

Saint Nicholas Parish



May 24, 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.

Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026

Good Shepherd	Mass Intentions
Sat. 5/23 4:30 pm	✠ Leonard Arthur D'Agostino <i>(Michael & Linda)</i>
Sun. 5/24 11:00 am	✠ Frank Santoro <i>(Family)</i>
Mon. 5/25 9:00 am	Mass Available
Tue. 5/26 9:00 am	✠ Jr. DaSilva Birthday Mass <i>(Wife & Kids)</i>
Wed. 5/27 9:00 am	Parishioners of St Nicholas
Thur. 5/28 9:00 am	✠ Seth Burke <i>(Barbara & George Junko)</i> <i>(Lesley Burke)</i>
Fri. 5/29	No Mass
Sat. 5/30 4:30 pm	✠ Alfred M. Tucci III <i>(Mom & Dad)</i>
Sun. 5/31 11:00 am	✠ Elizabeth Dahn <i>(Carl & Patricia Miller)</i>
St. Augustine	Mass Intentions
Sun. 5/24 9:00 am	✠ Josephine Zygmunt <i>(Family)</i>
Sun. 5/31 9:00 am	✠ Donna DeMeo <i>(Don & Cindy Baxter)</i>

Readings for the week of May 24, 2026
 Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or, for the Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62) Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
 Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/ Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 10:32-45
 Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52
 Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26
 Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-33
 Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

Observances for the week of May 24, 2026
 Sunday: Pentecost Sunday
 Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Memorial Day
 Tuesday: St. Philip Neri, Priest
 Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
 Thursday:
 Friday: St. Paul VI, Pope
 Saturday:
 Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

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PARISH GIVING	Thank You for your Generosity	
	May 3	\$5,549
	May 10	\$5,538
	May 17	\$4,945
	May 24	
	May 31	
	OnLine Giving April	\$3,798
	Fuel Collection	\$1,718
	Total Collections	\$21,548
	Cathderaticum Fee	\$1,508
	Total Stay in Parish	\$20,040



**June 28, Sunday, 2:00-4:30 pm:
Annual Pasta Dinner**

The St Nicholas Men's Club will host their annual Pasta Dinner on Sunday June 28 2pm-5:00pm Fr Keene Hall Entertainment by Tony Castle Tickets will be available

beginning Saturday May 30 after the 4:30 Mass and after each Mass thereafter. Ticket prices remain \$20 per adult and children 12 and under are free Once again Matteis will cater the event Come join us for an afternoon of good food, good friends and good music!



Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026

New Day Bereavement Program –
St. Thomas the Apostle Church
733 Oxford Rd.
Oxford, CT 06478

Those who are grieving the death of a loved one need to proactively work through their grief. One way that may be helpful is to participate in the bereavement support group called the New Day Program. This program consists of ten two-hour weekly meetings. During each meeting, participants work through one component of the grieving process, guided by the New Day Journal. We will be offering an in-person session starting on Wednesday, June 3rd from 10am-12pm. The program is free. Registration is required. Must RSVP by May 28th. If you would like to register, please contact Maryjane at 203-888-2382 ext 104 or pastoralcare@stthomasoxford.org



In the Catholic Church, May is the “Month of Mary,” a time dedicated to honoring and praising Mary, the mother of Jesus. Traditional rituals like May Crowning honor her.

Elaboration:

May is traditionally dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Catholics focus on her role in salvation history and express their love and devotion to her. This ritual crowns a statue of Mary with a garland or crown of flowers, symbolizing her as the “Queen of May.”

Reasons for May:

May is chosen due to its association with spring, new life, and the belief that Mary gave birth to Jesus.

Devotions:

Catholics engage in various devotions to Mary, such as praying the Rosary, making pilgrimages, visiting churches, and offering sacrifices

Other Traditions:

Other traditions include decorating altars with flowers, praying special prayers, and creating small altars in homes dedicated to Mary.

MEMORIAL DAY



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	Tom J	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	Lucy M
John T	Barbara M		Christopher M. S.	

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.

May 2026	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Wine	Available	In Memory Of Shingara & Owcarz Families Requested By Valerie A. Shingara
 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 Bennett & Sciarrino Families Requested By Christine Sciarrino

Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

MAY 23 - 29, 2026

Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center Relocates to *New Location* - Story by Jim Tierney

In a new home more visible to the community, Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center begins its next chapter. Behind its doors, the work continues — rooted in a quiet commitment to the women and children of Torrington and the area.

Two Hearts Pregnancy Center, which first opened in October 2012 in the former rectory of Sacred Heart Church, began a new chapter after the parish property was sold in 2023. While relocating had not been part of the plan: “Moving for us was not an option,” says Lynn Reynolds, former executive director of Two Hearts Pregnancy Center, the search led to a building that proved to be the right fit.

Purchased in March 2025 after what she described as a “futile search of many properties,” the site “needed some work, but the location was perfect.”

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Following renovations, the center welcomed families into its new home in October 2025. Located along a well-traveled road in Torrington, the new site offers visibility that helps ensure women and families know support is available when they need it most.

“If you want to help women in need, they have to know you are there,” Reynolds explains. “This location helps us do that.”

Since 2012, Two Hearts, a nonprofit supported by the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal, has served 1,059 mothers — and more than 1,000 children — through 21,805 visits for support and supplies, Reynolds notes. Over time, the former space had become difficult to manage.

Supplies were stored in multiple small rooms, making it harder for volunteers to organize and access what families needed. The reception area, where many first conversations take place, was tight and divided.

But the new layout has changed that.

“Supplies are better organized, volunteers can prepare items more efficiently, and the reception area is open and welcoming,” Reynolds says. “As they say, first impressions count.”

Meanwhile, Reynolds says the center’s mission itself has grown.

“I would like to stress that we do not just assist pregnant mothers trying to decide if they want to abort or keep their child,” she says. “Our original vision was just that.”

The center’s volunteers have met many women who had already chosen to carry their child despite difficult circumstances. “We also help those women and their children,” Reynolds adds. “We believe this is more reflective of Christ’s love.”

A key component of Two Hearts is its volunteers.

“Volunteers are critical to the life of the center,” Reynolds says. “Without volunteers, the center could not function.” As the only paid staff member, she oversees administration and meets with clients, while volunteers handle nearly everything else — maintaining the supply room, scheduling visits, preparing packages and cleaning. When it came time to move, volunteers painted, handled electrical work and transported every item from the old building to the new one.

With the move complete, the center is entering a new chapter under newly hired executive director Jane Muir Sellery, who assumed her post April 20.



Dora Csehak, board member and client services volunteer, standing on the chair, and Ann Marie Kelson, client services volunteer and diaper room coordinator, help provide essential resources to families in need.

“Asking our volunteers, they said that when clients come to this location after having received services at the former location, they universally say it’s nice,” says Muir Sellery. “One advantage of the current space is that all operations, other than a small amount of storage, are located on one floor, as compared to two separate floors.”

Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center, 139 New Litchfield St., Torrington, is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit twoheartscenter.com. For questions, call the office at 860.482.0673. Women seeking help can call the 24-hour hotline, 860.482.0672.



Upcoming Events



JUNE 2 @ 7PM
CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Mount Sacred Heart, Hamden

The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are hosting a bilingual holy hour with consecration to the Sacred Heart in preparation for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The ceremony will include a special prayer of consecration, a blessing of each individual and family, and a blessing of the home. Each person or family will also receive a blessed image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of their choosing. We invite you to consider this opportunity to consecrate yourself or your family to the Sacred Heart! To register, email Sr. Angela at consecration@ascjus.org or visit bit.ly/consecration626.



JUNE 15 @ 8AM - 6PM **\$50**
YOUNG MEN'S RETREAT
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

Experience a day of spiritual renewal and brotherhood with the St. Paul Young Men's Group, specifically for those ages 18–25. Hear from impactful speakers including Fr. Anthony Federico, Sam Todzia, and Noel Terranova while enjoying a full schedule of prayer, Mass, Confession, and great conversation.

Tickets are \$50 in advance or \$60 at the door, which includes your meals for the day, from a light breakfast upon arrival to a full dinner and dessert, with coffee and refreshments available throughout. It's a perfect opportunity to step back from the daily grind and focus on fellowship and faith!



MAY 30 @ 9AM - 2PM
ST. ANN FLEA MARKET
Church of Saint Ann, Avon

Discover hidden treasures at our Flea Market! From vintage finds to unique crafts, there's something for everyone! Come shop, explore, and enjoy great deals, all while supporting a wonderful cause. Proceeds from the event will benefit **Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center**.



MAY 31 @ 10AM
100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
St. Joseph Church, Ansonia

Saint Joseph Church of Ansonia will commemorate its 100th anniversary with a centennial celebration on May 31, honoring a century of faith, community, and fellowship. The celebration will begin with Mass at Saint Joseph Church with Archbishop Christopher Coyne serving as principal celebrant.

Mass will take place at St. Joseph Church, Ansonia, and Dinner at 12PM will take place at Warsaw Park, Ansonia.



JUNE 12 - 13 @ 8PM
ALL NIGHT VIGIL
St. Joseph Church, Winsted

Vigil begins at 8PM with opportunity for Confession until 8:45PM. Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 9PM. Each hour throughout the night will have some structured prayer time as well as time for quiet reflection. Vigil concludes with 8AM Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Coffee and water will be available throughout the night. Homemade Bread will be shared after the 8AM Mass in honor of St. Anthony's Feast Day, June 13.



JULY 9 - 11 @ 5PM - 9PM
SUMMER FOOD FESTIVAL
Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Parish, St. Mary Church, Derby

Our Summer Food Festival brings our parish and our community together for a joyful celebration held right in our church parking lot. Featuring delicious food tents, special evenings with live music, family-friendly games for children, and the excitement of announcing our annual raffle winners, the festival is a highlight of the summer season! Come join us – menu/poster can be seen on our Facebook events [@StMarysChurchDerbyCt](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchDerbyCt) or on our website www.OLQAderby.org.

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 81.74% as of 5/12/26

\$8,173,553.38 in pledges from 21,802 generous donors



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www.archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal