

Saint Nicholas Parish

September 28, 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
Email - 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

Sick Calls

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

The 26th Sunday in ordinary time, September 28, 2025

Good Shepherd	Mass Intentions
Sat. 9/27 4:30 pm	 Father Keane (Bob, Carmie & Daniel Potash)
Sun. 9/28 11:00 am	 Marianne Klimkowsky (Cousins Patty Wolniak & Marian Sadłowski & Family)
Mon. 9/29 9:00am	Mass Available
Tue. 9/30 9:00am	Mass Available
Wed. 10/1 9:00am	Parishioners of St. Nicholas Parish
Thur. 10/2 9:00am	 Caroline Criscuolo (Annette Marcucio & Family)
Fri. 10/3	No Mass
Sat. 10/4 4:30 pm	Barbara Mullen (4th Anniversary) (Husband & Family)
Sun. 10/5 11:00 am	 Alice Ewaskie (Tony & Barbara Montefusco)

St. Augustine	Mass Intentions
Sun 9/28 9:00	 Dianna Koskelowski (Husband, Children, Grand Children, Great Grand Children)
Sun 10/5 9:00	 Rev. Stephen Bzdyra (Alese & David Kummer)

- Readings for the week of September 28, 2025
- Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
- Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
- Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24
- Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
- Observances for the week of September 28, 2025
- Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood
- Sunday
- Monday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
- Tuesday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday: The Holy Guardian Angels
- Friday:
- Saturday: St. Francis of Assisi
- Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect
- Life Sunday



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

P A R I S H G I O I E L L I	Thank You for your Generosity	
	September 7	\$4,441
	September 14	\$5,241
	September 21	\$4,687
	September 28	
	OnLine Giving August	\$3,852
	Fuel Collection	\$1,468
	Total Collections	\$19,689
	Cathderaticum Fee	\$1,378
	Total Stay in Parish	\$18,311

Masters Table
September 28th
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

September 2025	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Wine	In Memory of Bernardino Urbano Requested By Zumba Family	In Memory of Rev Edward Jaksina Requested By Ed & Martha Sadowski
 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 Rev Philip Sheridan Requested by Ed & Martha Sadowski	In Memory of Martin T. Keane Requested by Ed & Martha Sadowski

Catholic Elementary Schools 2nd Collection
\$1,113



St. Nicholas Parish will sponsor a Baby Bottle Program to benefit "Mary and Joseph's Place," a crisis pregnancy center located in North Haven at Village Medical Center, suite 9. Baby bottles will be available outside the church by the front door in baskets on the weekends of September 27th and 28th. Please return them in two weeks, October 11th and 12th, filled with donations of loose change, cash, or check made payable to Mary and Joseph's Place.

We help approximately 10-15 mothers per week. Your donation is tax-deductible.

Thank you for your continued support of this Life Ministry, which aims to save the lives of unborn children and make a lasting impact on their mothers' lives. We also accept donations of baby clothes, diapers, and baby blankets.

For further information, please contact Warren Oko at 203-889-8149 or Barbara Mucha Oko, RN, at 203-530-2730.

*Thank You, Barbara Mucha Oko, RN
Executive Director Mary and Joseph's Place*

Confirmation 2025 Class

On Sunday, October 5, 2025, all Confirmation students will attend the 9 AM Mass at St. Augustine Church. This fulfills your Sunday obligation since the Confirmation ceremony at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford that day is not a Mass. Please sit together as a group that morning.

For the Confirmation ceremony, dress nicely. Avoid jeans and sneakers. Wear a collared shirt, and girls don't need a dress. The required final class dates are September 7, 14, and 28.

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

Greyson H	Ryleigh H	Jeff	John Christopher D	AG
Jim H	Kristen O	Grace F	Ernestine G	EG
Diane C	Ruth S	Linda A	Greyson H	Henry D
Richard 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.

The Ecumenical Councils:

Foundational to our Catholic Faith -

A Presentation, "The Nicene Creed Grounded in the Ecumenical Councils" will be facilitated by Deacon Ken Ewaskie on Monday, October 13th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Good Shepherd Hall of St. Nicholas Parish.

The prayerful study will define, denote and delineate our core Catholic beliefs as initiated and revealed by Jesus, taught by his apostles and developed by our bishops in communion with the Pope, Bishop of Rome.

It is with this understanding that the Nicene Creed is proclaimed at the divine liturgy (mass) every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation.

Your presence at this faith-filled gathering would be appreciated since it is an opportunity to enhance the tenets of our faith.

Please call Deacon Ken at 203-888-1641 for your reservation.

