

# Saint Nicholas Parish

February 1, 2026

Seymour, Connecticut



## Parish Staff

Rev. Thomas J Cieslikowski, Pastor  
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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](http://www.stnicholasct.org)  
Email - [stnicholasct@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://www.vocationshartford.org)

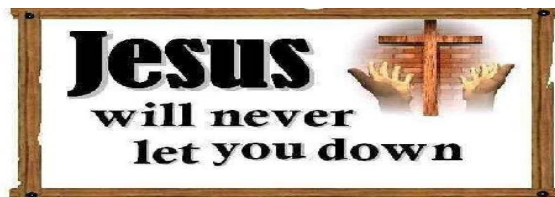
### Sick Calls

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

## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 1, 2026

Good Shepherd	Mass Intentions
Sat. 1/31 4:30 pm	† Theresa B. Tucci (Mr & Mrs Alfred Tucci Jr)
Sun. 2/1 11:00 am	† Marie & † Joseph Orazetti (Family)
Mon. 2/2 9:00 am	Mass Available
Tue. 2/3 9:00 am	Mass Available
Wed. 2/4 9:00 am	Parishioners of St Nicholas
Thur. 2/5 9:00 am	Mass Available
Fri. 2/6	No Mass
Sat. 2/7 4:30 pm	† William F. Strubbe (Strubbe Family)
Sun. 2/8 11:00 am	† Mary & † Richard Fortier (Family)
St. Augustine	Mass Intentions
Sun. 2/1 9:00 am	† John Harnick (Sonia Garcia)
Sun. 2/8 9:00 am	† Dolores Cortello (Family)

- Readings for the week of February 1, 2026
- Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
- Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
- Observances for the week of February 1, 2026
- Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
- Tuesday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
- Wednesday:
- Thursday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- Friday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday:
- Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day ©LPi



Our monthly shelter dinner at the Spooner House in Shelton is on Thursday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to contribute a dish, a sign-up sheet is in the St. Augustine vestibule.

Food should be delivered to St. Augustine by 3 PM on that day so we can deliver it to the Spooner House in a timely manner. Thank You



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Thank You for your Generosity	
January 4	\$4,665
January 11	\$4,324
January 18	\$2,884
January 25	
OnLine Giving December	\$3,885
Fuel Collection	\$1,537
Total Collections	\$17,295
Cathderaticum Fee	\$1,211
Total Stay in Parish	\$16,084



Morning Weekday Mass will be canceled at Good Shepherd Church if the Seymour Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather.

**Sunday  
Feb. 8th**



**Sunday  
Feb. 22nd**

**Time: 3:30-4:30 pm or until food runs out**  
**Pickup meal inside or drive up to get meal**

**All meals located at: Assumption Church Hall 61 N. Cliff St, Ansonia**

Cost: Free, open to the public, no rsvp, donations graciously accepted

Phone: 203-732-7792

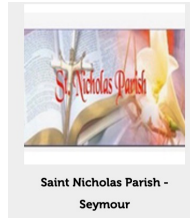
Website: [www.masterstablemeals.org](http://www.masterstablemeals.org)

Park your car and stop inside to pickup or eat your meal and browse the giveaway table. Masks are optional. If unable to come inside please see a volunteer outside and they will get your meal. One meal per person.

St. Nicholas Parish, Seymour CT

The Community Awards Program gives each Ion Bank customer the opportunity to vote for their favorite non-profit organization to help the Ion Bank Foundation give away \$100,000. Enrolled non-profits will receive a donation of \$25 from the Ion Bank Foundation for every vote for their organization.

It's simple – vote for the charity of your choice. Voting will take place from February 1st through March 2nd. You must be an Ion Bank customer to vote. One vote per customer, however, for accounts with multiple owners, each owner may vote. Each customer can vote for only one organization. Please vote for your favorite non-profit organization



## St. Nicholas Parish



If you would like to receive a statement for income tax purposes for donations made in 2025 please Contact Natalie for St. Nicholas parish at 203-888-9243. Provide name and Church envelope number.

## Religious Education Class Registration 2025-2026

More info on Parish Website

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

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	Frank S	Mike M	Gary P	Al A
Jennifer S	Joyce O	Michael V		

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.



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 of Seymour and St Thomas the Apostle Parish of Oxford have committed to prayer vigil times on **Mondays 12-2pm** during the Spring 2026 Campaign, **February 18 - March 29**, 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](http://40daysforlife.com/newhaven) John and Gerry McGuirk  
[m McGuirk13@att.net](mailto:m McGuirk13@att.net)



February 2

February 2025	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Wine	Available	In Memory of Rita Mae Crofut Requested By Daughter Rita
 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 William F. Strubbe Requested By Strubbe Family



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

# Branches on the Vine

JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 6, 2026



Members at their monthly meeting at St. Agnes Church.  
SUBMITTED PHOTO

Thirty years ago, when Deacon Nick Genovese and his friends approached the now-deceased Father Francis X. Callahan about starting a men's group at St. Agnes Church, he asked half-jokingly, "What do you guys want to do? Play cards?"

Of course, that was never part of the plan, Deacon Genovese recalls, laughing. Today, the St. Joseph Men's Society of Precious Blood Parish, made up of St. Agnes and St. Mary churches in Milford, is known for its service to the church and the community, which includes everything from an annual golf tournament to a Lenten dinner, a parish picnic, a Communion breakfast, 'coffee and' after Mass, and a St. Patrick's dinner.

