

Saint Nicholas Parish

March 29, 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



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.

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

Good Shepherd	Mass Intentions
Sat. 3/28 4:30 pm	✠ Colin Mulreed <i>(Jackie Smith)</i>
Sun. 3/29 11:00 am	✠ Basso & ✠ Cortello Families <i>(Family)</i>
Mon. 3/30 9:00 am	✠ Estelle Giovanetti <i>(Son)</i>
Tue. 3/31 9:00 am	✠ Richard Potash <i>(Bob, Carmie & Daniel)</i>
Wed. 4/1 9:00 am	✠ Daniel Marcucio <i>(Steven & Patty Marcucio)</i>
Thur. 4/2 7:00 pm	Parishioners of St Nicholas
Fri. 4/3 6:30 pm	Stations of The Cross
Sat. 4/4 8:00 pm	✠ Emanuel DeMelis <i>(Lombardi Family)</i>
Sun. 4/5 11:00 am	✠ Sam & ✠ Dolores Cortello <i>(Family)</i>

St. Augustine	Mass Intentions
Sun. 3/29 9:00 am	✠ Paula Keating <i>(Don & Cindy Baxter)</i>
Fri. 4/3 3:00 pm	Good Friday Service
Sun. 4/5 9:00 am	✠ James Chontos <i>(Family)</i>

Readings for the week of March 29, 2026
Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/ Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/ Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/ Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35
Observances for the week of March 29, 2026
Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday: April Fools' Day
Thursday: Holy Thursday
Friday: Good Friday
Saturday: Holy Saturday
Next Sunday: Easter Sunday©LPI

PARISH GIVING	Thank You for your Generosity	
	March 1	\$5,337
	March 8	\$6,593
	March 15	\$5,031
	March 22	
	March 29	
	OnLine Giving February	\$3,691
	Fuel Collection	\$1,780
	Total Collections	\$22,432
	Cathderaticum Fee	\$1,570
	Total Stay in Parish	\$20,862



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

OUR MONTHLY SHELTER DINNER

Will be held at the Spooner House in Shelton on Thursday, April 2nd. A sign-up sheet with the menu is in the St. Augustine vestibule, for anyone willing to provide a portion of the meal. Meal items should be brought to St. Augustine Church by 3:00 pm on that day to permit a timely delivery to the Spooner house.



Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 2

7 PM Mass at Church of the Good Shepherd

Good Friday, April 3.

3PM Service at Saint Augustine Church
Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM at Church of the Good Shepherd

Holy Saturday, April 4th

Blessing of Easter Food, 10 AM at Church of the Good Shepherd.
Easter Vigil, 8:00 PM Church of the Good Shepherd

Easter Sunday, April 5th

9:00 AM Mass - St Augustine
11:00 AM Mass - Church of the Good Shepherd

Lenten Regulations:

Fast and abstain from meat for ages 18-59. Limit one full meal and two small meals (if necessary) but not solid foods between meals.

Abstinence on all Fridays in Lent.

Ages 14 and above must abstain totally from meat.

Confessions:

Saturday afternoons 3:30-4:00 PM and Monday evening March 30, 6:00-7:00 P M at Church of the Good Shepherd.
No Confessions on Saturday April 4.

The Divine Liturgy (Mass): It's Mysteries Unfolded

A presentation "Mass. Where Heaven and Earth Touch" will be presented by Deacon Ken Ewaskie on Monday, April 13th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in Good Shepherd Church of St. Nicholas Parish.

A discussion of the flow of the Mass from the liturgy of the Word to the liturgy of the Eucharist; emphasizing the life, passion, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord, Jesus the Christ will be explained, explored and expanded.

All participants will be guaranteed an intense depth of understanding on the effects of the Mass on our spiritual development.

Please contact Deacon Ken (203-888-1641) if interested.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY will be celebrated on **Apr. 12 the Sunday after Easter**, as instructed to St. Faustina by Jesus.

This Devotion offers complete forgiveness for the temporal punishment (Purgatory time) we have accumulated due to our sins even though confessed and forgiven. A "clean slate"! To obtain this forgiveness we must go to Confession during Lent and receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday (Saturday vigil is acceptable.)



We are still able to receive forgiveness and the graces of Divine Mercy Sunday if we on Divine Mercy Sunday:

- ❖ Truly desire to receive them with all our hearts.
- ❖ Trust that we are able to receive them.
- ❖ Make an Act of Perfect Contrition (one that expresses our sorrow for our sins because of our deep love of Jesus). Go to Confession as soon as we reasonably can.
- ❖ Make a Spiritual Communion asking Jesus to come into our hearts.

**The Greater the Sinner,
the Greater His Right to my Mercy!**

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



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
Michael G	Brian C	Denny W		

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
 Wine	Available	In Memory of Al Mongillo Requested By Wife
 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	Available

Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

MARCH 28 - APRIL 3, 2026

Guilford Parish Offers Support for Those Living with *Mental Illness*

- Story by Joe Pisani

Almost 25 years ago, Deacon Adam Michaelae was moved by a heart-breaking situation when a young woman had her engagement broken and lost her friends because of mental illness.

"She had nothing and no one to go to, and we knew we had to do something," he recalls. That's when he and his wife Rose began a mental health ministry to offer people suffering from loneliness to depression, stress, autism and anxiety a place to turn for support. Since then, they have assisted dozens of people, most of whom had nowhere to turn.

The Mental Health Ministry Spiritual Support Group is hosted by St. George Parish in Guilford and has members from the shoreline parishes. Meetings are held on the campus of St. George Church.

"People in the group offer support for each other"

"The group offers a safe and confidential environment where people who live with mental illness can meet and share their experiences, their concerns and their faith," says Deacon Michaelae. "It is not group therapy, and behavioral health professionals are not involved, but through support, prayer and reflections, members can grow closer in their relationship with our loving God."

