

Saint Nicholas Parish

March 15, 2026

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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 15, 2026

Good Shepherd	Mass Intentions
Sat. 3/14 4:30 pm	† David Gmyrek <i>(Uncle Bob, Aunt Carmie & Daniel)</i>
Sun. 3/15 11:00 am	† Roz Cuccaro <i>(Family)</i>
Mon. 3/16 9:00 am	† Maria & † Angel Torres Birthday Masses <i>(Son & Family)</i>
Tue. 3/17 9:00 am	† Debby Sciaraffa 2nd Yr Remembrance <i>(Friends)</i>
Wed. 3/18 9:00 am	Parishioners of St Nicholas
Thur. 3/19 9:00 am	† Alice Ewaski <i>(Family)</i>
Fri. 3/20 6:30 pm	Stations of The Cross
Sat. 3/21 4:30 pm	† Henry Testo <i>(Bob, Carmie & Daniel Potash)</i>
Sun. 3/22 11:00 am	† William Crowe <i>(Pettinella Family)</i>
St. Augustine	Mass Intentions
Sun. 3/15 9:00 am	† Stephen Kenney <i>(Don & Cindy Baxter)</i>
Sun. 3/22 9:00 am	† Pietro Crisanti <i>(Stevens Family)</i>

- Readings for the week of March 15, 2026
- Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
- Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
- Observances for the week of March 15, 2026
- Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent
- Monday:
- Tuesday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day
- Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Friday:
- Saturday:
- Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent
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P A R I S H G I V I N G	Thank You for your Generosity	
	March 1	\$5,337
	March 8	\$6,593
	March 15	
	March 22	
	March 29	
	OnLine Giving February	\$3,691
	Fuel Collection	\$1,780
	Total Collections	\$17,401
	Cathderaticum Fee	\$1,218
Total Stay in Parish	\$16,183	



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



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 John and Gerry McGuirk
m McGuirk13@att.net

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 15, 2026

On the weekend of March 14th and 15th the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Membership Drive for all men ages 18 or more at St. Nicholas Parish.



The Knights of Columbus are a Catholic Fraternal organization dedicated to the principles put forth by our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney; these include Charitable and Spiritual works benefiting the Church and Community.

For more information, please contact Joseph Lascari at 203-305-0271. Thank you.

Paschal (Easter) Candle

One of the most dominant symbols you notice when you walk into a church is the Paschal Candle located near the Baptismal font in a church. It is blessed on Holy Saturday and remains in place the entire Easter season near the ambo. It is then returned to the Baptismal font area to be used during Baptisms. It is also used for funerals.



A new candle is purchased each year to be used from Easter to Easter at Church of the Good Shepherd. The candle costs over \$150. If you would like to memorialize this candle for someone who was special in your life, I will put their name on the back of the candle for this year.

Please contact the office if you wish to use your treasure to support the church.

Thank you,

Fr. Tom

We welcome into our Parish Family through the saving waters of Baptism:

Violet Jeanette Portillo
daughter of Jorge and Ashley Portillo



Madison Marie Zawadski
daughter of Devin and Jessical Zawadsk

May God's graces and blessings be with them always as they grow in wisdom and understanding, and may their life always reflect God's goodness and love.

Stations of the Cross
Every Friday during Lent
6:30PM at Good Shepherd
Church.



Religious Education Class Registration 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:

Maryann D	AG	Jeff	John Christopher D	Danielle B
Lauren N	Kristen O	Grace F	Ernestine G	EG
Diane C	Susan T.	Linda A	Henry D	Ron T
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	Mary H	Jayvion L

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.

March 2026	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 <i>Wine</i>	Available	In Memory of Al Mongillo Requested By Wife
 <i>Sanctuary Lamp Good Shepherd</i>	In Memory Of Jachimowski & Gioielli Families Jean E. Jachimowski Kathleen E. Jachimowski Jamaitis Edward J. Jachimowski Requested by Jachimowski Family	
 <i>Hosts</i>	Available	Available

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



Branches on the Vine

MARCH 14 - 20, 2026



Chris Healy, executive director of the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference, addresses the crowd during the rally at the 2025 March for Life.

PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE SET FOR MARCH 18 IN HARTFORD

This year will mark the sixth annual Connecticut March for Life, a day for pro-life advocates to communicate to the Connecticut State Legislature their desire to protect and safeguard all human life.