The list also includes occasional chores and repair work, such as replacing the padding on the kneelers at St. Agnes, all done in the spirit of their patron, St. Joseph the Worker. Deacon Genovese, the group's president, says some 20 members willingly volunteer as the occasion requires.

"We named it for St. Joseph the Worker because the guys do work," he says. "If there's anything that needs to be done or if the men can help with projects in the parish, they are there."

The group meets the first Monday of the month from September to June, 5:30 p.m., in Father Callahan Hall at St. Agnes Church. The men begin with a prayer and then a Scriptural reading, followed by a reflection

## MEN'S GROUP INSPIRED BY ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

by Deacon Genovese. Then, they have dinner and a business meeting to discuss upcoming activities and the distribution of funds to groups they help. A parish priest, including Father Aidan Donahue, the pastor, usually attends the meetings. The monthly meal is a tradition that goes back almost to the beginning. Deacon Genovese recalls it was Father Callahan's idea to boost membership; and it worked. Thomas Maguire is the resident chef who prepares everything in the kitchen at the church hall.

The biggest event the men's society sponsors is the annual golf tournament, held on the last Monday in July. Proceeds from the tournament, which is organized by Jerry Farina, who succeeded his father as golf chairman, are used to benefit charitable organizations, including the pro-life group for unwed mothers, Ronald McDonald House\*, the Boys and Girls Club, veterans organizations, and the homeless.

"We've been very successful over the years, thanks to all the support we got," Deacon Genovese says. "It's a great bunch of guys, and now we have some from St. Mary's since we combined with them to form Precious Blood Parish." Dues are still \$5 a year.

He credits the other founding members -- the late Bill McMullen, Lou Elmo and Richard Carnaval -- for their vision in starting the society.

"Jack Jansen has been our treasurer for 30 years, since the organization started, and he recently turned 90 and still plays golf," Deacon Genovese said. "We had a party for him and honored him with a plaque. Fundamental to the group's success all these years is their patron, St. Joseph the Worker. "Think about it. St. Joseph was the protector of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He was a model father and a model worker. We all look up to him and respect him as a saint," Deacon Genovese says.

He also tells a story about the annual golf tournament and St. Joseph: "When you play golf, you want good weather, and in the 25 years of the tournament, it has never been rained out," which is a blessing he attributes to their patron.

For more information about the St. Joseph Men's Society of Precious Blood Parish, contact Deacon Nick Genovese at [nicholasgenovese@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nicholasgenovese@sbcglobal.net).

- Story by Joe Pisani



# Upcoming Events



**02/9 MONDAY 7PM**  
**HOLY HOUR TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING**  
St. Bridget of Sweden Church, 175 Main St,  
Cheshire

Around the world, an estimated 27.6 million people (women, children and men) are exploited for labor, services and commercial sex. What is our response to this crime against humanity? Let us go to Christ, present in the Eucharist, who is the source of our hope and strength, and pray together. The Human Trafficking Task Force of the Archdiocese of Hartford invites you to join us on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 7:00 pm at St. Bridget of Sweden Parish in Cheshire (175 Main Street) for a Eucharistic Holy Hour to pray for an end to human trafficking. After the service, meet members of the Task Force to learn how you can get involved in this important work.



**02/6 FRIDAY 6PM**  
**MASS OF HEALING**  
St. Peter Church, 99 East Main St,  
Torrington

Experience the Power of Healing — In these challenging times, many of us carry burdens — be it physical ailments like cancer and kidney disease, emotional struggles like depression, anxiety, PTSD and grief, or spiritual battles. **YOU'RE NOT ALONE.** Reconnect, find solace, and embrace the healing powers of our divine physician, Jesus Christ. A special Healing Mass with anointing of the sick will be celebrated by Rev. Emmanuel Ihemedu, pastor of St. John Paul the Great Parish in Torrington. The evening begins with the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the Mass. Let's come together, share our stories, and experience the transformative power of faith. Remember, Jesus is still in the business of healing.




**02/21 SATURDAY 9AM**  
**MAKING PREMIE HATS | KNITTING RETREAT DAY**  
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center,  
303 Tunxis Rd, West Hartford

Welcome to our annual Knitting or Crocheting Day! This year we are giving our work to the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. When you register, pick a pattern of your choice to knit or crochet, and bring at least one premie hat to the retreat (more if you can!). While at the retreat we will make more...the joy of handmade items is in giving them to folks who appreciate them.

Offering: \$75, includes lunch

To register and learn more, visit:  
[www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/knitting-retreat](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/knitting-retreat)

SATURDAY  
**FEB 7**




**YOUTH ADORATION**  
AND  
*Winter Dance*  
*Adoración juvenil y baile de invierno*  
*Młodzieżowa Adoracja i Zimowy Bal*

**GRADES 7-12**

**St. Mary Church, 5 Hillhouse Ave**  
**5:30PM Adoration | 6:30-9PM Winter Dance**

RSVP by February 1 by scanning the QR Code or visit  
[tinyurl.com/mcgivney-youth-adoration-Feb7](https://tinyurl.com/mcgivney-youth-adoration-Feb7)  
Tickets are \$5 per child or \$10 max per family

HOLY BIBLE



**BIBLE STUDY**

Hosted by the Young Adult Ministry  
Fridays, 630-730pm  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Hall Library  
2819 Whitney Ave. Hamden  
Bring your Bible, notebook and pen!

**THE GOSPEL OF LUKE**

Led by Father Tiano

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Please RSVP by emailing [m.ricci@hamdencatholic.org](mailto:m.ricci@hamdencatholic.org)  
or calling the parish office 203 248 0141.