Deacon Adam is a certified Catholic mental health minister with a master's degree in spiritual and pastoral care. He was a founding board member of the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers, and three years ago received the Archdiocese of Hartford's social justice award for his work.

Rose Michaelae provides spiritual accompaniment and previously facilitated a group for caregivers.

"My wife Rose has been there every step of the way and offers a gentle touch and womanly perspective that I cannot provide," Deacon Michaelae says.

"People in the group offer support for each other, and a camaraderie has built up," Rose says. "Some of them live alone and don't have family, some can't drive, and older members are lonely and feel their vulnerability. Many suffer from the stigma associated with mental illness and don't want to speak about it because they're afraid of being ostracized."

Meetings begin with a prayer, and Deacon Michaelae asks them to share their experiences while members offer suggestions when someone has a problem. Later, they discuss a spiritual reading or the Gospel. The meetings end with a blessing, and Rose gives them treats to take home. The Michaelaes also take members to events, such as the St. George Thanksgiving Day dinner and the parish annual carnival.

"We support them and try to get them out so they're not home alone," Rose says. "Sometimes we treat them to lunch and a movie, which they look forward to."

Members are required to adhere to certain rules.

"We have rules about confidentiality," Deacon Michaelae says. "If they have a therapist, they can't abruptly stop treatment without having a plan to get another one. They also can't abruptly stop their medication."

During the week, the Michaelaes make themselves available to members.



Deacon Adam Michaelae and his wife Rose oversee the Mental Health Ministry Spiritual Support Group hosted by St. George Parish, Guilford. They are members of St. John Bosco Parish in Branford.

"Anyone can come in any time and sit with us if they have a problem," Deacon Michaelae says. "We get calls and support them with our prayers and understanding. The door is always open."

The Mental Health Ministry Spiritual Support Group meets the second and fourth Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Ruiz Center on the campus of St. George Church, 33 Whitfield St., Guilford. For dates and more information, contact St. George Parish, 203.453.2788.



Upcoming Events



MARCH 29 @ 11:30AM
PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT
St. Mary Church, Derby

Free Breakfast of egg sandwiches, pastries, coffee after Mass. Bring your own basket!



MARCH 30 @ 7PM
DIVINE MERCY TALK WITH MEG BAILEY
St. Mary Church, Derby

Come and hear about the extraordinary graces Jesus has promised when we honor His Divine Mercy. 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.



MARCH 31 @ 11AM
CHRISM MASS
Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford

Archbishop will bless holy oils for use in sacraments throughout the year. All are invited to join in celebrating in this special Mass.



APRIL 11 @ 8:30AM \$75
CONTEMPLATIVE ENRICHMENT DAY
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

Inspired by Rilke's "Sonnets to Orpheus," this retreat explores themes of transformation and the courage to "live the questions." Join us to practice "heart-work" and discover how to belong to "the Whole." In-person and online via Zoom. Two Centering Prayer sessions and lunch. Visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar.



April 11 @ 10AM - 4PM \$75
SPRING WREATH MAKING
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

Make yourself a decorative wreath for Springtime. Using colorful paper, you will create a beautiful wreath to take home and use on front door or inside the house. You will need no experience in wreath making to complete this special wreath and you can hang it year after year! Supplies and Lunch provided. Visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar.



APRIL 17 @ 6:30PM
YOUNG ADULT 21+ GROUP
Our Lady of Knock Parish, St. Patrick Church, Farmington

Candlelight Mass will be held at 6:30 PM with Trivia, Tacos, Drinks, and Social following the Candlelight Mass.



APRIL 17 - 19
INTERNATIONAL EXHIBIT OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES
St. George Church, Guilford

Fri, 17 April, 4:30 - 9 pm | Sat, 18 April, 10 am - 8:30 pm | Sun, 19 April, 9:30 am - 3 pm
Talks on St. Carlo Acutis & St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia. 1st class relics of both St. Carlo and St. Manuel will be available for veneration. For more information, contact Donna Yatcko at 203-453-2788.



MAY 1 - 3 @ ALL DAY
RETRouvaille MARRIAGE WORKSHOP
Windsor

If your marriage has become distant, troubled, unloving or uncaring; if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, Retrouvaille can help. Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org.



APRIL 27 @ 7PM
SPEED NETWORKING AND MENTORING
Holy Angels Center, Meriden

Join Young Catholic Professionals Central Connecticut and meet inspiring professionals, connect with other young adults, and walk away with practical insight for your career and faith. Food and drink will be provided. We will be having Stations of the Cross and prayer at 7pm, and the speed networking and mentoring will start at 7:45.



MAY 8 @ 6PM
SEEN: A NIGHT OF HOPE & HEALING
The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Waterbury

All are welcome for a night of prayer and support for those experiencing infertility or pregnancy/child loss, whether you are personally carrying this cross or desire to intercede and accompany others. We will have welcoming remarks, Mass, a reflection, Adoration with Praise and Worship, and a reception to follow with light refreshments, veneration of relics, resources, community, and opportunities to meet with Religious Sisters and Prayer Teams.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Amanda at Hello@waterburybasilica.org. Use www.tinyurl.com/3832yxtz to RSVP.



MAY 10 @ 10AM Adults \$50
MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

Children 4-12, \$15 | Children under 4, Free
Let us help take care of Mom on her special day. Come celebrate Mother's Day with a special Mass for mothers and families, and then enjoy a delicious gourmet brunch prepared by our chef. Visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar.

2026 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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

10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%



Total Goal: \$10M 46.62% as of 3/17/26

\$4,662,276.10 pledges from 12,802 generous donors

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