

Saint Nicholas Parish

April 26, 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

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 Easter, April 26, 2026

Good Shepherd	Mass Intentions
Sat. 4/25 4:30 pm	† Valeria Shingara <i>(Daughter Valerie)</i>
Sun. 4/26 11:00 am	† Richard Lombardi Jr. <i>(Lombardi Family)</i>
Mon. 4/27 9:00 am	† Ron Skurat <i>(Mary Skurat)</i>
Tue. 4/28 9:00 am	† Richard Potash <i>(Bob, Carmie & Daniel)</i>
Wed. 4/29 9:00 am	Parishioners of St Nicholas
Thur. 4/30 9:00 am	† Florence & † Joseph Martone <i>(Annette Marcucio)</i>
Fri. 5/1	No Mass
Sat. 5/2 4:30 pm	† Paul Pitman <i>(The Esposito Family)</i>
Sun. 5/3 11:00 am	† The DiMauro Family <i>(Pettinella Family)</i>

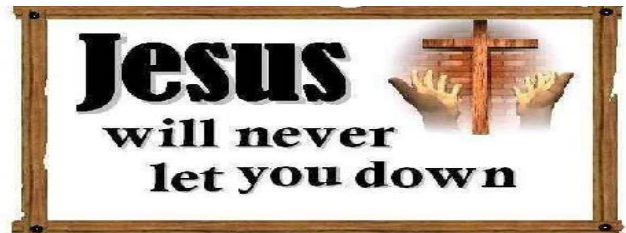
- Readings for the week of April 26, 2026
- Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
- Monday: Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18 (second choice)
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/ Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/ Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33/ Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
- Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/ Jn 14:1-12

- Observances for the week of April 26, 2026
- Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Monday:
- Tuesday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
- Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday: St. Pius V, Pope
- Friday: St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer
- Saturday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

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St. Augustine	Mass Intentions
Sun. 4/26 9:00 am	† Bernardino Urbano <i>(Family)</i>
Sun. 5/3 9:00 am	† Chris DeSole <i>(Sonia Garcia)</i>

Easter Flower Donations \$2303.00



P A R I S H G I V I N G	Thank You for your Generosity	
	April 5	\$6,566
	April 12	\$4,551
	April 19	\$4,102
	April 26	
	OnLine Giving March	\$4,163
	Fuel Collection	\$2,823
	Total Collections	\$22,205
	Cathderaticum Fee	\$1,554
	Total Stay in Parish	\$20,651

The St Nicholas Men's Club will host a "Breakfast For Supper" after the 4:30 Mass on Saturday April 25th in Fr Keene Hall. Pancakes, sausage, eggs and pastry, coffee, tea and soft drinks will be served.

\$5 per person. Kids 12 and under free. Come join us.



Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2026

Spring Trustees' Article 2026.

Good morning. Happy Spring! We hope you had a joyful Easter. A special thank you to the Men's Club, Altar Guild, Frank Parda and Keith Stubbe who helped decorate the churches so beautifully for Easter. The purpose of this article is to share parish news, provide updates on projects, and promote parish activities. Here are the latest updates on projects and plans for St Nicholas Parish.



Finance Committee

Father Tom reports that the church's finances are in good shape.

Building Committee

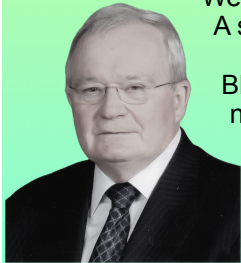
After the recent fire in the furnace at St Augustine Parish Center, Father Tom and a representative from the Archdiocese of Hartford determined it was in our best interest to sell the parish center. More information will be provided as things progress.

Saint Augustine Cemetery is now open, and the new signs have been installed at the entrance and exit. To preserve and maintain an attractive appearance, please follow all rules and regulations

Posted Events

Men's Club Events: Saturday, April 25th-Breakfast for Supper, Saturday, May 7th- a presentation by Bill & Pat Wilkin, Sunday, June 28th -Annual Pasta Dinner, Saturday, October 24th- Polish Night Dinner.

We need your help! Please consider donating a dinner item for the monthly Spooner House Shelter Dinner. A sign-up sheet is provided in the vestibule of St Augustine Church.



Blood pressures are taken on the second Sunday of every month after the 9 o'clock Mass by the parish nurse, Carol Soisson.

CCD classes have ended; however, registration for next year's classes will continue. See the bulletin and website for details.

Students will receive their first Holy Communion on Saturday, May 7th.

Welcome to all our new families. We invite you to join us at parish events and consider joining one of the many parish ministries.

**See you in church,
Barbara Junko
Stanley Jachimowski**

OUR MONTHLY SHELTER DINNER

Will be held at the Spooner House in Shelton on Thursday, May 7th. 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.

Thank You!

Please pray for the health and wholeness in body, mind and spirit for:

Maryann D	AG	Mary H	Michael G	Danielle B
Lauren N	Susan T.	Brian C	Danielle B	Denny W
Jayvion L	Collin G	Ron T	Henry D	Diane C
Ruth S	K.O.	Paul S	Ernestine G	

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.

Religious Education Class Registration 2026

More info on Parish Website

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

April 2026	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Wine	Available	In Memory Of Charles Tarby Requested By Family
 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 Charles Tarby Requested By Family

Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

APRIL 25 - MAY 1, 2026

SEEN Events Offer Grieving Parents Avenues to Healing

- Story by Shelley Wolf

Families who have experienced infertility, the loss of an unborn child or a stillbirth often suffer in silence. But there is hope and healing for the invisible pain of child loss.