Join The 2025 Public Square



Rosary Rally!!

Let's Pray The Holy Rosary

WHERE: The Church of the Good Shepherd (OUTSIDE) - In case of rain, we will gather in the church.

WHEN: Saturday October 11th 2025
TIME: 12:00 PM.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR

For more information contact Carmie Potash (203-888-5396)



Religious Education Class Registration 2025-2026

More info on Parish Website

<https://stnicholasct.org/religious-education-2/>

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

Branches on the Vine

SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 3, 2025



Father Edward Ziemnicki serves golabki at the annual Polish Day celebrated at St. Faustina Parish. This year's event will be held on Sept. 28. Credit: SUBMITTED PHOTO

Ada Mierzejewski went to her first Polish Day as a teenager back in the 1970s at St. Stanislaus Church in Meriden, and years later, she still enjoys the celebration of fine food, music and culture.

That food, which an expected 300 people will be enjoying on Sept. 28, is homemade by Mierzejewski, Amanda Edwards and Father Edward Ziemnicki, pastor of St. Faustina Parish, made up of St. Stanislaus Church and SS. Peter & Paul Church in Wallingford.

For weeks, the trio have been preparing, shopping and cooking everything from pierogi (stuffed dumplings)

A TASTE OF POLAND

A parish is preparing to dish out pierogi, golabki and more favorites.

to golabki (stuffed cabbage), using the treasured old world recipes of Father Ziemnicki's mother Genowefa.

Pastor for 20 years, Father Ziemnicki says St. Stanislaus is the oldest Polish parish in Connecticut, and this year marks its 134th anniversary.

The original Polish celebration, known as June Fest, was three days long. But since the formation of St. Faustina Parish, it evolved into Polish Day.

"Polish Day is about bringing the parish together as a community," Father Ziemnicki says. "We start with noon Mass in Polish, then we have music and delicious food that is all homemade from the recipes of my mom. You cannot buy this kind of food in the store."

A proud native of Poland, he says the country's culture has historically been inextricably linked to the Catholic faith.

"We were always successful because we built our society on Catholic values, so you cannot talk about Poland without talking about the Catholic faith," Father Ziemnicki adds. "The motto of Poland is God, Honor, Country."

This year's Polish Day will also observe the 45th anniversary of the founding of the Solidarity movement

in Poland, a non-violent social movement aligned with the Church, which led to the collapse of Communism.

Amanda Edwards, who has worked at the parish for eight years, is also proud of her Polish heritage. She attended St. Stanislaus School, as did her children before it closed.

"I enjoy the festival because it brings me a lot of joy, and I'm so excited to see people enjoying the food we prepared for them. We put a lot of love into making the food, and it's a real homemade Polish meal," she says. "Everybody loves Polish Day, because it lets the whole parish get together to celebrate with music, dancing and good food."

For Mierzejewski, whose daughters, sons-in-law and even grandchildren volunteer at the event, Polish Day is a family affair. A lifelong parishioner, she was brought up immersed in Polish culture and observing its traditions.

"I went to St. Stanislaus School and the church, and I married a Polish man, who worked at the church cemetery for 41 years," she adds. "Our parish family of St. Stanislaus and SS. Peter & Paul is everything to us, so I'm here celebrating my Polish heritage — even though I'm 100 percent Italian."

- Story by Joe Pisani



Upcoming Events

Join **FRASSATI** for our annual

Thimble Island Cruise

Sunday, October 5
3:45-6:00pm* (*Boat sets sail at 4:00pm sharp)
Stony Creek Dock (30 Indian Point Rd, Branford)

\$35

Limited spots!
Get your tickets ASAP!

Snacks will be provided.
Drinks available for purchase.
With questions, contact:
info@frassatinewhaven.org.

Jubilee OF HOPE 2025
Midd-South Catholic Church and
Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish
PRESENTS

The Emmaus Concert Experience
An encounter with the resurrected Christ

DATE OF EVENT:
**Saturday
Oct. 4th 2025
7:00PM-9:30PM**

LOCATION:
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587 Choruske Road
Waterbury, CT 06708

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may Christ teach you what is yours!"
- St. Francis of Assisi

Join us for a weekend commemorating the passing of St. Francis into eternal life and celebrating his feast day.

- For young adults discerning or interested in learning more about Franciscan spirituality.
- Time for prayer, work with creation, and discussion.

**Friday, October 3 -
Sunday, October 5**
Meriden, Connecticut

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2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Scan the QR code
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Total Goal: \$10M

93.17% as of 9/16/25
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