

Saint Nicholas Parish

November 9, 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 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, November 9, 2025

Good Shepherd	Mass Intentions
Sat. 11/8 4:30 pm	✠ Basso & ✠ Cortello Families (Cortello Family)
Sun. 11/9 11:00 am	✠ Dana Gramolini - Memorial (Gramolini Family)
Mon. 11/10 9:00am	✠ Sofia Marchetti (Marchetti Family)
Tue. 11/11 9:00am	✠ Lou Zaccaro (Wife & Family)
Wed. 11/12 9:00am	Parishioners of St. Nicholas Parish
Thur. 11/13 9:00am	Mass Available
Fri. 11/14	No Mass
Sat. 11/15 4:30 pm	✠ Dr. Linda R. Mastroianni (Carmie, Bob & Daniel Potash)
Sun. 11/16 11:00 am	✠ Chef Gramolini (Gramolini Family)
St. Augustine	Mass Intentions
Sun 11/9 9:00	✠ Angel Caban (Sonia Garcia)
Sun 11/16 9:00	✠ Bruce O'Connell (A Friend)

- Readings for the week of November 9, 2025
- Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
- Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6
- Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10
- Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
- Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
- Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
- Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
- Observances for the week of November 9, 2025
- Sunday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Monday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
- Wednesday: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
- Thursday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
- Friday:
- Saturday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time @LPI



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

Thank You for your Generosity		
November 2	\$4,485	
November 9		
November 16		
November 23		
November 30		
OnLine Giving October		
Fuel Collection	\$1,653	
Total Collections	\$6,138	
Cathderaticum Fee	\$430	
Total Stay in Parish	\$5,708	

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

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

All Saints \$707

Jesus
will never
let you down

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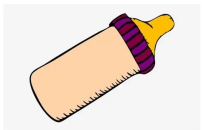
Religious Education Class Registration 2025-2026

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.

Mary and Joseph's Place extends its sincere gratitude to the parishioners of St. Nicholas Parish for their generous contributions of \$3,034 during the Baby Bottle Program and for the donation of baby clothes. These contributions were greatly appreciated. We extend our heartfelt thanks to you and your families for your unwavering support and dedication to Mary and Joseph's Place.



Sincerely,
Barbara Mucha Oko, RN
Executive Director



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.

The Catholic Church: It's Beginnings and Organization

Presentation, "Foundations of the Catholic Church" will be facilitated by Deacon Ken Ewaskie on Monday, Nov. 10th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Good Shepherd Hall of St. Nicholas Parish.

The purpose of this prayerful study is to explore and expand our faith community's understanding of our historical and spiritual origin.

An invitation is extended to all interested in deepening their knowledge of our faith's inception.

Please reserve your place by calling Deacon Ken at 203-888-1641.

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
September 24th til
November 2nd

**PRAY TO END
ABORTION**

1 hour shifts: 7am -7pm

**New Haven
Fall Campaign**

Planned Parenthood
at 345 Whitney Ave.

Scan QR code or register at:
40daysforlife.com/newhaven

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

Branches on the Vine

NOVEMBER 8 - 14, 2025



Each week, fresh vegetables from the church garden are available for parishioners to take home. Leona Bisson, a garden volunteer, makes sure the boxes are restocked after each weekend Mass.
PHOTO BY KAREN A. AVITABILE



Gary Vincent, a dedicated volunteer, has been the driving force behind the garden at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Plainville.
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PLAINVILLE PARISHIONERS PLANT A GARDEN TO SHARE, CULTIVATE COMMUNITY

During the summer and fall seasons, Gary Vincent uses his gardening skills for the benefit of parishioners at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Plainville.

"I'm helping the church but the parishioners mainly," he says. "I like to do things that put a smile on somebody's face."

On an acre of church grounds, Vincent keeps the "lost art" of gardening alive by (in no particular order) composting, planting, fertilizing, installing weed control fabric, trellising the tomatoes and harvesting a variety of vegetables for parishioners to enjoy.

Now that the season has come to an end, Vincent is rototilling the church garden with his tractor and harvesting the seeds. He will begin growing plants next March, utilizing his own portable greenhouse on his Plainville property.

