday, 08/17, 8AM-11AM - Free admission

Don't miss this incredible shopping opportunity filled with treasures for every interest!



**NEWPORT POLO CLUB**

**AUGUST 16 BUS TRIP TO NEWPORT, RI. POLO MATCH U.S.A VS. JAMAICA**

**MATCH BEGINS AT 5 PM**

**BUS WILL LEAVE AFTER THE 9:00 MASS**  
**COST IS \$115.00 PER PERSON.**  
**INCLUDES TICKET, BUS RIDE AND FOOD DURING THE MATCH**

Contact Sister Fiat Marie for details  
srfiatmarie@cheshirecatholic.org  
203-272-3531

The Office of Missionary Discipleship is currently registering people for the **"Foundations of Lay Ministry"** Classes begin on September 16 at two locations. Members of this course will learn about the essential writings on the Lay vocation, Contemplative Prayer, Catholic social teaching, and pastoral ministry, and more.



Those interested should contact Jason at [Jason.rinaldi@aohct.org](mailto:Jason.rinaldi@aohct.org) for information or to register.

## 2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Scan the QR code to learn how you can make a lasting impact!






SCAN ME

Total Goal: \$10M



89.91% as of 7/29/25  
\$8,990,723.28 pledges from  
26,885 generous donors

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