

Saint Nicholas Parish

October 12, 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 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 12, 2025

Good Shepherd	Mass Intentions
Sat. 10/11 4:30 pm	✠ Steve Plotkin (Wife & Children)
Sun. 10/12 11:00 am	✠ Carolyn Koval (Carmie, Bob & Daniel Potash)
Mon. 10/13 9:00am	Mass Available
Tue. 10/14 9:00am	✠ Henry Andrew (Barbara & George Junko)
Wed. 10/15 9:00am	Parishioners of St. Nicholas Parish
Thur. 10/16 9:00am	✠ Alice Ewaskie (Family)
Fri. 10/17	No Mass
Sat. 10/18 4:30 pm	Mass Available
Sun. 10/19 11:00 am	✠ Jeanne & ✠ Anthony Bucchino (Memorial) (Gramolini Family)
St. Augustine	Mass Intentions
Sun 10/12 9:00	✠ Bernardino Urbano (Family)
Sun 10/19 9:00	✠ Ann & ✠ Stephen Brezosky (Girard Family)

Readings for the week of October 12, 2025
 Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
 Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
 Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Observances for the week of October 12, 2025
 Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day
 Tuesday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
 Wednesday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 Thursday: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
 Friday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
 Saturday: St. Luke, Evangelist
 Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
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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

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Thank You for your Generosity	
October 5	\$4,898
October 12	
October 19	
October 26	
OnLine Giving September	\$3,378
Fuel Collection	\$1,538
Total Collections	\$9,814
Cathderaticum Fee	\$687
Total Stay in Parish	\$9,127

Masters Table
 October 19th
 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

October 2025	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Wine	In Memory of Rev Stephen Bzdyra Requested By Alese & David	In Memory of Sciarrino & Bennett Families Requested By Christine Sciarrino
 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	Available	In Memory of Shingara & Owcarz Families Requested by Valerie Shingara

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Baby Bottles should be returned by October 11th and 12th. Donations of loose change, cash or check (made payable to Mary and Joseph's Place) would be greatly appreciated. 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*

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.

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

Hope to have 100 people for a Special Favor Granted

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

The Men's Club will be hosting a **Polish dinner** on October 11th, following the 4:30 p.m. mass in Father Keane's Hall.

\$10.00 Per Person - Tickets Sold at the Door

ARIAS' EUROPEAN DELI & MARKET will provide the meal, which will consist of three pierogis (potato and cheddar cheese), one stuffed cabbage (beef and pork), and two large potato pancakes. Beverages and dessert will also be provided, as well as our wine bar (\$3.00 donation).

We invite you to join us with families and friends for this Parish event.

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

Saint Nicholas Parish has once again committed to prayer vigil times on Mondays 12-2pm during the Fall 2025 Campaign, Sept.24-Nov 2, in front of Planned Parenthood, 345 Whitney Ave, New Haven.

Change your life! Join us for just one day for just one hour! 40daysforlife.com/newhaven
John and Gerry McGuirk mcguirk13@att.net

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	Carrie D	Paul S		

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

More info on Parish Website

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

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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

Branches on the Vine

OCTOBER 11 - 17, 2025



Men respond with joy to Dr. Ray Guarendi's humor at the 2025 Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference at Holy Cross High School in Waterbury.
PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH



At the beginning of the Vigil Mass offered at Holy Cross High School for the closing of the 2025 Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference, Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne, center, mentions Auxiliary Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt, second from right.
PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

MEN'S CONFERENCE: A TRANSFORMATIVE DAY OF FELLOWSHIP, HOPE AND HEALING

Some 600 men, as young as 13 and as old as 90, gathered for the 18th annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference, looking for hope and healing -- and some for encouragement in their call to the priesthood.

The conference at Holy Cross High School in Waterbury centered on the theme "Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope" and featured EWTN hosts Dr. Ray Guarendi, psychologist and author, and Michael O'Neill, the "Miracle Hunter," along with Father Anthony Federico, Archdiocese of Hartford director of Vocations and Seminarians, and healing priest Father Jason Brooks LC, who talked about his work with the Regnum Christi Detroit Healing Ministry and prayed over men suffering from cancer, physical pain and migraines.