"I look at a little seed, and I like to watch it grow," Vincent says. "I've been gardening all my life. My father taught me how to plant when I was 12, and I haven't missed a season yet."

Vincent, who has received an Archdiocese of Hartford St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation with his wife, Laurie, is a lifelong parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy Parish. He pours his heart, soul and resources into the garden.

"I like to plant what people want the most when they go to the grocery store, tomatoes," says Vincent, who is also well known for growing prize-winning pumpkins for competitions.

At the church garden last spring, he planted some 450 tomato plants consisting of a wide variety of types. Complementing the tomatoes were eggplant, zucchini, yellow squash, cucumbers, Nardello sweet frying peppers, shishito peppers and radishes, in addition to a patch of zinnia flowers.

"We plant everything about 28 to 36 inches apart for good air circulation," Vincent says. "There's a lot of tricks to the trade."

Father M. David Dawson, pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, credits the parish volunteers for their commitment to the garden. "The parish garden is operated by a very small but dedicated crew of volunteers, to whom the parish is greatly indebted to for their service," he says.

"In a time where the bare necessities have gotten so very expensive, the parish is blessed to have these green thumbs helping so very many people. They produce thousands of dollars' worth of vegetables. Hopefully, we will have an influx of volunteers to continue to make it possible next spring."

Plainville resident and parishioner Leona Bisson is one of those volunteers, who started helping Vincent more five years ago. "I started talking to Gary and I wanted to help," she says. "He's a master gardener. He knows everything about growing."

Bisson even recruited her 19-year-old grandson, Ryan Whitehead, to help her pick vegetables, pack them in boxes and carry them into the church.

The boxes with vegetables are displayed on tables at the church's two entrances for the parishioners to help themselves after weekend Masses.

Bisson makes sure the boxes are refilled after every Mass. An extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, she brings fresh vegetables with her when she visits homebound parishioners. Some vegetables are also donated to the local food pantry.

"We get so excited over these vegetables, to watch them grow and to think of how many people will enjoy them," Bisson says. She adds that volunteers harvested about 10,000 tomatoes during the 2024 growing season. "People appreciate it so much."

Vincent says he finds joy in gardening. "I feel I am accomplishing something," he says.

To help with the garden next spring, call the parish office, 860.747.6825.

- Story by Karen A. Avitabile



Upcoming Events

Stained Glass & Sacred Song



All are welcome to join us for this special event. We will reflect together on the beautiful stained glass windows of St. Mary's Church and sing hymns based on the windows' theme. Following our time in church, everyone is invited to enjoy some wine and cheese in the church hall. Come and be moved by Beauty & Truth that seeks to draw us into the story of salvation history and union with God in Christ Jesus.

Saturday, November 15

1:00 p.m.

St. Mary Church * 212 Elizabeth St. * Derby



Come join us!



The Annual Franciscan Christmas Fair, benefiting the Franciscan Life Center and Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care, is Saturday, November 22, 2025, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

on the campus of the Franciscan Life Center, 271 Finch Avenue, Meriden, CT. Enjoy the Spirit of Christmas on this joy-filled day with something for the whole family. A wonderful Living Crèche Franciscan breads, honey, pottery, food, handcrafted items, Merry Miscellaneous; fresh cut Christmas trees, raffles, Franciscan animals, and children's arts and crafts.

See you at the fair!

Visit: flcenter.org or franciscanchristmasfair.org



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Craft Festival & Marketplace

to benefit **MATH**
Medical Aid To Haiti

Nov 15 & 16

Sat 10:00-5:00 Sun 9:30-4:00

Church of Saint Peter Claver
47 Pleasant Street, West Hartford

45 Distinctive Artisans Baked Goods
Live Music Soup Café
Live Alpacas



free parking and admission [f @CraftFestivalforMATH](https://www.facebook.com/CraftFestivalforMATH)

2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Only 7 weeks left!

Help us reach our
goal for the 1st time
in almost 7 years!!!

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



SCAN ME

Total Goal: \$10M

94.72% as of 10/28/25
\$9,471,865.30 pledges from
28,223 generous donors

www.archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal