

Saint Nicholas Parish

September 7, 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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 7, 2025

Good Shepherd	Mass Intentions
Sat. 9/6 4:30 pm	† Mary & † Dino Muratori (Nancy & Gene Mazzucco)
Sun. 9/7 11:00 am	† Mary & † Nazzerone Gramolini (Anniversary Memorial) (Gramolini Family)
Mon. 9/8 9:00am	Mass Available
Tue. 9/9 9:00am	† Mark DeAngelis (Mother & Brother)
Wed. 9/10 9:00am	Parishioners of St. Nicholas Parish
Thur. 9/11 9:00am	† Lou Zaccaro (Wife Dolores)
Fri. 9/12	No Mass
Sat. 9/13 4:30 pm	† Father Jaksina (Bob, Carmie & Daniel Potash)
Sun. 9/14 11:00 am	† Donna Jeanne Gramolini Memorial (Gramolini Family)
St. Augustine	Mass Intentions
Sun 9/7 9:00	† Salvatora Crisanti (Stevens Family)
Sun 9/14 9:00	† Bernardino Urbano (Mr. & Mrs. Franchi)

- Readings for the week of September 7, 2025
- Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
- Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
- Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- Observances for the week of September 7, 2025
- Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
- Grandparents' Day
- Monday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tuesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
- Wednesday:
- Thursday: Patriot Day
- Friday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Saturday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- LPI



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

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

P A R I S H G I O I E L L I	Thank You for your Generosity	
	August 3	\$5,366
	August 10	\$5,605
	August 17	\$5,481
	August 24	\$4,275
	August 31	
	OnLine Giving July	\$4,038
	Fuel Collection	\$1,663
	Total Collections	\$26,428
	Cathderaticum Fee	\$1,850
	Total Stay in Parish	\$24,578

Masters Table
September 14th
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



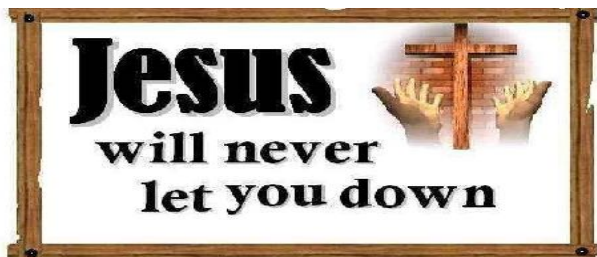
St. Nicholas Parish will sponsor a Baby Bottle Program to benefit "Mary and Joseph's Place," a crisis pregnancy center located in North Haven at Village Medical Center, suite 9. Baby bottles will be available outside the church by the front door in baskets on the weekends of September 27th and 28th. 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*



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

Greyson H	Ryleigh H	Jeff	John Christopher D	Al G

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

The updated dates and times to register for the Fall Religious Education classes are listed below. All registration will take place in the Fr. Keane Hall at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 135 Mountain Road, Seymour.

Saturday, September 6th - 9:30 AM to 11 AM

Saturday, September 13th - 9:30 AM to 11 AM

Sunday, September 14th - 9:30 AM to 11 AM

Saturday, September 20th - 9:30 AM to 11 AM

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. 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!

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

Branches on the Vine

SEPTEMBER 6 - 12, 2025



Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne addresses the Felician Sisters in Enfield during a Mass marking the 150th anniversary of their arrival in North America from Poland. PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH



Sister Patricia Marie Iagrosso identifies the dogwood tree the Felician Sisters planted this year, honoring the 200th anniversary of their foundress' birth and their employees. PHOTO BY SHELLEY WOLF

This year has been a year of significant anniversaries for the Felician Sisters in Enfield, as they joined with their fellow sisters across the continent in marking notable anniversaries.

On May 17, 2025, local women religious celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Felician Sisters in North America (1874-2024). On that day, the sisters in the archdiocese welcomed Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne, who celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving in the chapel of Our Lady of the Angels Convent in Enfield.

The Mass, which was attended by numerous sisters, volunteers and invited guests, was followed by a reception. The event evoked fond memories of the sisters as teachers, and there was at least one request for the archbishop's homily.

"When the archbishop talked about our history, you felt 10-feet taller because you were a part of this," says Sister Patricia ("Patty") Marie Iagrosso, who moved to Enfield from the Bronx as an aspirant after the eighth grade. "I've been here for over 60 years and have seen the ups and downs and the overs."

The Felician Sisters, who formed their community in Enfield in 1932, were primarily known for education, operating several schools. The Enfield Montessori School sits on their campus today. "Our Montessori School is still flourishing," says Sister Patty, who chose a different path for herself and continues to work as a resident care nurse at nearby St. Joseph Residence.

FELICIAN SISTERS IN ENFIELD HAVE A LOT TO CELEBRATE IN 2025

This year, the Felician Sisters also joined with their peers across the continent in celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of their foundress, Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska (born May 16, 1825 and died Oct. 10, 1899).

The sisters in Enfield celebrated with a festive Mass. To symbolize enduring service, they planted a dogwood tree in front of their convent.

At its feet is a commemorative plaque honoring their foundress and the many employees who serve them at Our Lady of the Angels Convent and in their private care center for fellow sisters and Franciscan priests and brothers.

Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska founded the order of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice (the Felicians) in Poland in 1855. As someone who began as a lay Franciscan, she was committed to working with the poor and launched the Felicians as a branch of the Franciscans.

With the goal "to serve where needed," she blessed five sisters, who left Poland in 1874,

bound for North America, where the sisters made their mark in teaching and in social service. "Mother Mary Angela was a dynamic woman. She was ahead of her time, looking to the future," Sister Patty says. "Mother's vision was for 'contemplative-active service.'"

Blessed Mary Angela, who died in 1899, is on the path to sainthood. A miraculous healing was attributed to her intervention and approved by the Vatican in 1984. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II on April 18, 1993. She needs one more miracle to be approved in order to be canonized as a saint.

Today, a tapestry depicting Blessed Mary Angela hangs in the sanctuary of the chapel at Our Lady of the Angels Convent in Enfield. It is the same tapestry that was present at her beatification in Rome.

A free booklet telling the story of her life, *On Earth as in Heaven*, published by the Felicians, can be downloaded at felician.org/about/mary-angela-truszkowska/.

- Story by Shelley Wolf



Upcoming Events

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH OF PROSPECT
4 Union City Road, Prospect

CARNIVAL

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
September 18, 19, 20, 2025

Thursday Friday 6 PM - 10 PM
Saturday 3 PM - 10 PM

Food Available Starting At 5:00 PM

Games, Food, Music, Rides (Ride Brackets Available Each Night) | Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Beverages Every Night!

Free Admission & Parking

Come hungry! Each night will feature a different ethnic cuisine, Polish, Italian, and Mexican, so there's something new to enjoy every evening!

 **Carolyn's Place**
PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

33rd Anniversary Dinner

Sunday, November 2, 2025 | 3:30 PM

La Bella Vista
380 Farmwood Road Waterbury, CT

2025 Awardees -
Bill O'Brien, Sr. Mary Richards, F.S.E.,
Terri Moriello & Kathy Durgy-Concepcion

5 Course Meal | Award Presentation | Silent Auction

Reservations Required
Respond by October 24, 2025
Reservations Available:
www.carolynsplace.org
or 203.597.9080

Dinner \$60 per person

Scan for Reservations

 **Knights of Columbus**
Terryville Council 1090

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09/17 - 11/5 WEDNESDAYS 10AM
LUKE: THE STORY OF SALVATION FULFILLED

Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center,
194 Candlewood Hill Rd, Higganum

Jeff Cavins and Jeffrey Morrow take us on a journey through the Gospel of Luke with its best loved stories and its messages for our times. Through the DVD and discussions Jesus' life comes alive in our imagination, Suggested donation is \$10.00 per session.

8 Wednesdays from September 17 through November 5, 2025, from 10:00 to 11:30.

To register or for further information you can email or call Sr. Patricia at email: cigrandpatricia@gmail.com or 203-606-4830.

2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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






SCAN ME

Total Goal: \$10M

92.26% as of 8/25/25
\$9,225,649.91 pledges from
27,707 generous donors

www.archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal

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