There were also dozens of exhibitors.

The day began with a procession of 30 first-class relics. The events also included Adoration, confessions and a Vigil Mass celebrated by Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne and joined by others, including Norwich Bishop Richard Reidy, who gave the homily.

"This year's conference was unlike any we've had before," says director Ken Santopietro. "In this Jubilee Year -- a time of mercy and restoration -- we offered something truly special: a chance for

healing, both spiritual and physical. There were also a lot of young guys discerning a vocation."

Timothy Proctor, whose sons Rex, 14, and Benjamin, 13, were the youngest at the conference, said he came at their insistence, although he originally intended to complete a paper for his master's degree in philosophy at Holy Apostles College.

"Whatever the Holy Spirit wills, I am his instrument," he says. "I'm just trying to be a good Catholic dad."

For Rex, the day was a particularly important because he feels the call to the priesthood. "Every since I was 4, I wanted to be a priest," he says. "I always wanted to administer the sacraments and partake in the sacrifice of the Mass, so I'm really glad to be here."

Father Federico told the packed auditorium: "The Lord is beginning a revolution, a revival, a springtime for the Roman Catholic Church in the United States of America and somehow, some way it's beginning in the state of Connecticut."

He says there was a class of five new seminarians last year; this month, the class increased to 11. In his role, Father Federico travels to every parish and says what is most

needed is "a spirit of worship" and instructed the men to cultivate a "worship mindset" instead of a "casual mindset."

Steven Schneider of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Oxford, who has come to the conference almost every year, says, "It gets better and better. Here I get the affirmation I need and realize I'm on the right track. A lot of time I wonder whether I'm right or wrong, but around these men I realize I'm doing as good as I can and that my problems are the same as the other guys. Seeing so many younger men also gives me hope for the future of the Church."

Bill Dunn of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Vernon says coming to the conference every year gives him "a good booster shot of brotherhood and I realize there are other people of faith out there, and I'm not alone."

In his homily, Bishop Reidy urged the men to reach out to others "in need of a strong, gentle Christ-like hand."

"The men's conference is a grace for us all, but it's not just a one-day event," he says. "It's a tool in the journey to holiness, a time for us to listen, reflect, worship and share so we can deepen our faith."

- Story by Joe Pisani



Upcoming Events

Marian Celebration "A Day with Mary"

Saturday, October 25
10 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Mass, Speakers, Lunch,
Prayer, Reflections

Our Lady of the Assumption Church
81 Center Road
Woodbridge, CT 06525

Call 203-387-7119
or email parishsecretaryolaa@gmail.com
to register

FR. ROB GALEA YOUTH NIGHT



SATURDAY • OCTOBER 18
7:00 PM

SAINT RAPHAEL PARISH - SAINT ANN CHURCH
501 NAUGATUCK AVENUE
MILFORD CT

FOR TICKETS \$10
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE: 203-874-0634

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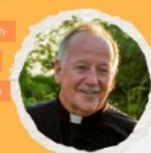
St. Joseph Church, Blessed
Michael McGivney Parish
129 Edwards St, New Haven, CT

Thursday,
October 16 •
6:30-8:30 PM

Fr. Tom will share the Catholic response to addiction and recovery, offering faith-based pathways that can be introduced in every parish and community. Addiction and the overdose crisis impact every community and most families.

This evening will provide:

- Guidance on how parishes can support those seeking healing and recovery
- Faith-centered approaches to addiction and healing
- An open forum discussion on building recovery ministry in the parish
- Information on recovery programs and resources



Join us to learn how your parish can become a source of hope, healing, and recovery.

2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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



SCAN ME

Total Goal: \$10M



93.79% as of 9/30/25
\$9,378,988.29 pledges from
28,042 generous donors

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