Note: This year's events will begin earlier. The 2026 Connecticut March for Life is set for March 18 with the rally at 11:30 a.m. on the grounds of the Connecticut State Capitol, located at 210 Capitol Ave., Hartford, followed by the march around Bushnell Memorial Park at 12:30 p.m.

At 10:30 a.m., there will also be a pre-rally concert at the Capitol with praise and worship music, courtesy of the worship team at Revelation Church from Bozrah.

"Many people, especially politicians, believe there is little opposition to abortion in our state. This March sends a much different message," says Deacon David Reynolds, associate director of public policy for the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference, the public policy and advocacy office of Connecticut's Catholic Bishops.

"Not everyone in Connecticut is happy with the complete lack of restrictions on abortion in our state," the deacon says. "In past years thousands have attended the March. The larger that number, the stronger the pro-life voice will be in Connecticut. It also gives pro-life

legislators in our state, which are few in number, the support they need to continue the fight for life."

Organizers of the March are asking all Catholics to join them to signal their support for protecting all human life, from conception to natural death.

"Catholic social teaching requires us to be thoughtful citizens," Chris Healy, executive director of the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference, said in a recent video at the start of this year's legislative session. "Your voice matters when it is heard, so be heard."

Healy advises staying informed about issues that affect your values, getting to know your elected officials, and making a commitment to attend the Connecticut March for Life at the State Capitol. He will be one of the speakers at the March for Life.

This year's main speaker will be Radiance Foundation's Ryan Scott Bomberger, whose birth mother gave him up for adoption.

In addition to Healy, the roster of other speakers includes: Jennie Bradley Lichter, president, March for Life; Peter Wolfgang, president, Family Institute of Connecticut; Gerry Williams, radio show host for WIHS and master of ceremonies; Bishop Richard F. Reidy, Bishop of Norwich,

who will offer the closing prayer; and Pastor Jeremiah Johnson of Vox Church, Hartford.

The Connecticut Pregnancy Care Coalition is also sponsoring a student sign contest with prizes for the best handmade signs, with judging at 11 a.m.

Prior to the event, Healy recommends scheduling an appointment to speak with your legislator on March 18 to discuss your concerns about any possible bills. Or you can stop in to make a future appointment. You can also write a polite letter or e-mail, sharing your concerns.

Before You Go: For more details about Connecticut March for Life, including a map, parking, and buses, visit ctmarchforlife.org. Contact your parish for transportation provided by the Knights of Columbus.

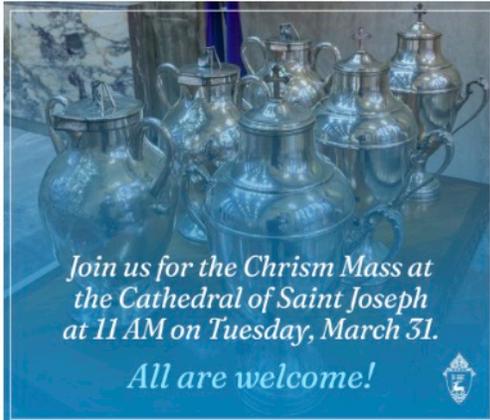
To find your legislators, and to sign up for action alerts and newsletters on legislative matters from the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference, visit ctcatholicpac.org.

The Connecticut March for Life is hosted by the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference, the Family Institute of Connecticut, and the National March for Life.

- Story by Shelley Wolf



Upcoming Events



03/30 MONDAY 7PM
DIVINE MERCY TALK
WITH MEG BAILEY
St. Mary's Church, 212 Elizabeth St,
Derby

Come and hear about the extraordinary graces Jesus has promised when we honor His Divine Mercy, especially on Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter). In this special PowerPoint presentation we will be introduced to the message of Divine Mercy. Following there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confession. The talk and Q&A will run approximately 1 hour.



03/18 WEDNESDAY 1PM
ROSARY FOR LIFE
Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect
St, Wethersfield

Christ the King Parish invites all to gather at the Church of the Incarnation for "Rosary for Life" to support and honor all forms of life from conception to natural death.

This event takes place at the same time as the Connecticut March for Life Rally at the state capitol. "Rosary for Life" is offered as a complement to the Hartford event for those who may have difficulty attending due to weather or mobility issues.

2026 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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



Total Goal: \$10M 18.99% as of 3/3/26

\$1,898,756.22 pledges from 5,822 generous donors

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