"SEEN," which stands for "Supporting Everyone Experiencing Neonatal Loss," is a series of events intended to acknowledge the life lost and to provide spiritual support for grieving families.

There is one upcoming spring event: Friday, May 8 at 6 p.m. sponsored by Immaculate Conception Parish at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 74 West Main St., Waterbury.

"Parents love that baby with all their heart from the first moment," says Valerie St. Jean, associate director of adult and family life ministries for the Archdiocese of Hartford. "When a parent loses a baby, the sadness is almost too much. And the loss is not recognized.

"There will be prayer, adoration and other ways for people to experience the presence, love and mercy of Jesus."

"The name 'SEEN' is important because very often, nobody knows what happened. The parents hold it inside," she explains. "But we're here to affirm the dignity of the life lost. As Catholics, we believe that life begins at conception, and every soul has meaning and purpose."



Roses, candles and religious images set a quiet and prayerful tone for a SEEN gathering.

SEEN events allow parents to come forward to acknowledge their loss, meet other parents, gain spiritual nourishment and find ways to begin healing. The Basilica event will offer both spiritual and practical resources for coping with the loss of a child, whether the loss was due to a miscarriage or occurred after birth.

The evening event at the Basilica will include Mass, adoration, the veneration of relics, and a reception with resource materials. It will also feature a ministry of presence, including prayer, reconciliation, and counselors as well as art and journaling therapies.

"These events offer those suffering a safe place to grieve and to process their emotions, to be comforted and guided by spiritual support through our Catholic teachings," St. Jean stresses.

"There will be prayer, adoration and other ways for people to experience the presence, love and mercy of Jesus. Expanding upon other resources and forms of prayer, can help people process their grief in different ways. The Basilica has done an amazing job

of finding resources to help people," she adds.

The SEEN concept was started as a grassroots effort in 2020 by interested parishioners at Blessed Michael McGivney Parish in New Haven and has been quietly circulating to other parishes around the archdiocese in slightly different formats to reach more Catholics.

This past week, a SEEN event was also sponsored by St. Paul VI Parish at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 2819 Whitney Ave., Hamden.

While the events are parish-driven, the Archdiocese of Hartford's Office of Faith Formation and Parish Life is offering its support and guidance, recognizing SEEN events as creative forms of support to reach the hearts of those who are suffering.

SEEN events are free, with many resources and services being donated, including music, food and materials. All interested families are welcome to attend.



Upcoming Events



APRIL 24 @ 7PM
YCP SPEAKER EVENT
Bl. Michael McGivney Parish,
St. Mary Church, New Haven

"AI. Faith. Your Career. Are They Compatible?"
Come join Young Catholic Professionals Central CT for our next Executive Speaker Series Event! Come enjoy light refreshments and networking along with a talk by Omar Kouatly on AI and faith in the workplace. We look forward to meeting you there!



MAY 8 @ 6PM
WOMEN'S HOLY HOUR & DINNER
St. Bridget of Sweden Parish,
Cheshire

Are you seeking peace and direction? Join us for an evening dedicated to women's vocational discernment. We'll begin with a Holy Hour featuring beautiful music, prayerful silence, and a reflection. Please stay for a free dinner and community fellowship. Registration required. Email cdemiany@ascjus.org to RSVP.



MAY 13 @ 7:30PM
CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION
Our Lady Queen of the Apostles
Parish, St. Mary Church, Derby

Join us in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima! We will gather in front of the church to start the procession. The rosary will take place indoors if it rains. Coffee and cupcakes social to follow!



APRIL 28 @ 5 - 9PM
BENEFIT NIGHT FOR HAITI MINISTRY
American Flatbread, The
Shoppes at Farmington Valley,
Canton

Enjoy dinner and support feeding & educating almost 500 students at St. Thérèse School in Lilavois, Haiti at the same time! Dine in or take out - it all counts! Visit www.ourladyofknock.org/haiti for more information.



MAY 9 @ 9AM - 2PM
DAY WITH MARY | RETREAT
Precious Blood Parish, St. Agnes
Church, Milford

Join us for a Marian Eucharistic Day Retreat with the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate. Day will include: Holy Mass, Confession, Conferment of the Miraculous Medal, Fatima Video, Benediction, Marian Procession, Conferment of the Brown Scapular, Recitation of the Rosary and talks by Franciscans. Inclement weather, check status www.daywithmarywest.org Retreat is FREE, bring a snack!



MAY 13 @ 5:30PM - 9PM **\$50 COUPLES' EVENING RETREAT**
Holy Family Passionist Retreat
Center, West Hartford

Please join us as we explore the beautiful concept of marriage as a spiritual friendship. How is marriage a Trinitarian-like expression of love, with Christ at the center? How can deep, intentional listening with "the ear of the heart" cultivate a marriage rooted in spiritual friendship? Offered both in-person and online via Zoom. Includes dinner with wine and cheese. Visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar.



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. 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. Registration required. Please reach out to helo@waterburybasilica.org 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
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.



MAY 15 - 17 @ 6PM **\$300 MEN'S RECOVERY RETREAT**
Holy Family Passionist Retreat
Center, West Hartford

We invite men in recovery into a peaceful atmosphere where you can rest, renew your spiritual life, and deepen your sobriety. Hear an inspiring lecture, catch up on some rest, and care for yourself as we care for you in mind, body, and spirit. The retreat begins on Friday with a buffet dinner from 6-7:30PM and concludes on Sunday around 11AM. Scholarships are available. Call Marty V. at **860-250-6246** for information.

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 71.21% as of 4/14/26

\$7,120,816.65 in pledges from 19,703 generous donors



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