

Saint Nicholas Parish

November 16, 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 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 16, 2025

Good Shepherd	Mass Intentions
Sat. 11/15 4:30 pm	 Dr. Linda R. Mastroianni <i>(Carmie, Bob & Daniel Potash)</i>
Sun. 11/16 11:00 am	 Chef Gramolini <i>(Gramolini Family)</i>
Mon. 11/17 9:00am	Mass Available
Tue. 11/18 9:00am	 Alice Ewaskie <i>(Family)</i>
Wed. 11/19 9:00am	Parishioners of St. Nicholas Parish
Thur. 11/20 9:00am	 Ernest A. Greywacz <i>(Greywacz Family)</i>
Fri. 11/21	No Mass
Sat. 11/22 4:30 pm	 Jean Rossetti <i>(Family)</i>
Sun. 11/23 11:00 am	 Kimberly Martin Smith <i>(Parents & Sister)</i>

St. Augustine	Mass Intentions
Sun 11/16 9:00	 Bruce O'Connell <i>(A Friend)</i>
Sun 11/23 9:00	 Marilyn Cigas 10 Year Memorial <i>(Husband & Children)</i>

Readings for the week of November 16, 2025

- Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
- Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40
- Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Observances for the week of November 16, 2025

- Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
- Tuesday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles;
- St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
- Wednesday:
- Thursday:
- Friday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- ©LPi

November 2025	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
	Available	Available
	In Memory Of Jachimowski & Gioielli Families Jean E. Jachimowski Kathleen E. Jachimowski Jamaitis Edward J. Jachimowski Requested by Jachimowski Family	
	In Memory of Joseph & Helen Zielinski & Ignatius & Beatrice Konicki Requested By Family	In Memory of Mullen & Karlak Families Requested by Mullen & Karlak Families

Thank You for your Generosity		
November 2	\$4,485	
November 9	\$5,123	
November 16		
November 23		
November 30		
OnLine Giving October		
Fuel Collection	\$1,938	
Total Collections	\$11,546	
Cathderaticum Fee	\$808	
Total Stay in Parish	\$10,738	

Masters Table
November 23rd
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

The St. Nicholas Men's Club will meet on Monday, November 17th @ 1:30 pm in Good Shepherd Church Hall. All men in the parish are welcome to come and be part of this ministry moving forward. Any questions or issues or additional information contact Tony Montefusco (203) 888-7272



Wish Tree Labels

Wish Tree Labels are available in the back of both churches for items for the Wish Tree. PLEASE use these labels on your wrapped gift as they are marked for distribution. If you give an item other than what is on the label then you may use your own label. However, it would be helpful if you only purchase the items requested. PLEASE NEW ITEMS ONLY. Please have as many gifts to the church by December 14th. THE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 17TH.

For Gifts going to a resident at **Shady Knoll** please remember:

Gifts should be returned to the church by December 14th no later than 17th of December.

DO NOT Wrap the gift, It can be placed in a holiday bag. The tag you took must be attached to the gift or bag as it has a code on it as to who the gift belongs to.

We sincerely Thank You for once again helping Santa bring joy and smiles to many.

Any questions call Carmie at 203-888-5396. Thank You.

Religious Education Class Registration 2025-2026

More info on Parish Website

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

The Seymour/Oxford Food Bank will be placing boxes in the back of both churches for food donations during the holiday season to support those in need. Your generous contributions are greatly appreciated.

New Day Bereavement Program

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
733 Oxford Rd. Oxford, CT 06478

Those who are grieving the death of a loved one need to proactively work through their grief. One way that may be helpful is to participate in the bereavement support group called the New Day Program. This program consists of ten two-hour weekly meetings. During each meeting, participants work through one component of the grieving process, guided by the New Day Journal. We will be offering the ten week New Day Bereavement Program beginning on Sunday,

December 7th from 6:30-8:30pm. The program is free. Registration is required. Must RSVP by

December 1st. If you would like to register, please contact Maryjane at 203-888-2382 ext 104 or pastoralcare@stthomasoxford.org

The Miller-Macari Family Funeral Home will be sponsoring a New Warm Winter Blanket, Gloves and Scarf Drive. The drive will benefit The Salvation Army (Ansonia, CT) and The St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Shop

(Derby, CT). Please drop off New Blankets, Gloves and Scarves for Adults and Children from Monday December 1, thru Friday December 5 from 9:30-2:30 p.m. @ 260 Bank St. (Rt.67, across from Klarides Village) Seymour, CT.

Thank you ...



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	Sean R	Kelly K
Ernest B				

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.

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

Branches on the Vine

NOVEMBER 15 - 21, 2025



Cross Mountain in Medjugorje has a 28-foot concrete cross at the top, commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus. Pilgrims walk the Stations of the Cross on the way up. SUBMITTED PHOTO



Ed and Joanne Arrandale visit the Franciscan Monastery of St. Anthony Padua in Humac. SUBMITTED PHOTO

PILGRIMAGE SET TO HONOR PRIESTS, INCREASE VOCATIONS

On a June evening last year, Joanne and Ed Arrandale of St. Margaret Church in Madison joined thousands of pilgrims as they walked up a hill in Medjugorje for an apparition of the Blessed Mother on the 43rd anniversary of her first appearance to six young people in 1981. "I had this desire to be in the same place as the Blessed Mother was appearing," Joanne recalls. "I wanted to be where she was."

When Our Lady appeared, the visionaries fell to their knees, people stopped praying the rosary and silence descended on the hillside in Medjugorje, Bosnia and Herzegovina. "It was incredible," she says. "To be on this hill with thousands of people, and there was dead silence -- and you knew you were in the presence of the Blessed Mother."

Her anniversary message was: "Dear children, I rejoice with you and thank God for permitting me to be with you, to lead you and love you. Little children, peace is in danger and the family is under attack. I am calling you, little children, to return to prayer in the family. Put sacred Scripture in a visible place and read it every day. Love God, above all, that it may be good for you on Earth. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Our Lady of Medjugorje urges people to receive the Eucharist, pray the rosary, read the Bible, fast, and go to monthly confession. "In Medjugorje, you experience one of the most spiritual and peaceful places, where heaven touches Earth," Joanne says. "The idea came to me to bring others back to share it with them. The Blessed Mother wants us to spread what's happening there."

Inspired by her experience, the Arrandales are organizing a pilgrimage, where others can deepen their faith and pray for priests, seminarians and new vocations. A member of the Archdiocesan Vocations Ministry, she approached Father Anthony Federico, director of Vocations & Seminarians, with her idea and for his participation.

"I was really impressed when I heard Joanne was organizing a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, specifically to pray for priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford and new vocations to the priesthood," Father Federico says. "It means a lot to me to know there are folks who are deeply committed to this particular need of the Church, which of course has become so important to me in my current assignment."

The pilgrimage is scheduled for **April 11 to 18, 2026**. Among the planned activities, the group will celebrate daily Mass at St. James Church, climb Apparition Hill, and walk the Stations of the Cross to the summit of Cross Mountain, where a 28-foot cross commemorates Christ's crucifixion.

"I'm excited. I have never been there before but have heard such incredible testimonials from those who have, and I am eager to see it for myself," Father Federico says. "I am open to encountering and receiving what Our Lady has planned for me there and bringing the fruits of that back home to Hartford."

Joanne says the pilgrimage is dedicated to priests and seminarians because "they certainly deserve our prayers."

"I also want to put a smile on the faces of the Blessed Mother and Jesus and have them say, 'Yes, we'll take care of your priests,'" she adds. To learn more about the pilgrimage and apparitions in Medjugorje, call 203.318.8590 or email jarrandale@comcast.net. Registration for the trip should be done by Dec. 1.

- Story by Joe Pisani



Upcoming Events



Adoration Christ the King



Sunday, November 23 at 7:00 pm
St. Mary Church * Derby

* All are welcome to join us for a joyful night of Eucharistic Adoration on the last Sunday of the Church Liturgical year. The Scripture, reflections, and songs will be in both English and Spanish. You will also have the chance to touch the humoral veil and ask the Lord for healing and hope. Our guest band will be Revival Worship.

* Following adoration we will have some time of fellowship with "Prosecco on the Porch."

* Come and rejoice in praise and worship as we thank Jesus for so many blessings this past liturgical year and ask for the grace to be more deeply immersed in the Paschal Mystery in the new year to come starting the First Sunday of Advent!



SACRED HEART ON THE LAKE RETREAT CENTER

194 Candlewood Hill Rd. Higganum, CT. 06441

TWO ADVENT RETREAT DAYS

PRAYING WITH THE 7 O' ANTIPHONS

ADVENT RETREAT DAY

Saturdays, December 6th and the 13th from
9:30am to 3:00pm

Both of these Retreat Days will focus on praying with the deep meanings of the 7 O' Antiphons. During the final days of Advent, the Church offers an ancient and timeless way of anticipating the celebration of Christmas: The O' Antiphons.

Presenter- Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ. Donation asked - \$35.- Includes a Continental Breakfast and a Full Lunch. To register online go to sacredheartonthelake.org or call Sr. Lany Jo at 203-606-9102.

Spiritual Direction in a Group Setting

Tuesdays, November 18,
December 2, 9, 16 2025
1:00 to 2:30 p.m. (ET)
Ellen Graham and Mary Marsan

HOLY FAMILY
PASSIONIST
RETREAT CENTER



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This program will allow participants to experience spiritual direction—either for the first time or perhaps in a new way—in a small group setting. Over four weeks, two directors from The Center for Spiritual Direction at Holy Family will facilitate a shared experience of spiritual direction. During these sessions, participants will learn to share and reflect upon their spiritual journeys, hold space and silence together, prayerfully, and deepen their personal practices of prayer. No previous experience in spiritual direction is needed.

There is no meeting on Tuesday, November 25 during the week of Thanksgiving.

Offering: \$150

2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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Total Goal: \$10M

94.91% as of 11/4/25
\$9,491,096.21 pledges from
28,269 generous donors

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