

Saint Nicholas Parish

January 25, 2026

Seymour, Connecticut



Parish Staff

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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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 25, 2026

Good Shepherd	Mass Intentions
Sat. 1/24 4:30 pm	† Barbara K. Downs 5th Anniversary (Husband & Family)
Sun. 1/25 11:00 am	† Marie & † George Grahamer (Family)
Mon. 1/26 9:00 am	Mass Available
Tue. 1/27 9:00 am	† Frank Marcucio Jr. (Wife)
Wed. 1/28 9:00 am	† Alice Cieslikowski (Family)
Thur. 1/29 9:00 am	Parishioners of St Nicholas
Fri. 1/30	No Mass
Sat. 1/31 4:30 pm	† Theresa B.Tucci (Mr & Mrs Alfred Tucci Jr)
Sun. 2/1 11:00 am	† Marie & † Joseph Orazetti (Family)
St. Augustine	Mass Intentions
Sun. 1/25 9:00 am	† Lucy Sanchez (Sonia Garcia)
Sun. 2/1 9:00 am	† John Harnick (Sonia Garcia)

- Readings for the week of January 25, 2026
- Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
- Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)/ Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/MK 3:31-35
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
- Observances for the week of January 25, 2026
- Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
- Monday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Tuesday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Wednesday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:
- Friday:
- Saturday: St. John Bosco, Priest
- Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Our monthly shelter dinner at the Spooner House in Shelton is on Thursday, Feb. 5th.

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

Christmas Flowers \$1664

Thank You for your Generosity	
January 4	\$4,665
January 11	\$4,324
January 18	
January 25	
OnLine Giving December	\$3,885
Fuel Collection	\$1,537
Total Collections	\$14,411
Cathderaticum Fee	\$1,009
Total Stay in Parish	\$13,402



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



Sunday
Jan. 11th

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

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.

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

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Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Catholic Schools Week is a joyful celebration of faith, excellence, and service in Catholic education. This week highlights the strong partnership between our school, parish, families, and community as we work together to form disciples of Christ. We invite all parishioners to join us in celebrating and praying for our students, educators, and families who make Catholic education possible.



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.

St. Nicholas Parish has On Line Giving



Online donations may be made at any time from the comfort of your own home or any place with internet access. Online donations are credited to your tax statement for the end of the year, and you can change your account preferences and donation amounts at any time. To Sign up and Create your account by entering the link <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4725>. If you have any questions or issues, please contact the Parish Business office 203-888-9243

The Parish Finance Council

Men's Club Meeting January 19th, Father Keane Hall, Church of the Good Shepherd, 1PM. The meeting will setup our events for the year.

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	AI 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.

December 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	
	Available	Available

**Religious Education Class Registration
2025-2026**

More info on Parish Website
<https://stnicholasct.org/religious-education-2/>



Branches on the Vine

NEW CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI TO OPEN THIS FALL

As the demand for Catholic education continues to grow, a new Catholic high school is planning to open its doors this fall in New Britain to serve families in central Connecticut.

Chesterton Academy of St. Francis of Assisi, a new high school, will be welcoming students to the existing school building on the St. Francis property at 30 Pendleton Road, New Britain. The school will open with students in grades nine and 10, adding grades 11 and 12 over the next two years.

"It's very exciting, and it's exciting to Father Michael Casey," says Andrew Blaski, the new headmaster, who was hired to start hiring and admissions.

The school will be part of the Chesterton Schools Network, a national organization founded in Minnesota that has developed curriculum for its more than 70 private Catholic liberal arts schools in the country.

The Chesterton Academy of St. Francis of Assisi will also be a parish school, part of St. Francis of Assisi Church, under Father Casey and the Archdiocese of Hartford.

"Most Chesterton Schools are independent Catholic schools, but as conversations progressed Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne decided to make it a parish school, which I think is wonderful," Blaski says. "There's a whole host of support from the Superintendent of Schools Valerie Mara, use of the parish school building, the help of parish staff, and the daily Mass will be available to us."

What sets this Catholic high school apart from others in the archdiocese, he says, is a broad classical liberal arts education that is integrated and historically based. It will transport students back to the ancient world of Greece and Rome, through the Medieval period, through the High Middle Ages and the Renaissance, to the Modern World.

Andrew Blaski, Ph.D., is the headmaster of Chesterton Academy of St. Francis of Assisi, a new regional Catholic high school set to open in New Britain.
PHOTO COURTESY CHESTERTON ACADEMY



Following the Chesterton Academy model, this classical education will teach grammar, logic and rhetoric, as well as music, arithmetic, geometry and astronomy.

In the humanities, students will be challenged to read primary sources from Western civilization, such as the works of Plato, Aristotle, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Shakespeare and Chaucer. "There's a heavy reliance on the great works of Western civilization. We want our students to have exposure to the great masters," Blaski says, and "an ability to penetrate dense and difficult ideas."

They'll also learn through the Socratic seminar style of teaching, which emphasizes discussion and conversation, preparing students for college-level learning.

Math and science courses will employ modern textbooks but also focus on sparking wonder and an understanding of the created world, Blaski notes. The visual arts, art history, music, drama and choir will complement their education.

The Catholic faith, central to the school's mission, will be celebrated through the daily Mass and a focus on the sacramental life and the human virtues. Students will read the Catechism, the New Testament, and learn Latin and Spanish.

Tuition will be \$9,000 a year, affordable for a Catholic school, according to Blaski, and financial assistance may be available.

The school is planning to hold a series of public information sessions so interested parents can learn more about its offerings and how to enroll. A virtual information session will be held on Tues., Jan. 27 at 7 p.m., followed by an in-person information session at the school building on Sun., Feb. 1 at 1 p.m.

Chesterton Academy is currently accepting applications. To apply or learn more, interested families should visit chestertonsfa.org or call Andrew Blaski at 860.348.3455.

-Story by Shelley Wolf



Upcoming Events

The Vocation of Caregiving: The Challenge of Presence

Day Retreat for Caregivers
Saturday, January 31, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



During this day of retreat, we will explore the Caregiving Journey, the choices we make and the personal costs to us. We will discuss The Good Samaritan, the daughter of Jairus, and Mary and Martha, all as models of caregivers. We will include time for discussion, quiet reflection, the opportunity for conversation with trained counselors, and sharing with one another.

Offering: \$75, includes lunch

Visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org to register or learn more



Word of God Sunday

On the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the the Word of God Sunday, established by Pope Francis to deepen our love for Sacred Scripture.

Grow in understanding of God's Word through the New England Catholic Biblical School.
Scan the QR code to explore courses, resources, and opportunities for formation.

